

## CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA

### I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

The City Council of the City of Bridgeport, NE, met in regular session at Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 Main Street, Bridgeport, NE, on the 12th day of April 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, Mayor Charlie Browne called the meeting to order. Roll call resulted as follows: Present: Will Deines, Dean Rahmig, Mark Wickard.

Staff members present were: Larry Heinrich, Anthony Cannia, Charlee Wallesen

Mayor Browne presided, and City Clerk Huck recorded the proceedings.

Mayor Browne announced, "In accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the open meetings act is posted at the back of the meeting room for the review of the public."

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in the three designated areas, USPS, City Office and Pwcc.

Notice was given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and by email notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

The Mayor asked if there were any letters of public correspondence for the board. There were none.

The Mayor asked if there were any visitors that would like to speak on an item that is not on the agenda. There were none.

### II. CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 17, 2022.
7. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurers Report.

Council Member Wickard moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Deines, Rahmig, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

### III. CLAIMS

8. Council Member Wickard stated that he has a conflict with Wickard Plumbing & Heating; Council Member Wickard then excused himself. Council Member Rahmig moved to approve the claim, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Rahmig, Deines; Not Voting, Excused: Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Wickard rejoined the Council.

9. Council Member Wickard moved to approve the remainder of claims, seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Deines, Rahmig, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

**Light & Power:** Allo Communications LLC, \$161.11; American Funds Service Company, \$920.98; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$32.94; Michael Beyer, \$40.00; Black Hills Energy, \$75.44; BCBS of NE, \$2,860.01; Bomgaars, \$93.02; Border States Industries Inc, \$61.15; Bridgeport News-Blade, \$80.00; Buyers Realty, \$200.00; D Anthony Cannia, \$40.00; City Of Bridgeport, \$625.52; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$142.58; Crescent Electric Supply Company, \$1,413.97; Federal, \$1,029.05; Fica, \$1,427.60; General Treasury, \$130,000.00; Health Savings Account, \$416.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, \$94.93; Lee's Service Inc, \$108.68;

Medicare, \$333.86; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, \$92,753.92; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$484.61; Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, \$891.66; Platte Valley Bank, \$10,290.06; Platte Valley Visa, \$2,929.53; Regional Care Inc, \$16.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$61.50; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$321.51; Wesco Distribution Inc, \$1,657.00; Total Light & Power, \$249,562.63; Salaries, \$8,781.22

**Water:** Aflac, \$131.40; Allo Communications LLC, \$35.20; American Funds Service Company, \$590.65; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$10.98; BCBS of NE, \$1,362.37; City Of Bridgeport, \$1,968.57; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$27.22; Crescent Electric Supply Company, \$277.23; Enviro Service Inc, \$50.00; Federal, \$478.78; Fica, \$661.86; Hawkins Inc, \$701.51; Health Savings Account, \$208.00; Doretta J Huck, \$40.00; Medicare, \$154.78; Ne Dept Of Environment & Energy, \$86.25; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$185.30; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, \$986.00; Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc Of Scottsbluff, \$252.10; One Call Concepts Inc, \$10.78; Pace Analytical Services LLC, \$142.00; Platte Valley Bank, \$79.06; Platte Valley Visa, \$86.24; Regional Care Inc, \$8.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$21.75; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$251.65; Total Water, \$8,807.68; Salaries, \$3,713.32

**Sewer:** Aflac, \$28.56; American Funds Service Company, \$338.17; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$16.34; Black Hills Energy, \$36.96; BCBS of NE, \$997.18; Chimney Rock Public Power District, \$77.54; City Of Bridgeport, \$327.50; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$27.22; Federal, \$234.57; Fica, \$364.10; General Treasury, \$7,000.00; Health Savings Account, \$208.00; Medicare, \$85.16; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$102.71; Platte Valley Visa, \$17.99; Regional Care Inc, \$8.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$19.88; Bryan Schluterbusch, \$40.00; Total Sewer, \$9,929.88; Salaries, \$2,231.59

**Nursing Home:** Nebraska Bank, \$11,711.17; Platte Valley Bank, \$11,711.17; Total Nursing Home, \$23,422.34

**General:** American Legal Publishing Corp, \$427.58; Black Hills Energy, \$75.44; Bomgaars, \$125.39; Bridgeport News-Blade, \$296.13; Community Center, \$46,000.00; Court House & Jail Rock Golf Course Inc, \$12,500.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, \$32.00; Fire Fund, \$68,000.00; Greenheart, \$36.00; Library Fund, \$10,800.00; Nebraska Total Office, \$18.05; Nursing Home, \$23,422.34; Park Fund, \$8,000.00; Platte Valley Visa, (\$206.00); Pohl's Welding & Fab Inc, \$30.00; Police Fund, \$29,805.00; Pool Fund, \$3,000.00; Riverside Lumber LLC, \$4.80; Rodak Law Office, \$1,000.00; Billie Jo Smith, \$280.00; Street Fund, \$4,000.00; Total General, \$207,646.73

**Police:** Morrill County Sheriff, \$29,805.00

**Street:** Aflac, \$80.34; American Funds Service Company, \$1,030.32; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$21.96; Black Hills Energy, \$573.03; BCBS of NE, \$2,554.71; Bomgaars, \$13.98; City Of Bridgeport, \$1,651.73; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$135.76; E & S Inc, \$93.36; Federal, \$847.23; Fica, \$1,052.12; Health Savings Account, \$514.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, \$240.04; Medicare, \$246.08; Mid-American Research Chemical, \$415.00; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$341.56; Perry E Nelson, \$40.00; Platte Valley Visa, \$263.67; Regional Care Inc, \$16.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$45.50; David Smith, \$40.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$760.79; Total Street, \$10,977.18; Salaries, \$5,750.14

**Pwcc:** Allo Communications LLC, \$228.04; American Funds Service Company, \$528.38; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$27.32; Benzel Pest Control Inc, \$137.98; Black Hills Energy, \$1,244.03; BCBS of NE, \$1,255.97; Bluffs Sanitary Supply Inc, \$959.62; Bomgaars, \$59.93; BSN Sports LLC, \$190.99; Canteen Refreshment Services, \$530.40; City Of Bridgeport, \$1,427.20; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$130.66; Computer Connection, \$49.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, \$549.48; Culligan Water Conditioning, \$77.00; Day & Night Plumbing & Heating LLC, \$2,341.37; Eagle Communications Inc, \$562.50; Federal, \$489.39; Fica, \$1,623.84; Health Savings Account, \$416.00; Honeywagon Express LLC, \$140.00; Ideal Laundry And Cleaners Inc, \$554.76; Kone Chicago, \$243.57; KSID, \$290.00; Medicare, \$379.78; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$306.30; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip Inc, \$765.00; Platte Valley Bank, \$367.46; Platte Valley Visa, \$1,329.21; Radio Accounting Service, \$350.00; Regional Care Inc, \$16.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$37.25; Thomas Q Rife, \$150.15; Scottsbluff Screen Printing & Embroidery, \$522.00; Sonny's Super Foods, \$694.76; Stadium Sports, \$500.00; The

Flooring & Design Garage, \$23,829.39; Charlee M Wallesen, \$40.00; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, \$133.75; Total Pwcc, \$43,478.48; Salaries, \$11,456.72

**Park:** Bomgaars, \$35.27; Bridgeport News-Blade, \$85.00; City Of Bridgeport, \$286.95; Tammy Howitt Covalt, \$5,552.00; John Deere Financial, \$43.71; Nebraska Museums Association, \$30.00; Nebraska Public Power District, \$77.34; Platte Valley Visa, \$532.26; Pohl's Welding & Fab Inc, \$20.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$40.59; James W Vassos, \$1,250.00; Total Park, \$7,953.12

**Pool:** Allo Communications LLC, \$25.84; Black Hills Energy, \$35.02; Federal, \$0.66; Fica, \$4.16; Medicare, \$0.98; Pool Sinking Fund, \$5,000.00; Anthony Staman, \$40.00; Charlee M Wallesen, \$80.00; Madison Widener, \$40.00; Total Pool, \$5,226.66

**Library:** Allo Communications LLC, \$73.48; American Funds Service Company, \$263.66; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$10.98; Black Hills Energy, \$109.13; BCBS of NE, \$683.32; Bridgeport News-Blade, \$3.96; Cengage Learning Inc, \$39.73; Center Point Large Print, \$93.48; Century Business Products Inc, \$33.67; City Of Bridgeport, \$358.31; Crescent Electric Supply Company, \$266.47; Culligan Water Conditioning, \$24.00; Federal, \$189.09; Fica, \$484.64; Indoff Incorporated, \$33.55; Medicare, \$113.34; Micromarketing LLC, \$65.00; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$102.89; Optk Networks, \$75.00; Platte Valley Visa, \$2,013.04; Prosource Specialties LLC, \$199.72; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$8.11; Billie Jo Smith, \$400.00; Total Library, \$5,644.57; Salaries, \$3,387.68

**Landfill:** General Treasury, \$1,875.00; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, \$19,323.31; Total Landfill, \$21,198.31

**Fire:** Black Hills Energy, \$163.69; City Of Bridgeport, \$1,140.89; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$226.64; Federal, \$72.70; Fica, \$85.84; Medicare, \$20.08; Morrill County Rural Fire District 1, \$65,326.82; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$65.44; Platte Valley Visa, \$703.48; Scottsbluff Screen Printing & Embroidery, \$1,246.00; Total Fire, \$69,051.58; Salaries, \$501.20

**Keno:** Ne Dept Of Revenue Chartable Gaming, \$100.00

**Community Dev Agency:** Bridgeport Ethanol LLC, \$8,883.06; Bridgeport Hotel Group LLC, \$587.05; Total Community Dev, \$9,470.11

#### IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

10. Mayor Browne submitted Angela Clinger's name to fill the balance of the unexpired term formally occupied by Jason Floyd to expire December 2024. Mayor Browne also stated he received a letter on April 13 from Costa Lapaseotes requesting to be a candidate for Council Member. Mayor Browne stated he met with Costa and discussed he had already visited with Angie several weeks ago about the appointment. Costa stated he would like to attend a few meetings and then possibly be a write-in candidate or fill an unexpired term in November.

Mayor Browne asked for a motion from the floor, Council Member Wickard made a motion to accept Angela Clinger as Council Member, seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Deines, Rahmig, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

City Attorney Rodak administered the pledging of the oath of office to Angela Clinger.

#### V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

#### VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

12. Council Member Rahmig introduced Resolution 2022-02, and moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Rahmig, Clinger, Wickard, Deines; Nay: None. Resolution passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA TO ACCEPT THE DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS SET OUT BY THE STATE OF NEBRASKA FOR THE USE OF HIGHWAY 385 FOR CAMP CLARK DAYS PARADE.**

***WHEREAS***, the City of Bridgeport intends to create a parade route beginning at the intersection of 5th and Main Street to the intersection of 11th and Main Street for the Annual Camp Clark Days Event Parade on June 4, 2022 from 9:45 A.M. to 11:30 A.M., and

***WHEREAS***, closure of roadways along the parade route is necessary to relieve the through traffic from the area in the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska on or near the parade route, and provide a safe event for participants and spectators, and

***WHEREAS***, Main Street (US-385) roadway from 5th Street to 11th Street is part of the state highway system and is located within the official corporate limits or zoning jurisdiction of the City of Bridgeport, and

***WHEREAS***, the City of Bridgeport, while making use of the state highway system for a special event shall have the legal duty to protect the highway property from any damage that may occur arising out of the special event and the state shall not have any such duty during the time the City of Bridgeport is in control of the property as specified in the notice provided pursuant to LB 589/N.R.S §39-1359, and

***WHEREAS***, any existing statutory or common law duty of the state to protect the public from damage, injury, or death shall become the duty of the City of Bridgeport while making use of the state highway system for a special event and the state shall not have any such statutory or common law duty during the time the City of Bridgeport is in control of the property as specified in the notice provided pursuant to LB 589/N.R.S. §39-1359, and

***WHEREAS***, pursuant to LB 589/N.R.S. §39-1359, thirty (30) days advance written notice of the special event must be provided which specifies the date and time City of Bridgeport will assume control of the identified state highway property, as well as the date and time the City of Bridgeport will relinquish control of such state highway property to the State of Nebraska. In addition, the City of Bridgeport shall to provide beginning and ending locations for the highway closure including sufficient area for the placement of advance warning and/or detour signing, and include sufficient time for the City of Bridgeport to prepare and later clean the property prior to returning possession back to the State of Nebraska, and

***WHEREAS***, LB 589/N.R.S. §39-1359 dictates that if a special event includes any portion of the State of Nebraska Highway System, the City of Bridgeport shall, if a claim is made against the State of Nebraska, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of Nebraska from all claims, demands, actions, damages, and liability, including reasonable attorney's fee, that may arise as a result of the special event; and

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:***

**Section 1:** Said Parade Route and Road Closure referred to hereinabove is hereby adopted. The governing body of the City of Bridgeport acknowledges and accepts all duties set out in 589/N.R.S. §39-1359, subsection (2) and accepts that the City of Bridgeport shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of Nebraska from all claims, demands, actions, damages, and liability including reasonable attorney's fees, that may arise as a result of the event and such Parade Route and Road Closure is accepted by the City of Bridgeport and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the same on behalf of the Municipality.

**Section 2:** *Repeal of Previous Resolutions.* Any other resolution or code section passed and approved prior to passage, approval, and publication or posting of this resolution and in conflict with its provisions is repealed.

**Section 3:** *Effective Date.* This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

**Section 4:** *Severability.* If any portion or provision of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such portion or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution, the intention being that the same are severable.

***PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF APRIL 12, 2022.***

***ATTEST:***

***CHARLIE BROWNE***

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**DORETTA J. HUCK**  
**CITY CLERK/TREASURER**

## VII. REGULAR AGENDA

13. Emergency Items – None

14. Celine Hall and Charlee Wallesen addressed council for permission to close off 10th street from Main to "N" Street between The Simple Company and Bank of the West for Camp Clark Day events starting Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. to set up and will be closed all day Saturday and into Sunday a.m. for cleanup. They stated Saturday's events start with the Vendor Fair from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and the street dance / beer garden from 7:00 p.m.- Midnight. Council Member Wickard made a motion to close 10th Street from Main to "N" Street starting at 7:00 p.m. June 3rd and ending at 12:00 p.m. Sunday, June 5th., seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Deines, Wickard, Clinger, Rahmig; Nay: None. Motion carried.

15. Gail Beyer and Greg Wickard addressed the Council about cleaning up the old swimming hole. She stated there were plans many years ago to clean it up and make a fishing pond out of it but has had no luck in locating those plans and would like to start the process again. She stated the eight members that make up this committee met last week to discuss what needed to be done and would like to make it a reality. She stated it would be broken down into several phases to ensure deadlines are met. What they are asking from Council is permission to move forward as this is a city owned area, assistance for funding through Keno funds and mentioned grants may be available. After much discussion, the council would like to see a solid plan before allocating any money and if it is in phases, break each phase down with a cost. Council Member Wickard made a motion to proceed with a preliminary plan for the project, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Rahmig, Deines, Clinger, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

## VIII. REPORTS

16. Department Reports:

**Public Works:** Heinrich stated there is a time delay to get transformers as they are backed up and the company encouraged the city to order them now but no down payment will be required as they are two years out. He also stated there was a surcharge of \$3,200.00 added to the sweeper that was ordered last year. Council Member Deines questioned if there is anything in the lease agreement that could allow a surcharge to be added and to have Larry look into what the agreement says. Larry is continuing talks with area towns to help with the city's electrical as the city electrical Foreman Mike Beyer's last day is April 15th. He stated he has received 4 applications for the Park Foreman and has talked with two of them and will give his recommendation to council.

**Sheriff:** Absent

**PWCC:** Wallesen stated the fire dept craft show and was a success; started youth soccer; started youth baseball/softball signups; have not received any updates on the HVAC system; planning on filling pool earlier this year in case of any issues; She has hired Madison Widener as her pool manager and would like to have council consider her to be salaried between May - September as she doesn't want to worry about her hours and she also wants Madison to continue with tumbling. Council agreed to \$700.00 every two weeks. She also discussed the sand volleyball court and stated there will be a mud volleyball tournament during Camp Clark Days and will be starting a high school volleyball league

**Administration:** City Clerk Huck stated Courtney Cerny is the new Deputy Clerk for the city and started on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

## IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

## X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Clinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m., seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, Deines, Rahmig, Clinger Nay: None. Meeting Adjourned.

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Doretta J Huck, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

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Charlie Browne, Mayor

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of proceedings of Tuesday, April 12, 2022, had and done by the Mayor and City Council; that all of the subjects included in the proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

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Doretta J. Huck, City Clerk