

## **CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA**

### **I. ROUTINE BUSINESS**

The City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, met in regular session at Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska, on the 10th day of November 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: Mark Wickard, Angie Clinger, Will Deines, Dean Rahmig

Staff members present were: Anthony Cannia, Pwcc Director Isaias Mancias

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 publication in the Bridgeport News-Blade, the designated method of notice given, as shown by proof of publication, as shown by attached affidavit of posting.

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 are any visitors that would like to speak on an item that is not on the agenda. Leora Weborg was present to discuss her concerns with dust on the County Road 92 that runs past her house and the lagoons. She would like to have dust control applied as she cannot open her windows. County Commissioner Jeff Metz spoke on behalf of the request by Weborg stating if the county did hers, they would have to do others nor do they have the equipment to apply dust control and presented a suggestion to council to cost share that stretch of road since the city drives that road daily to check the lagoons. Council Member Wickard would be in support of a cost share however Mayor Browne stated if the city paid to apply dust control to that county road that would lead to other county residents wanting the city to apply the same to theirs. Mayor Browne stated the city already applied dust control this fall and to contact the city in the spring to address the issue the next time they spray.

### **II. CONSENT AGENDA**

6. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 20, 2022.
7. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurers Report.
8. Approve Blaize Simones, Shawn Teppert and Shane Varner from probationary to active status with the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department.
9. Approve Coy Fleming, Sergio Gonzales and Bailey McNabb as probationary members to the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department.
10. Approve the removal of James Richard from the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department due to health issues.
11. Accept the resignation of Jim Vassos from the Park Board and Tree Board effective November 10, 2022.

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

### III. CLAIMS

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

**Light & Power:** Allo Communications LLC, Telephone, \$170.95; American Funds Service Company, Retire/Emp/City, \$455.26; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Ins, \$21.96; Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$28.58; BCBS Of Ne, Ins, \$733.69; Bomgaars, Op / Sup, \$133.28; D Anthony Cannia, Telephone, \$40.00; City Of Bridgeport, Utility / Deposit, \$1,188.39; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Supp Ins, \$142.58; Contractors Materials Inc, Sup, \$400.80; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Rm, \$278.94; Custom Truck One Source LP, Repairs, \$9,046.77; Dutton Lainson Company, Inv, \$855.96; E & S Inc, Repairs, \$116.43; Environmental Compliance Solutions LLC, DF, \$1,100.00; Federal, \$510.95; Fica, \$949.48; General Treasury, Transfer, \$30,000.00; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$416.00; Iworq Systems Inc, Engrs, \$8,400.00; Jackson's Garage LLC, Repairs, \$1,714.17; Dane M Jeffords, Telephone, \$40.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Tools, \$20.69; Lee's Service Inc, Fuel, \$162.75; Medicare, \$222.06; Merchant Job Training & Safety Inc, Trng, \$1,100.00; Mid-American Research Chemical, Sup, \$413.36; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Mean, \$84,294.16; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Sls Use Tx, \$7,794.47; Platte Valley Visa, Trng / Op / Fuel, \$813.76; Regional Care Inc, Hsa, \$16.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Ins, \$36.36; Riverside Lumber LLC, Rm, \$14.97; RVW Inc, Engrs, \$536.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fuel, \$69.08; Wyoming First Aid & Safety Supply LLC, Op, \$122.30; Total Light & Power, \$152,360.15; Salaries, \$4,399.23

**Water:** Aflac, \$131.40; Allo Communications LLC, Telephone, \$35.49; Allstate Insurance Company, Ins, \$11,577.00; American Funds Service Company, Retire/Emp/City, \$1,117.96; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Ins, \$21.96; BCBS Of Ne, Ins, \$1,542.65; Bomgaars, TF / Rm, \$87.08; Courtney Cerny, Telephone, \$40.00; City Of Bridgeport, Utility, \$1,218.48; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Ins, \$54.44; E & S Inc, Op, \$23.95; Enviro Service Inc, Wtr Alys, \$104.00; Federal, \$460.49; Fica, \$898.10; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$208.00; Doretta J Huck, Telephone, \$40.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, TF, \$72.98; Maguire Iron Inc, Rm, \$86,962.00; Medicare, \$210.04; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$272.69; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Wtr Alys, \$399.00; Nebraska Water Resources Assoc, DF, \$105.00; Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc Of Scottsbluff, TF, \$182.55; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, \$9.18; Pace Analytical Services LLC, Wtr Alys, \$231.33; Platte Valley Visa, Postage / TF, \$128.88; Regional Care Inc, Hsa, \$8.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Ins, \$39.50; Riverside Lumber LLC, TF / Rm, \$137.53; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fuel, \$122.53; Wyoming First Aid & Safety Supply LLC, Op, \$141.26; Total Water, \$106,583.47; Salaries, \$4,988.37

**Sewer:** Aflac, \$28.56; American Funds Service Company, Retire/Emp/City, \$372.95; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Ins, \$16.34; Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$37.97; BCBS Of Ne, Ins, \$1,156.84; Bomgaars, Rm, \$61.17; Chimney Rock Public Power District, Utility, \$73.60; City Of Bridgeport, Utility, \$228.03; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Ins, \$27.22; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Op, \$259.90; E & S Inc, Rm, \$30.77; Federal, \$270.25; Fica, \$403.32; General Treasury, Transfer, \$7,000.00; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$208.00; Medicare, \$94.32; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$102.37; Regional Care Inc, Hsa, \$8.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Ins, \$18.50; Riverside Lumber LLC, Rm, \$44.90; Bryan Schluterbusch, Telephone, \$40.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fuel, \$102.41; Wyoming First Aid & Safety Supply LLC, Op, \$59.65; Total Sewer, 10,645.07; Salaries, \$2227.60

**General:** Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$28.57; Bridgeport News-Blade, PP, \$81.13; Morrill County School District 63, Fees, \$600.00; City Petty Cash/Checking, DF, \$50.00; Community Center, Transfer, \$28,000.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Op, \$123.11; Culligan Water Conditioning, OP, \$32.00; Fire Fund, Transfer, \$5,000.00; Library Fund, Transfer, \$11,000.00; Panhandle Cooperative Assn, Rm, \$13.76; Panhandle Regional Development Inc, DF, \$50.00; Park Fund, Transfer, \$2,000.00; Platte Valley Visa, Op, \$109.39; Plummer Insurance Inc, Ins / Ofcr Bnds, (\$43.00); Pohl's Welding & Fab Inc, Rm, \$50.99; Police Fund, Transfer, \$33,333.00; Rodak Law Office, Rtnr, \$1,000.00; Billie Jo Smith, CS, \$280.00; Staples Credit Plan, Op, \$39.99; Street Fund, Transfer, \$5,000.00; Total General, \$86,748.94

**Police:** Morrill County Sheriff, Contract, \$33,333.00

**Street:** Aflac, Aflac, \$80.34; American Funds Service Company, Retire/Emp/City, \$1,105.34; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Ins, \$21.96; Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$195.45; BCBS Of Ne, Ins, \$2,925.29; City Of Bridgeport, Utility, \$1,028.77; City Petty Cash/Checking, DF, \$46.00; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Ins, \$135.76; Croell Redi-Mix, Rm, \$7,337.57; E & S Inc, Tools / Rm, \$642.16; Federal, \$979.67; Fica, \$1,133.88; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$514.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Tools, \$14.48; Daniel L Krentz, Cap, \$12,068.00; Medicare, \$265.18; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$397.27; Perry E Nelson, Telephone, \$40.00; Platte Valley Visa, Repairs, \$137.99; Plummer Insurance Inc, Ins, \$1,419.00; Regional Care Inc, Hsa, \$16.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Ins, \$43.50; Riverside Lumber LLC, Rm, \$44.85; David Smith, Telephone, \$40.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fuel, \$430.88; Wyoming First Aid & Safety Supply LLC, Sup / Op, \$81.29; Total Street, \$31,144.63; Salaries, \$6,305.76

**Pwcc:** Allo Communications LLC, Telephone, \$235.04; American Funds Service Company, Retire/Emp/City, \$264.88; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Ins, \$16.34; Benzel Pest Control Inc, Op, \$68.99; Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$357.20; BCBS Of Ne, Ins, \$2,078.99; Bluffs Sanitary Supply Inc, Op, \$1,311.58; Bomgaars, Rm, \$127.35; Broadcast Music Inc, Op, \$345.80; BSN Sports LLC, Op, \$1,002.53; City Of Bridgeport, Utility, \$1,561.32; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Ins, \$103.44; Computer Connection, Op, \$49.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$77.00; Federal, \$422.19; Fica, \$1,291.42; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$208.00 Ideal Laundry And Cleaners Inc, Op, \$833.26; KMOR, Pp, \$160.00; KSID, Pp, \$140.00; Medicare, \$302.08; Ne Dol/Boiler Inspection Program, Rm, \$72.00; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State / Sls Tx , \$447.57; Nebraska State Fire Marshal, DF, \$120.00; Platte Valley Visa, DF / Op, \$1,444.46; Radio Accounting Service, Pp, \$385.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Ins, \$15.50; Scottsbluff Screen Printing & Embroidery, Pgrm Supplies, \$992.00; Sonnys Super Foods, Op, \$25.73; Total Pwcc, \$14,458.67; Salaries, \$9,159.11

**Park:** A & A Porta Potties LLC, Horseshoe, \$40.00; Michael Soundsleeper, Museum, \$32.95; BCBS Of Ne, Ins, \$738.43; Bomgaars, Op, \$75.35; Bridgeport News-Blade, Pp, \$37.50; City Of Bridgeport, Utility, \$1,601.00; Federal, \$1.66; Fica, \$34.54; Medicare, \$8.08; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$50.23; Platte Valley Visa, Op, \$252.61; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fuel, \$67.38; Total Park, \$2,939.73; Salaries, \$2,897.56

**Pool:** Allo Communications LLC, Telephone, \$18.23; Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$35.04; City Of Bridgeport, Utility, \$442.83; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$17.81; Total Pool, \$513.91; Salaries, \$633.39

**Library:** Allo Communications LLC, Telephone, \$71.28; American Funds Service Company, Retire/Emp/City, \$268.70; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Ins, \$10.98; Black Hills Energy, Heat, \$55.67; BCBS Of Ne, Ins, \$771.62; Bridgeport News-Blade, Pp, \$26.40; Melissa Butler, Mileage, \$277.29; Cengage Learning Inc, Books, \$41.23; Center Point Large Print, Books, \$95.88; Century Business Products Inc, Op, \$44.97; City Of Bridgeport, Utility, \$165.72; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Ins, \$27.22; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Op, \$4,442.40; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$35.50; East West, Books, \$71.97; Federal, \$274.67; Fica, \$608.98; Indoff Incorporated, Op, \$54.06; Medicare, \$142.46; Micromarketing LLC, Books, \$164.73; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$125.09; Nebraska Library Commission, Library Resources, \$500.00; Optk Networks, Telephone, \$75.00; Platte Valley Visa, Books, \$1,165.91; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Life Ins, \$16.84; Billie Jo Smith, Cs, \$400.00; Sonnys Super Foods, Program Supplies, \$81.80; Taste Of Home, Books, \$76.64; Total Library, \$10,093.01; Salaries, \$4,091.42

**Landfill:** General Treasury, Transfer, \$2,000.00; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Trash, \$17,153.58; Total Landfill, \$19,153.58

**Fire:** City Of Bridgeport, Utility, \$583.45; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Ins, \$226.64; Danko Emergency Equipment Co, Diving Expense, \$543.85; Federal, \$72.70; Fica, \$85.84; High Plains Scuba, Dvg Exp, \$1,427.69; Medicare, \$20.08; Morrill County Rural Fire District 1, Cap, \$2,377.74; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$65.44; Sandry Fire Supply LLC, ME, \$5,145.00; Total Fire, \$10,548.43 Salaries, \$501.20

**Keno:** Ne Dept Of Revenue Chartable Gaming, State's Share, \$1,736.00

**Community Dev Agency:** Bridgeport Hotel Group LLC, TIF \$11,020.26; Platte Valley Bank - Scb, TIF, \$12,398.64; Total Community Dev Agency, \$23,418.90

#### IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

13. None

#### V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. None

#### VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

15. Council Member Rahmig introduced Resolution 2022-16, and moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Deines, Rahmig, Wickard, Clinger; Nay: None. Resolution passed

##### **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, SIGNING OF THE YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT FOR 2022.**

**WHEREAS:** State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302 and 39-2511 through 39-2515 details the requirements that must be met in order for a municipality to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and

**WHEREAS:** The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each incorporated municipality must annually certify (by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year) the appointment (s) of the City Street Superintendent(s) to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form; and

**WHEREAS:** The NDOT requires that each certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the city street superintendent's appointment, i.e., meeting minutes; showing the appointment of the City Street Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number (if applicable), and Class of License (if applicable), and type of appointment, i.e., employed, contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another incorporated municipality and/or county), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

**WHEREAS:** The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the governing body authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson.

**Be it resolved** that the Mayor of Bridgeport is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent completed form(s).

**ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022 AT BRIDGEPORT NEBRASKA.**

**ATTEST:**

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**CHARLIE BROWNE**  
**MAYOR**

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

#### VII. REGULAR AGENDA

16. Emergency Items – None.
17. John Maser addressed the council concerning the damage done to two of his semi's and two grain trailers from the calcium chloride that was applied to South Railroad Ave in September for dust control. He stated the calcium chloride etched all the aluminum on the wheels and tanks off two semi-trucks and rusted two of his grain trailers at an estimated cost around \$11,000.00 to be repaired and repainted. He continued to say he thought it was puddles of standing water and continued to haul his product to New Alliance Bean and two weeks later he noticed the damage to the semis and trailers. He doesn't understand how the city could let this happen and that insurance is for screw ups on the city's part.

Council Member Clinger corrected Mr. Maser stating it is calcium magnesium, and is sprayed every year in town, and the ethanol plant asked for it to be applied. Mayor Browne stated he is the first person that has ever been concerned and finds his claim to have no merit. Mr. Maser stated his lawyer isn't here but could be. Council Member Wickard responded to have Maser's attorney contact the city attorney to clear up this matter.

18. Keno Board Member Brad Huck presented the board's recommendations to council in the amount of \$25,550.00 with \$1,050.00 to Bridgeport Teammates for a soup souper and Bridgeport Business Bucks giveaway; \$15,000.00 to Morrill County Sheriff's Office for nine body cameras; \$2,500.00 to Pioneer Trails Museum for landscaping rock; \$7,000.00 to Pwcc Foundation for the old swimming hole cleanup and renovation; the Downtown Appearance Committee requested \$10,000.00 and was denied for lack of documentation of specific plans and costs and stated if they would come back with a detailed plan before the council meeting, they would reconsider their decision. No attempt was made. Council member Wickard moved to approve keno funds as presented, seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Rahmig, Wickard, Clinger, Deines; Nay: None. Motion carried.
19. Michelle Coolidge with BB Associates Community Consulting presented her newly formed consulting business to discuss what she can offer to further the development of the city. She presented the different tiers and prices and stated there is definitely some flexibility. After much discussion, Council member Wickard moved to contract with BB Associates with tier one level for 100 hours at \$3,500.00, seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Deines, Wickard, Clinger, Rahmig; Nay: None. Motion carried.
20. City Clerk Dori Huck addressed the Council to award and distribute the annual Bridgeport Business Bucks for City Employees ranging from \$10.00 - \$220.00. Council Member Deines made a motion to award and distribute the annual Bridgeport Bucks based on hours and employee classification, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Deines; Abstained: Clinger, Rahmig; Nay: None Motion carried.

## VIII. REPORTS

21. Department Reports:

***Sheriff:*** Not Present

***PWCC:*** Isaias Mancias introduced himself as the new Director and is grateful for this opportunity. He stated there are no big projects at this time but did mention looking into some type of border on the gym walls as they are continually having to patch holes in the dry wall. At this time, he does not have any quotes but will research and get back to council on some options. There will be a Veterans Pancake Feed held on November 11, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; a Holiday Craft Fair on November 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and a Ducks Unlimited Banquet on December 3rd.

***Public Works:*** Council Member Clinger presented to Council pictures of the 24 x 24 area the library is requesting from the northwest bay of the fire hall. She stated the public works have put in their equipment and are on board with giving up that area of space. Council Mayor Browne entertained a motion, Council Member Clinger made a motion to allow the library to have a 24 x 24 area of the northwest corner of the west bay and all costs for remodel come from a grant the library received, seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, Deines, Wickard, Rahmig; Nay: None. Motion carried.

She thanked Anthony and Dane for the American flags on main street; Perry and the guys have been working on the old museum and are ready to put some shelving up as this will house all the water and sewer inventory. The museum items that have been stored there have been moved to a corner area for Museum Director Billie Mitchell to go through. Mitchell was present and would like to know if the museum items can still be stored there and needs some communication from the public works department. Clinger talked with Dane Jeffords about draining the pool as he has worked with a lot of swimming pools and

has never drained them but was tired of having to explain himself, so the pool is now drained. The only public works employee that has a CDL is Anthony; Dane, and Bryan will be working towards theirs. Mayor Browne thanked Council Member Clinger for stepping in as Public Works Director

Electric Foreman Cannia stated he will know next week on the AMI Metering cost and approval and gave a transformer update.

**Administration:** Gail Beyer addressed the Council recommending starting the process of advertising for a City Administrator. Mayor Browne suggested to wait until she takes the chair in December and has a full council to decide as there will be a council vacancy with Clinger filling her own term. Mayor Browne thanked Anthony and his crew with the power outage through the middle of the evening on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## **IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

22. None.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Council Member Rahmig moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Rahmig, Wickard, Clinger, Deines; Nay: None. Motion carried. 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 Thursday, November 10, 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 / Treasurer