

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

The City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, met in special session at Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska, on the 19th day of December 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, Mayor Gail Beyer called the meeting to order. Roll call resulted as follows: Present: Will Deines, Angie Clinger, Mark Wickard.

Staff members present were: Anthony Cannia, Dane Jeffords

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

Mayor Beyer 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. Dean Rahmig addressed the Council on behalf of the Fire Department and stated at the last meeting the Council denied the appointment of Bruce Mitchell as Fire Chief, and nothing was put in place for a temporary chief and stated the department is in limbo as who they answer to. Trinetta Wells commented according to the Fire Dept by-laws everyone would move up a rank.

City Attorney Rodak stated by rule an appointed official maintains their spot until a successor is appointed, and there hasn't been a successor appointed yet, so your leader is still the same leader as before.

II. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

6. Mayor Beyer recommended Carrie Harless to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term previously held by Jason Floyd due to the election of Angie Clinger to fill the seat previously occupied by Council Member Rahmig until 2024. Seeing no discussion, Mayor Beyer asked for a motion to accept her recommendation. Council Member Wickard made the motion, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll Call resulted as follows; Aye: Deines, Clinger, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. City Attorney Rodak administered the pledging of the oath of office for Carrie J. Harless.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

8. Emergency Items – None

9. Mayor Beyer discussed the multiple board openings and stated she has made several calls and hoping to get the remainder of the openings filled by the next meeting. Planning Commission has one opening; Board of Adjustments has three openings; Tree Board has two openings and the

Mayor stated if there is anyone that knows of some individuals that would like to be on a board to contact her.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the re-appointment of Billie Mitchell to the Park Board with a term ending 12/31/2025 and approve the re-appointment of Allsion Liras as the outside city limits resident to the Board of Adjustments with a term ending 12/31/2025. Council Member Wickard made a motion to approve the mayor's board re-appointments as presented, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, Wickard, Deines, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. At 7:14 p.m., Council Member Wickard made a motion to go into executive session to protect the needless harm and reputation of an individual and that no action would be taken in executive session to include City Attorney, Mayor and Council, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, Wickard, Deines, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried

Doretta J. Huck, City Clerk

At 7:48 p.m., Council Member Wickard made a motion to exit executive session, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted at follows; Aye: Harless, Clinger, Wickard, Deines; Nay: None. Motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Wickard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m., seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, Clinger, Harless, Deines; Nay: None. Meeting Adjourned.

Mark Wickard, Council President

APPROVED:

Gail Beyer, Mayor

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of proceedings of Monday, December 19, 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.

Doretta J. Huck, City Clerk