

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 11th day of September 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Prayer and a moment of silence in remembrance of all lives lost 23 years ago, Mayor Gail Beyer called the meeting to order. Roll call resulted as follows: Present: Angie Clinger, Mark Wickard, Will Deines; Absent: Carrie Harless

Staff members present were: Billie Mitchell, Christy Collins, Melissa Butler

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 on August 29, 2024 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. There were none.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 13, 2024.
7. Approve the minutes of Budget Workshop #2 meeting held August 13, 2024
8. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurer's Report.
9. Approve Ruben Dominguez to the Board of Adjustments with a term expiring December 2027.

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

III. CLAIMS

10. Council Member Wickard stated that he has a conflict with Wickard Heating & Plumbing; Council Member Wickard then excused himself. Council Member Clinger moved to approve the claim as presented, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clinger, Deines; Abstain: Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Claims: A & A Porta Potties, Blfld / Hrse, \$210.00; Aflac, Aflc, \$366.66; Alarm Security Technicians, Msm, \$32.95; Allo Communications LLC, Tlpn, \$555.81; American Funds Service Company, Retire, \$4,370.01; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Amtrs, \$126.14; Barco Municipal Products Inc, Op, \$507.17; BB Associates, Misc, \$3,982.50; Black Hills Energy, Ht, \$1,045.37;

BCBS Of Ne, Hlth Ins, \$6,490.30; Bluffs Sanitary Supply Inc, Op, \$294.13; Bomgaars, Msm / Op / Rm / Tf, \$283.60; Bridgeport News-Blade, Ofsup / Pp, \$379.91; Cengage Learning Inc, Bks, \$41.98; Century Business Products Inc, Op, \$43.47; Chimney Rock Public Power District, Elct, \$95.55; City Of Bridgeport, Elct / Mtr Dep, \$11,286.56; City Petty Cash/Checking, Df, \$1.48; Christina M Collins, Tlpn, \$40.00; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Clnl, \$662.86; Community Center, Tr, \$26,000.00; Community Center Sinking Fund, Snkg, \$10,000.00; Computer Connection, Op, \$49.00; Court House & Jail Rock Golf Course Inc, Glf, \$10,000.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Glf / Op / Shop, \$1,053.65; Crossroads Tech Services, Rm, \$378.99; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$151.50; Dan's Landscape And Tree Service, Tr Brd, \$18,300.00; Danko Emergency Equipment Co, Me, \$814.95; Dutton Lanson Company, Inv / Op / Shop, \$5,146.04; E & S Auto Supply, Rm, \$13.39; Enviro Service Inc, Wtr Aly, \$75.00; Federal, Fed, \$2,882.97; Fica, \$7,418.20; Fire Fund, Tr, \$5,400.00; Fyr-Tek Inc, Fr Trk, \$1,670.78; General Treasury, Tr, \$63,000.00; Global Rental Co Inc, Me, \$122,159.00; Hawkins Inc, Tf, \$6,438.95; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$1,920.00; Honeywagon Express LLC, Rm, \$150.00; Doretta J Huck, Tlpn, \$40.00; Ideal Laundry And Cleaners Inc, Op, \$724.52; Independent Plmg & Htg Inc, Rm, \$84.53; Dane M Jeffords, Tlpn, \$40.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Op / Rm / Tls, \$119.32; Kone Chicago, Op, \$308.37; Daniel L Krentz, Op, \$4,750.00; League Of Nebraska Municipalites, Trng, \$495.00; Lee's Service Inc, Fl, \$348.13; Legacy Cooperative, Rm, \$25.75; Andrew S Leisy, Tlpn, \$40.00; Library Fund, Tr, \$11,000.00; Kyle E Lussetto, Tlpn, \$40.00; Macqueen Equipment LLC, Me, \$1,565.00; Masa Global, Ins, \$126.00; Masek Golf Car Company, Me, \$21,195.00; Medicare, Mdcr, \$1,734.92; Mid-American Research Chemical, Op, \$484.00; Midwest Restaurant Supply, Cap, \$13,370.00; Billie Mitchell, Msm, \$141.18; Morrill County Sheriff, Cnty, \$34,333.00; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Mn, \$99,386.18; Municipal Supply Inc Of Nebraska, Op, \$962.92; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Sls Tax / State, \$14,154.98; Nebraska Printworks LLC, Ofsup, \$351.47; Nebraska Public Power District, Msm, \$210.68; Nebraska Total Office, Ofsup / Op, \$36.31; Perry E Nelson, Tlpn, \$40.00; Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc Of Scottsbluff, Rm, \$333.65; Nursing Home Sinking Fund, Snkg, \$13,755.00; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, \$81.18; Optk Networks, Tlpn, \$75.00; Pace Analytical Services LLC, Wtr Aly, \$1,100.00; Park Fund, Tr, \$12,000.00; Platte Valley Visa, Op, \$5,052.55; Pohl's Welding & Fab Inc, Op, \$20.00; Police Fund, Tr, \$34,333.00; Pool Fund, Tr, \$8,000.00; Brody Joe Retchless, Cnt Svc, \$750.00; Riverside Lumber LLC, Rm / Tls, \$86.84; Rodak Law Office, Lgl Rtnr, \$1,000.00; Sandberg Implement Inc, Rm, \$77.02; Fay Scarrow, Tlpn, \$40.00; Bryan Schluterbusch, Tlpn, \$40.00; Paul A Sides, Tlpn, \$40.00; Coffey Smith, Msm, \$20.31; Parker Smith, Cnt Svc, \$935.00; Sonnys Super Foods, Op / Tf, \$50.93; Sport & Fitness Inc, Op, \$257.42; Street Fund, Tr, \$5,800.00; Todd Harless, Op, \$1,123.78; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fl, \$1,451.49; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Trsh, \$17,574.06; Wesco Distribution Inc, Inv / Tls, \$254.00; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Rm, \$1,744.86; Wyoming First Aid & Safety Supply LLC, Op, \$53.94; Total Claims, \$625,996.16; Total Salaries, \$54,603.06

****Aflc = Aflac; Amtrs = Ameritas; Blfld = Ballfield; Bks = Books; Cap = Capital Outlay; Clnl = Colonial; Cnt Svc = Contract Services; Cnty = County Contract; Df = Dues & Fees; Elct = Electric Bills; Fed = Federal; Fica = Fica; Fr Trk = Fire Truck Expense; Fl = Fuel; Glf = Golf Course; Hlth Ins = Health Insurance; Hsa = Health Savings; Ht = Heat; Hrse = Horseshoe; Ins = Insurance; Inv = Inventory; Lgl Rtnr = Legal Retainer; Me = Machinery & Equipment; Mn = Mean; Mdcr = Medicare; Mtr Dep = Meter Deposit; Misc = Miscellaneous; Msm = Museum; Ofsup = Office Supplies; Op = Operating Expense; Pp = Printing & Publications; Rm = Repairs & Maintenance; Retire = Retirement / City Share; Sls Tx = Sales N Use Tax; Shop = Shop Supplies; Snkg = Sinking Fund; State = State; Tlpn = Telephone; Tls = Tools; Trng = Training; Tr = Transfer Out; Trsh = Trash; Tf = Treatment Facility; Tr Brd = Tree Board; Wtr Aly = Water Analysis

IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

12. None

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

13. None

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

14. Council Member Wickard moved to approve ordinance 1008 on Final reading, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BRIDGEPORT CITY CODE §§ 50.08 WITH REGARD TO DELINQUENT UTILITY CUSTOMERS; 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, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call

resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, Wickard, Deines; Nay: None; Ordinance passed on Final reading.

VII. REPORTS

15. Departments:

Public Works: None

Pwcc: Director Collins discussed a payscale for part time help for years of service; Will be getting the Pwcc website updated with pictures; 1100 people attended the Greek Festival; 25 kids are signed up for flag football and women's VB starts this evening; The new conventional ovens have arrived and will reach out to Cashway regarding an ice machine. Alarm Security Tech will be giving a bid on adding two new cameras and replacing the existing system at the pool as well as adding cameras at the center in the senior room, upstairs workout room, both front and back entrance doors and with a call button system. Discussed the pool which has a few problems with the boiler and possible replacement. It was also discussed to possibly start charging for pool fees and will put together a schedule to review.

Library: Melissa Butler completed her inventory and stated the non-returned books are at .001% which is at a record low; Started kid's programs with 37 in the maker group and 22 in story time. The teens escape group will be next month.

Fire Dept: Brian DeBlois introduced Buffy Prince who has been on the Garden County Fire Dept and is looking forward to being a member of the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department.

Sheriffs: Cardenas stated everything is going well and will be fully staffed in the coming week and is getting ready for the homecoming activities. He mentioned if the council would consider scheduling the city tree waste dump site to be open on Saturdays for the residents that work during the week as he has received many calls to open the site on weekends.

Administration: Interim City Administrator Michelle Coolidge stated there were 3 bids received to replace two AC Units at PWCC. Council Member Deines made a motion to accept the bid from Wickard Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$12,023.33, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Deines, Clinger; Abstain: Wickard. She also stated there will be a training session for the Planning Commission and looking to fill two vacant spots in the Board of Adjustments.

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA

16. Emergency Items - None

17. Mayor Beyer stated per Resolution 2024-02, employees will receive a 1.5% cost of living increase effective October 1, 2024,

18. Mayor Beyer has been working on a PayScale for the past 6 months and feels all the full-time employees are in line of where they should be but feels is lacking paying the part-time people a living wage based on years of service and has a proposed pay scale for Council to review.

19. Mayor Beyer stated Council Member Wickard and Harless will be starting performance reviews and stated some will result in pay increases and the Federal Minimum Wage rate for Nebraska beginning January 1, 2025, increases to \$13.50/hour and increases again to \$15.00/hour on January 1, 2026.

20. Council Member Deines made a motion to extend the allocated Keno Award money of \$10,250.00 to the Golf Course by the year end 2024, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Deines, Clinger; Nay: None. Motion carried.

21. Dwayne Nolte voiced his concerns regarding the traffic on O and P Street between 8th & 9th Street by the ESU Head Start during the school year and gave some options of making it a no parking zone, a one-way street or widening the street. Mayor Beyer commented that the city has received a Safe Streets Panning Grant and will be looking into areas of concern.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:30 p.m., Council Member Clinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, Deines, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Doretta J Huck, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

Gail Beyer, Mayor

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of proceedings of Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 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