

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 10th day of April 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Prayer, Mayor Gail Beyer called the meeting to order. Roll call resulted as follows: Present: Jeff Nichols, Mark Wickard, Tony McGrath

Staff members present were: Christi Collins; Kyle Lusetto, Billie Mitchell, Bryan Schluterbusch

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 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 13, 2025.
7. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurers Report.
8. Approve the resignations of Brian DeBlois, Ethan Hackett, Emmily Jeffries, Tanner Peyton and Barbara Prince from the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department.
9. Approve the Mayor's Appointment of Jessica McKay to the Housing Authority with a term expiring December 2025
10. Approve the Mayor's Appointment of Jane Oliver to the Housing Authority with a term expiring December 2026
11. Approve the Mayor's Appointment of Parker Smith to the Housing Authority with a term expiring December 2027

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

III. CLAIMS

Claims: Abdo Publishing, Bks, \$51.90; Aflac, Aflc, \$434.86; Alarm Security Technicians, Msm / Rm, \$117.95; Allo Communications Llc, Tlpn, \$688.20; American Funds Service Company, Retire, \$5,192.36; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Amtrs, \$137.12; Ascap, Lic Prmts, \$314.50; Aaron & Rachel Balcom, Mtr Dep, \$9.46; Bayard Transcript, Dwn Twn, \$75.00; BB Associates, Misc, \$5,073.75; Benzel Pest Control Inc, Op, \$75.89; Black Hills Energy, Ht, \$3,268.96; BCBS of NE, Hlth Ins, \$5,841.27; Bluffs Facility Solutions, Op, \$800.79; Bomgaars, Op / Rm / Shop / Tls, \$613.74; Bridgeport News-Blade, Pp, \$597.71; Cengage Learning Inc, Bks, \$42.73; Century Business Products Inc, Op, \$40.46; Chimney Rock Public Power District, Elct, \$149.10; City Of Bridgeport, Elct / Mtr Dep, \$6,711.95; City Petty Cash/Checking, Df, \$40.00; Christina M Collins,

Tlpn, \$40.00; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Cnl, \$729.64; Community Center, Tr, \$13,000.00; Computer Connection, Op, \$49.00; Contractors Materials Inc, Tls, \$102.45; Court House & Jail Rock Golf Course Inc, Glf, \$5,000.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Inv / Nh / Rm / Tls, \$478.08; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$242.00; Cummins Central Power LLC, Op / Rm / Tf, \$4,117.05; Custom Made Fencing, Op, \$17,000.00; Dan's Landscape & Tree Service, Tr Brd, \$8,200.00; E & S Auto Supply, Op / Rm / Tls, \$562.64; Enviro Service Inc, Wtr Aly, \$60.00; Federal, Fed, \$2,857.66; Fica, \$6,914.56; General Treasury, Tr, \$20,000.00; Gooder Trucking LLC, Op, \$13,724.37; Greenheart, Op, \$41.00; Hawkins Inc, Tf, \$521.70; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$1,972.00; Doretta J Huck, Tlpn, \$40.00; Ideal Linen & Uniform, Op, \$899.04; Info USA Marketing Inc, Lres, \$950.00; Dane M Jeffords, Tlpn, \$40.00; John Deere Financial, Op / Rm, \$185.24; Johnson Service Co, Rm, \$6,600.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Op / Rm / Tls / Va, \$152.26; Lawson Products Inc, Shop, \$489.57; Lee's Service Inc, Fl / Rm, \$520.37; Andrew S Leisy, Tlpn, \$40.00; Library Fund, Tr, \$11,000.00; Kyle E Lusetto, Tlpn, \$40.00; Masa Global, Ins, \$154.00; Medicare, Mdc, \$1,617.16; Mid-American Research Chemical, Op, \$533.32; Billie Mitchell, Msm, \$150.00; Morrill County Sheriff, Cnty, \$35,670.50; Morrill County Veterans, Op, \$3,100.00; Motorola Solutions Inc, Me, \$47,776.50; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Mn, \$99,175.83; Ne Dept Of Environment & Energy, Op, \$150.00; Nebraska Bank, Nh, \$11,711.17; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, State, \$2,219.65; Nebraska Printworks LLC, Ofsup, \$368.82; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Wtr Aly, \$1,121.00; Nebraska Public Power District, Msm, \$74.42; Perry E Nelson, Tlpn, \$40.00; Jeffrey T Nichols, Cnt Svc, \$1,705.00; Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc Of Scottsbluff, Inv, \$2,152.19; Nspire Today, Dwn Twn, \$95.00; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, \$30.65; Optk Networks, Tlpn, \$75.00; Park Fund, Tr, \$9,000.00; Platte Valley Bank, Nh, \$11,711.17; Platte Valley Visa, \$6,273.15; Plummer Insurance Inc, Op, \$100.00; Police Fund, Tr, \$35,670.50; Pool Fund, Tr, \$9,000.00; Quadient Finance USA Inc, Pstg, \$550.00; Railroad Management Co III, LLC, Df, \$834.10; Regional Care Inc, Hsa, \$64.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Lf Ins, \$230.45; Brody Joe Retchless, Cnt Svc, \$750.00; Rodak Law Office, Lgl Rtnr, \$1,000.00; Sandberg Implement Inc, Rm, \$846.51; Santander Bank N.A., Me, \$36,528.19; Fay Scarrow, Tlpn, \$40.00; Bryan Schluterbusch, Tlpn, \$40.00; Paul A Sides, Tlpn, \$40.00; Parker Smith, Cnt Svc, \$748.00; Sonny's Super Foods, Op / Shop, \$47.25; Spic-Span Cleaners, Op, \$5,916.20; Street Fund, Tr, \$5,000.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fl, \$726.35; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Op / Trsh, \$20,025.82; Wesco Distribution Inc, Rm, \$31.00; Whiting Signs LLC, Op, \$360.00; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Rm, \$164.88; Mark Wickard, Trng, \$652.20; Wyoming First Aid & Safety Supply LLC, Op, \$134.92; Total Claims, \$501,251.23; Salaries, \$47,871.15

****Aflc = Aflac; Amtrs = Ameritas; Bks = Books; Cnl = Colonial; Cnt Svc = Contract Services; Cnty = County Contract; Df = Dues & Fees; Dwn Twn = Downtown Appearance; Elct = Electric Bills; Fed = Federal; Fica = Fica; Fl = Fuel; Glf = Golf Course; Hlth Ins = Health Insurance; Hsa = Health Savings; Ht = Heat; Ins = Insurance; Inv = Inventory; Lf Ins = Life Insurance; Lgl Rtnr = Legal Retainer; Lic Prmts = License & Permits; Lres = Library Resources; Mdc = Medicare; Me = Machinery & Equipment; Misc = Miscellaneous; Mn = Mean; Msm = Museum; Mtr Dep = Meter Deposit; Nh = Nursing Home; Ofsup = Office Supplies; Op = Operating Expense; Pp = Printing & Publications; Pstg = Postage; Retire = Retirement / City Share; Rm = Repairs & Maintenance; Shop = Shop Supplies; State = State; Tf = Treatment Facility; Tlpn = Telephone; Tls = Tools; Tr = Transfer Out; Tr Brd = Tree Board; Trng = Training; Trsh = Trash; Va = Veterans Park Old Swim Hole; Wtr Aly = Water Analysis

12. Council Member Wickard moved to approve the claim submitted by Jeff Nichols, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, McGrath; Abstain: Nichols; Nay: None. Motion carried.

13. Council Member Nichols moved to approve the claim submitted by Mark Wickard, & Wickard Heating & Plumbing, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: McGrath, Nichols; Abstain: Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

15. Council Member Wickard moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation of Carrie Harless to fill the city Council vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term formally occupied by Angela Clinger to expire December 2026, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, McGrath, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

16. None

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

17. Council Member Wickard introduced Ordinance No. 1017 on 2nd Reading, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC SYSTEM FOR ELECTRICITY; ASSESSING LATE CHARGES ON ALL UTILITIES REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 912; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION OR POSTING AS REQUIRED BY LAW, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, McGrath, Nichols, Harless; Nay: None. Motion passed on 2nd reading.

18. Council Member Wickard introduced Ordinance No. 1018, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BRIDGEPORT CITY CODE § 75.00 PARKING SCHEDULES WITH REGARD TO PARKING WITHIN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT; PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM, AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION OR POSTING AS REQUIRED BY LAW, and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Wickard, Harless, Nichols; Nay: None. Motion carried. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance. Ordinance No. 1018 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Member Wickard moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member Nichols. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 1018 be passed and adopted?" Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Harless, McGrath, Wickard, Nichols; Nay: None. Motion carried. The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted and the Mayor, in the presence of the Council, signed and approved the ordinance and the City Clerk attested to the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

19. Discussed allowing only service animals and law enforcement animals in city public buildings. Council Member Wickard introduced Resolution 2025-05, moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, McGrath, Nichols, Harless; Nay: None. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR THE PRESENCE OF ANIMALS ON CITY PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport owns, maintains, and operates a number of buildings accessible to both employees and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport is responsible for protecting the health and safety of all employees and members of the public visiting City buildings; and

WHEREAS, establishing guidelines for the presence of animals on City property is in the best interests of the City to protect its employees and members of the public; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, that the following guidelines regarding the presence of animals on City property be established:

1. No person, including employees and members of the public, shall bring any animal into a public building owned or controlled by the City of Bridgeport, except as provided hereinafter;
2. Any animal that is defined as a service animal, as set forth in 28 CFR 36.104 will be permitted upon property owned and/or controlled by the City of Bridgeport, subject to any limitations that may be set forth by State, Federal, and local law and guidelines, specifically, but not limited to, the Americans with Disabilities Act.
3. Any law enforcement animal shall be permitted upon all property owned and/or controlled by the City of Bridgeport.

4. No animal, other than those as set forth herein, shall be permitted on or inside of any property owned and/or controlled by the City of Bridgeport.

5. For purposes of this Resolution “animal” shall include any and all species of animal, whether living or deceased, other than human beings.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF APRIL 2025

ATTEST:

GAIL BEYER
MAYOR

DORETTA J. HUCK
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

20. Council Member Harless introduced Resolution 2025-06, moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Nichols, McGrath, Harless, Wickard; Nay: None. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06

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 HELD MAY 31, 2025.

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 May 31, 2025 from 10:00 A.M. to 11:45 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 10TH DAY OF APRIL 2025

ATTEST:

GAIL BEYER
MAYOR

DORETTA J. HUCK
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

21. Discussed the budget billing and still waiting for USDA approval. The outline of the budget billing wouldn't start until November, which will coincide with the previous fiscal year to determine the budget amount. Council Member Wickard introduced Resolution 2025-07, moved that the resolution be adopted pending USDA Rural Development approval, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Nichols, Harless, Wickard; Nay: None. Resolution passed pending USDA approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07

**AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR UTILITY BILLING BUDGET PROGRAM
UTILITY BILLING BUDGET PROGRAM POLICY**

1. Account must show a twelve (12) month history of prompt payments in the customer's name for the customer to participate in the budget billing program.
2. Budget Billing 12-month calculation period is September through October of each year. The beginning month will be November, and the ending month will be October.
3. All Accounts will be evaluated annually, and notice of adjustment will be sent prior to the November billing of each year.
 - Any over payment or under payment appearing on the account, due to prior budget billing participation, will be prorated into the budget-billing amount for the next 12-month period.
4. Bills are due on the 10th of the month and become delinquent the following day.
 - The second (2nd) occurrence of failure to pay by the due date on the 10th of the month, in the 12-month budget billing period, will automatically result in immediate termination of the budget billing program.
 - To be reinstated to the budget-billing program after being qualified for any reason, the account must show a 12-month history of prompt payment.
5. Any account being closed during participation in the budget-billing program will have any accumulated over payment or under payment amount reflected in the final bill of the account.

I (we) have read the above Utility Budget Billing Program Policy and do hereby authorize my (our) account to be enrolled in the Utility Budget Billing Program. Except as provided above, this authority is to remain in full force and effect until the City of Bridgeport has received written notification from me (or either of us), 30 days prior to termination and in such a manner as to afford the City of Bridgeport a reasonable opportunity to act on it. And in no event shall the notification be effective with respect to billing entries that have already been processed by the City of Bridgeport. Customers must give the City of Bridgeport 30 days' notice prior to the customer requested termination date for the request to be granted.

VIII. REPORTS

22. Department Reports:

- a. **Public Works:** The Public Works department is gearing up for summer projects, which include exercising valves and flushing water hydrants, as well as finishing the painting of fire hydrants. Their jet-vac sewer main maintenance program is ongoing, and they've noted potential issues with the main line from 12th Street to Highway 385 due to the age of the infrastructure. The Parks Department is seeking estimates for replacing all sprinkler heads at the Legion Ball Field and Southeast Park. Additionally, Andy Leisy will be generously donating five flag poles, one for each military branch, to be installed at the northwest corner of the Morrill County Veterans Memorial Park in honor of his father, Rex Leisy.
- b. **Pwcc:** Director Christi Collins led a discussion on meeting room rentals for non-profit and tax-supported entities. The 24/7 gym pass continues to attract new members. The Lion's Club has made a generous donation of \$1,500.00 from their recent basketball tournament. Youth soccer has around 50 registered participants, and they are currently receiving applications for Pool lifeguards.
- c. **Library:** The Library reports everything is running smoothly with very good attendance at their children's group activities.
- d. **Fire Dept:** Fire Chief Sides has been in contact with a property owner regarding the potential burning of an abandoned building for training purposes and will be securing the necessary permits.
- e. **Sheriff:** Sheriff Cardenas reports that all is well within the department and that the tornado sirens were successfully tested. These tests will continue every Thursday at 10:00 AM for the next three months. In March, the department responded to 143 calls and made 14 arrests. There have been some inquiries about chickens within town limits, which may necessitate a review of the existing fowl ordinance. The Sheriff's Office is currently seeking a night dispatcher.
- f. **Administration:** The Main Street project is scheduled to commence mid-June 2026 with initial curb and gutter repairs. The city will need to identify funding for the remaining curb and gutter repair work not covered by the state project. The overpass project is anticipated to begin in September 2027, with construction starting in April 2028. A formal hearing for the overpass project is scheduled for May 13th at 5:30 PM at PWCC. Discussions also took place regarding the process and timeline for addressing property clean-up, including the issuance of notices before citations.

IX. REGULAR AGENDA

23. Emergency Items - None

24. Bryan Schluterbusch reported sewer main issues from 12th to Highway 385, between P & Q Street. Multiple areas of concern were identified, and they will monitor the situation and will continue to jet-vac as necessary. The city engineers provided an estimate of \$120,000 for replacement.

25. Downtown Appearance Committee Member Lucy VanBuren was not present to discuss the empty lot south of the ASCS building (902 Main Street) and Mayor Beyer stated they suggested a town square with a gazebo, tree trimming, lighting, and a clock. The building owner is agreeable to this, provided no permanent structures are installed.

Lorrain Mann raised \$3,030.00 for the craft show held on April 5, 2025 to go towards the Downtown Appearance Committee.

26. Council Member Nichols raised a couple of concerns regarding the town square, noting that it is on private property and during the discussion, it was suggested that a Memo Of Understanding (MOU) contract be drawn up with the owners of the USDA building to install a light pole. As well

as an MOU with Ryan Nelson at 385 Meat Market regarding the possibility of using his building to install floodlights that would illuminate the mural on the north side of his building.

27. Regarding Morrill County Memorial Veterans Park, the Council discussed adding electricity to the northwest end by using the pole behind Sonny's Super Foods which will be used to light five service branch flag poles donated by Andy Leisy.

The public works will also install a pole on the northeast side near the shelter to light the shelter as well as trenching to the current flagpole located on the north end for a permanent light fixture. Harless Electric will donate the electrical hookups.

Additionally, lights and cameras will be installed near the old sand volleyball court. The NRD has mulched branches and plans to return with trees to plant.

28. Council requested an update on the black fence around the horseshoe pits and will be directing Andy Leisy to gather estimates for the project.

29. Pete Lapaseotes has generously agreed to fully fund the installation of an access door in the PWCC gym. This door will be located directly across from the kitchen doors into the gym, which should significantly improve access for food catering events.

30. Discussion regarding the award of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant for 100K the next step is to advertise a consultant for engineering services. Council Member Wickard made a motion to advertise for RFQ engineering services, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, McGrath, Nichols, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried.

31. Michelle Coolidge discussed the outline of the Property Maintenance Code, which extracts relevant sections from the International Building Code that is already adopted within the city ordinances. This document clarifies the specific sections by referencing the original document. The second document details the Problem Resolution Team (PRT) Policies and Procedures, explaining how this team will function. The PRT will be composed of city staff and community volunteers.

32. The Council approved an emergency response plan tailored for the city, which outlines procedures for various emergency situations. Additionally, a discussion on drug testing policies for city employees was held, emphasizing the importance of safety and compliance with regulations for those operating city equipment. Council Member Wickard made a motion to accept the Bridgeport 2025 Emergency Response Plan, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, McGrath, Harless, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

33. City Council discussed the drug testing policy to include pre-employment, reasonable suspicion, and random testing for all employees in the Public Works Department and the Fire Department which are recommendations of the city's new insurance provider

34. Council also updated the policy manual that anyone driving a city vehicle will have to sign off on a driving record check which also includes Council and Mayor. All the updates are recommendations of our new insurance provider.

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 7:11 p.m., seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, McGrath, Wickard, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

Doretta J Huck, City Clerk

Gail Beyer, Mayor

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of proceedings of Thursday, April 10, 2025, 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