

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 17th day of March 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, Will Deines, Dean Rahmig; Absent: Jason Floyd

Staff members present were: Larry Heinrich, Mike Beyer, 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 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 February 10, 2022
7. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurers Report.

Council Member Rahmig moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Deines, Wickard, Rahmig 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 from Wickard Plumbing & Heating, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Deines, Rahmig; Not Voting, Excused: Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Wickard rejoined the Council.

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

Light & Power: Allo Communications LLC, \$161.15; American Funds Service Company, \$947.46; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$32.94; Michael Beyer, \$40.00; Black Hills Energy, \$71.42; BCBS of NE, \$2,860.01; Bomgaars, \$8.63; Border States Industries Inc, \$200.43; D Anthony Cannia, \$40.00; City Of Bridgeport, \$1,049.42; City Petty Cash/Checking, \$15.00;

Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$142.58; Crescent Electric Supply Company, \$2,938.43; E & S Inc, \$104.15; Federal, \$1,060.74; Fica, \$1,460.42; Gardner Loutzenhiser & Ryan Pc, \$246.13; General Treasury, \$130,000.00; Health Savings Account, \$416.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, \$88.90; Medicare, \$341.54; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, \$100,756.08; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$471.93; Nebraska Printworks LLC, \$79.83; Panhandle Collections Inc, \$41.32; Platte Valley Bank, \$10,598.84; Platte Valley Visa, \$2,373.92; Quadient Finance USA Inc, \$433.21; Quadient Leasing USA Inc, \$78.57; Railroad Management Co III, LLC, \$313.34; Regional Care Inc, \$16.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$61.50; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$421.50; Wesco Distribution Inc, \$133.00; Total Light & Power, \$258,004.39; Salaries, \$8,661.86

Water: Aflac, \$131.40; Allo Communications LLC, \$35.07; American Funds Service Company, \$545.21; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$21.96; BCBS of NE, \$1,362.37; Bomgaars, \$110.75; City Of Bridgeport, \$1,835.52; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$27.22; Crescent Electric Supply Company, \$201.17; Enviro Service Inc, \$50.00; Federal, \$401.33; Fica, \$580.14; Hawkins Inc, \$5,427.13; Health Savings Account, \$208.00; Doretta J Huck, \$40.00; Medicare, \$135.68; Municipal Automation Control, \$1,447.04; Municipal Supply Inc Of Nebraska, \$741.91; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$175.32; Nebraska Printworks LLC, \$79.83; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, \$135.00; One Call Concepts Inc, \$5.56; Pace Analytical Services LLC, \$284.00; Platte Valley Bank, \$25.47; Platte Valley Visa, \$1,046.82; Quadient Finance USA Inc, \$472.43; Quadient Leasing USA Inc, \$78.57; Regional Care Inc, \$8.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$21.75; Bryan Schluterbusch, \$13.43; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$89.91; Total Water, \$15,737.99; Salaries, \$3,400.71

Sewer: Aflac, \$28.56; American Funds Service Company, \$341.12; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$16.34; Black Hills Energy, \$35.02; BCBS of NE, \$997.18; Chimney Rock Public Power District, \$77.32; City Of Bridgeport, \$321.97; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$27.22; Federal, \$237.59; Fica, \$367.42; General Treasury, \$7,000.00; Health Savings Account, \$208.00; Lawson Products Inc, \$135.37; Medicare, \$85.92; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$97.92; Nebraska Printworks LLC, \$79.83; Quadient Leasing USA Inc, \$78.57; Railroad Management Co III, LLC, \$313.34; Regional Care Inc, \$8.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$19.88; Bryan Schluterbusch, \$40.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$78.36; USA Blue Book, \$236.70; Total Sewer, \$10,831.63; Salaries, \$2,174.72

General: Bayard Transcript, \$18.00; Black Hills Energy, \$71.41; Bridgeport News-Blade, \$445.32; Community Center, \$21,000.00; Court House & Jail Rock Golf Course Inc, \$10,500.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, \$32.00; Dan's Landscape And Tree Service, \$5,600.00; Fire Fund, \$150,000.00; Greenheart, \$36.00; Library Fund, \$10,800.00; Nebraska Mosquito & Vector Control, \$105.00; Park Fund, \$5,000.00; Platte Valley Visa, \$17.00; Police Fund, \$29,806.00; Quadient Finance USA Inc, \$83.89; Quadient Leasing USA Inc, \$78.57; Rodak Law Office, \$1,000.00; Billie Jo Smith, \$280.00; Street Fund, \$4,000.00; Timevalue Software, \$35.00; Total General, \$238,908.19

Police: Cozad Signs LLC, \$22.50; Morrill County Sheriff, \$29,806.00; Total Police, \$29,828.50

Street: Aflac, \$80.34; American Funds Service Company, \$947.35; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$21.96; Black Hills Energy, \$500.61; BCBS of NE, \$2,554.71; Bomgaars, \$173.54; City Of Bridgeport, \$1,938.52; City Petty Cash/Checking, \$25.00; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$135.76; Contractors Materials Inc, \$418.90; E & S Inc, \$208.32; Federal, \$730.81; Fica, \$961.20; Gardner Loutzenhiser & Ryan Pc, \$5,000.00; Health Savings Account, \$514.00; John Deere Financial, \$95.28; Kimball Midwest, \$169.97; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, \$134.54; Medicare, \$224.78; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$314.11; Perry E Nelson, \$40.00; Platte Valley Visa, \$1,031.84; Quadient Finance USA Inc, \$1.79; Regional Care Inc, \$16.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$45.50; David Smith, \$40.00; Spic-Span Cleaners, \$1,798.20; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$316.36; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, \$175.00; Total Street, \$18,614.39; Salaries, \$5,469.09

Pwcc: Allo Communications LLC, \$228.71; American Funds Service Company, \$596.20; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$27.32; Benzel Pest Control Inc, \$68.99; Black Hills Energy, \$1,008.19; BCBS of NE, \$1,255.97; Bluffs Sanitary Supply Inc, \$966.56; Bomgaars, \$39.26; City Of Bridgeport, \$1,518.48; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$130.66; Computer Connection, \$49.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, \$77.00; Federal, \$559.71; Fica, \$1,687.12; Gardner Loutzenhiser & Ryan Pc, \$3,000.00; Gering Valley Plumbing & Heating Inc, \$224.00;

Health Savings Account, \$416.00; Ideal Laundry And Cleaners Inc, \$539.40; KSID, \$40.00; Medicare, \$394.62; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$310.47; Platte Valley Bank, \$267.24; Platte Valley Visa, \$1,337.67; Quadient Finance USA Inc, \$8.68; Regional Care Inc, \$16.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$37.25; Sonnys Super Foods, \$34.96; Sport & Fitness Inc, \$1,852.61; The Simple Company & Floral Shop, \$39.69; Town & Country Advertising, \$77.00; Charlee M Wallesen, \$40.00; Total Pwcc, \$16,848.76; Salaries, \$10,964.28

Park: City Of Bridgeport, \$285.43; Gardner Loutzenhiser & Ryan Pc, \$400.00; Nebraska Public Power District, \$142.63; Park Sinking Fund, \$5,000.00; Total Park, \$5,828.06

Pool: Allo Communications LLC, \$25.84; Black Hills Energy, \$35.02; Gardner Loutzenhiser & Ryan Pc, \$139.17; Ne Dept Of Environment & Energy, \$40.00; Total Pool, \$240.03

Library: Allo Communications LLC, \$71.84; American Funds Service Company, \$268.36; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$10.98; Biblionix LLC, \$900.00 Black Hills Energy, \$104.18; BCBS of NE, \$683.32; Bridgeport News-Blade, \$3.96; Cengage Learning Inc, \$79.46; Center Point Large Print, \$93.48; Century Business Products Inc, \$3,378.95; City Of Bridgeport, \$366.16; Culligan Water Conditioning, \$24.00; Demco Inc, \$233.09; Federal, \$237.07; Fica, \$566.96; Indoff Incorporated, \$88.10; Medicare, \$132.58; Micromarketing LLC, \$172.96; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$120.53; Optk Networks, \$75.00; Platte Valley Visa, \$1,222.31; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$8.11; Billie Jo Smith, \$400.00; Total Library, \$9,241.40; Salaries, \$3,940.40

Landfill: General Treasury, \$1,875.00; Nebraska Printworks LLC, \$79.83; Quadient Leasing USA Inc, \$78.57; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, \$15,684.59; Total Landfill, \$17,717.99

Fire: Black Hills Energy, \$156.26; City Of Bridgeport, \$1,221.78; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$226.64; Federal, \$72.70; Fica, \$85.84; Medicare, \$20.08; Morrill County Rural Fire District 1, \$147,984.00; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$65.44; Total Fire, \$149,832.74; Salaries, \$501.20

IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

10. Mayor Browne stated he received a letter of resignation from Council Member Jason Floyd effective immediately. Council Member Wickard made a motion to accept the resignation from Council Member Jason Floyd, seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Rahmig, Deines, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. Mayor Browne declared a vacancy and will bring a name to Council to be voted upon at the April 14, 2022, regular meeting to fill the remainder of the term which expires December 2024.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

14. Emergency Items – None

15. CHJR Golf Course Board Member Jeff Neely addressed the council asking for \$12,500.00 to help with the purchase of a 2014 Toro 4100 D Mower with 2,000 hours at a purchase price of \$26,000.00. Their current mower is no longer running and will receive a trade in price of \$3,000.00 and have \$10,500.00 in their sinking funds. Wendy Wickard gave an overview to the council explaining the different areas that are mowed 2-3 times a week at the 80-acre golf course with the equipment they currently have.

Mayor Browne stated the golf course is utilized by the public and school events and would like to know if there are enough funds in the budget before making any decisions. Council Member Deines stated the city currently budgets 30K for the golf course and he would like to see

participation from the golf course to attend budget meetings if they need equipment replacements to prepare for the upcoming season and mentioned a payment plan back to the city. After much discussion, Council Member Deines made a motion to allocate the money contingent upon the golf course bringing a payment plan to the next meeting, seconded by Council Member Wickard, roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Rahmig, Wickard, Dienes; Nay: None. Motion carried.

16. Mayor Browne stated a resignation letter was received on Monday, March 14 from Mike Beyer as Electrical Foreman and is accepted.

PWD Heinrich stated he will start advertising for an electrical lineman and will also talk to all the public power districts (Wheatbelt, Chimney Rock Public Power, NPPD) of what they can provide for the city and will have those proposals for the next meeting. Mayor Browne stated the city's electrical system needs to be evaluated and PWD Heinrich received two proposals of \$8,500.00 and \$7,500.00 but will wait to see what is included in the proposals from the power districts.

Mike Beyer asked if they were advertising for a Journeyman Lineman and stated it would be difficult to fill the position if the starting wage is less than \$30.00/hour. He felt NPPD is not a good route as they're in the business to buy out town's electrical systems and felt Chimney Rock and Wheatbelt would be the better options for the city to contract with.

Anthony Cannia stated he has done his internship through Wheatbelt and stated if you went with NPPD he would have to start at ground zero and would lose his credit hours that he has acquired over the last two years.

Mayor Browne asked for a motion to accept Mike Beyer's resignation at Electrical Foreman with his last day being April 15. Council Member Wickard made the motion, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Rahmig, Deines, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

17. Council Member Rahmig stated if the city was going to put the lawn mowing contract out for bid, but since there is talk of hiring a full-time park superintendent that there was no need for discussion of the contract.

18. PWD Heinrich stated this is Jim Vassos last year taking care of the parks and it was discussed whether to hire a full-time employee to take care of the parks and to also help with the maintenance of city buildings along with helping other departments when needed. This individual would start this season to follow Jim Vassos to learn the park irrigation system along with other duties. Mayor Browne directed Heinrich to put an ad out for a full-time park position.

19. Mayor Browne felt there needs to be a full-time fire chief for recruiting, filing paperwork and other duties and tabled the discussion for the council meeting on April 14th as there is a meeting on March 24th with area Fire Departments discussing this matter.

20. Council Member Rahmig addressed his concerns with the wages and stated at the end of the 2021 fiscal year there was supposed to be an explanation of a matrix for pay raises and due to issues beyond our control this has not been addressed to date. Council Member Rahmig explained to the council his reasoning for the increase of individuals due to years of service, certifications, licenses and added duties. The wage adjustments for the following job titles: City Clerk, \$26,00/hr.; Deputy Clerk, \$15.00-\$19.00/hr.; Street Superintendent, \$28.41/hr.; Mechanic, \$24.04/hr.; Equipment Operator, \$19.29/hr. Council Member Rahmig made a motion to accept the wage adjustments that were presented to become effective March 18, 2022, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Rahmig, Wickard, Deines; Nay: None. Motion passed.

VIII. REPORTS

21. Department Reports

- a. Sheriff: Cardenas stated everything is going well and a couple properties have been cleaned up. He also stated there will be a free will donation pancake feed at PWCC on April 7th at 5:30 p.m. to help our local veterans.
- b. Pwcc: Charlee Wallesen stated they received many compliments on the Lions Club basketball tournament that was held a couple weeks ago. Kitchen and Senior Room

Floor are done, and the Carpet will be done this coming week. The Kone contract for the elevator is increasing by 3.78% and did have some recommended maintenance but was not necessary at this time but wanted council to review the contract. Hired 14 lifeguards and lastly the stair stepper machine is 11 years old and needs major repairs totaling \$1,700.00 or a brand new one for \$6,700.00. She will talk with the foundation and get back to council.

- c. Public Works: Heinrich stated the city received the new pickups that were ordered last budget year and now there are two not in use. Mayor Browne suggested putting them out for bid and any other items that the city no longer needs or uses.
- d. Administration: Mayor Browne contacted Congressman Smith's office and asked about the ARPA funds and what exactly the city could purchase as the city needs a generator for the Nursing Home and a pump for the lagoons.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

22. None

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Rahmig made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Deines, Wickard, Rahmig; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Doretta J Huck, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Charlie Browne, Mayor

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of proceedings of Thursday, March 17, 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