

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 9th day of September 2021, 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, Jamie Hoxworth, Charlee Wallesen, Mike Beyer

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. Gary Oltmann stated many residents are continually asking him why the City of Bridgeport pickup is at Target in Scottsbluff and stated it is not a personal vehicle. PW Director Heinrich stated he is still waiting on the part for his vehicle and Mayor Browne stated they will discuss later.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 12, 2021
7. Approve the Budget Workshop meeting held August 25, 2021
8. 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: Wickard, Deines, Rahmig; Nay: None. Motion carried.

III. CLAIMS

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

Light & Power: Allo Communications LLC, \$163.29; American Funds Service Company, \$880.28; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$32.94; Michael Beyer, \$40.00; Black Hills Energy, \$15.13; BCBS of NE, \$2,860.01; Bomgaars, \$49.97; Border States Industries Inc, \$860.71; D Anthony Cannia, \$40.00; City Of Bridgeport, \$3,312.52; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$142.58; Dutton Lainson Company, \$418.50; Fastenal Company, \$24.06; Federal, \$1,024.60; Fica, \$1,389.84; General Treasury, \$130,000.00; Health Savings Account, \$416.00; Kansas Municipal Utilities, \$300.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, \$14.99; Lussetto Machine Inc, \$2.25; Medicare, \$325.04; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, \$91,768.41; Municipal Supply Inc Of Nebraska, \$36.02; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$456.16; Platte Valley Bank, \$18,863.60; Platte

Valley Visa, \$764.81; Plummer Insurance Inc, \$32,470.00; Quadient Finance USA Inc, \$409.45; Quadient Leasing USA Inc, \$59.99; Regional Care Inc, \$8.00; Carol Russell, \$200.00; Sun Life Financial, \$71.23; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$493.79; Wesco Distribution Inc, \$43,601.72; Total Light & Power, \$331,515.89; Salaries, \$8,285.12

Water: Aflac, \$213.48; Allo Communications LLC, \$35.43; American Funds Service Company, \$731.97; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$21.96; BCBS of NE, \$1,909.88; Cfm Company, \$3,378.00; City Of Bridgeport, \$1,468.53; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$134.96; Enviro Service Inc, \$60.00; Federal, \$477.74; Fica, \$734.40; Health Savings Account, \$416.00; Jamie Rae Hoxworth, \$40.00; Doretta J Huck, \$40.00; Hurco Technologies Inc, \$5,017.03; Medicare, \$171.74; Ne Dept Of Environment & Energy, \$170.00; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$219.44; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, \$241.00; One Call Concepts Inc, \$37.33; Pace Analytical Services LLC, \$402.00; Platte Valley Bank, \$320.45; Platte Valley Visa, \$64.90; Plummer Insurance Inc, \$23,740.00; Quadient Finance USA Inc, \$46.45; Quadient Leasing USA Inc, \$59.99; Regional Care Inc, \$16.00; Sonnys Super Foods, \$27.04; Sun Life Financial, \$42.28; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$125.27; Total Water, \$40,363.27; Salaries, \$4,337.84

Sewer: Aflac, \$28.56; American Funds Service Company, \$338.64; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$16.34; Black Hills Energy, \$32.19; BCBS of NE, \$997.18; Bomgaars, \$8.79; Chimney Rock Public Power District, \$72.92; City Of Bridgeport, \$259.75; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$27.22; Federal, \$239.26; Fica, \$364.64; General Treasury, \$7,000.00; Health Savings Account, \$208.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, \$25.49; Medicare, \$85.28; Ne Dept Of Environment & Energy, \$300.00; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$100.95; Platte Valley Visa, \$10.75; Plummer Insurance Inc, \$17,456.00; Quadient Leasing USA Inc, \$59.99; Regional Care Inc, \$8.00; Bryan Schluterbusch, \$40.00; Sun Life Financial, \$20.71; Total Sewer, \$27,700.66; Salaries, \$2,153.59

General: Black Hills Energy, \$15.12; Bomgaars, \$11.97; Bridgeport News-Blade, \$319.15; Community Center, \$43,000.00; Court House & Jail Rock Golf Course Inc, \$20,000.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, \$32.00; Federal Signal Corporation, \$2,779.92; Fire Fund, \$5,000.00; Lynelle Hoxworth, \$1,264.88; IIMC, \$140.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, \$99.99; Library Fund, \$10,800.00; Panhandle Area Development, \$1,197.52; Park Fund, \$33,000.00; Platte Valley Visa, \$151.83; Plummer Insurance Inc, \$47,550.00; Police Fund, \$28,940.00; Pool Fund, \$10,000.00; Quadient Finance USA Inc, \$41.55; Quadient Leasing USA Inc, \$59.99; Rodak Law Office, \$1,000.00; Billie Jo Smith, \$280.00; Sonnys Super Foods, \$8.82; Staples Credit Plan, \$125.98; Street Fund, \$4,000.00; Total General, \$20,9818.72

Police: Morrill County Sheriff, \$28,937.00; NE Dept Of Agriculture, \$175.00; Total Police, \$29,112.00

Street: Aflac, \$80.34; American Funds Service Company, \$970.38; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$21.96; Black Hills Energy, \$30.25; BCBS of NE, \$2,554.71; Bomgaars, \$267.40; City Of Bridgeport, \$1,772.00; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$135.76; Croell Redi-Mix, \$834.00; Fastenal Company, \$24.05; Federal, \$801.68; Fica, \$998.40; Gooder Trucking LLC, \$19,720; Health Savings Account, \$418.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, \$19.48; Daniel L Krentz, \$1,650.00; Lawson Products Inc, \$211.79; Medicare, \$233.50; Mid-American Research Chemical, \$360.00; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$347.06; Perry E Nelson, \$40.00; Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc, \$3,750.00; Panhandle Cooperative Assn, \$261.00; Pj Sand And Gravel LLC, \$6,670.00; Platte Valley Visa, \$256.36; Plummer Insurance Inc, \$22,090.00; Pohl's Welding & Fab Inc, \$162.50; Powerplan, \$111.26; Regional Care Inc, \$8.00; Riverside Lumber LLC, \$12.99; David Smith, \$40.00; Sun Life Financial, \$48.87; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$547.05; Total Street, \$65,448.79; Salaries, \$5,690.71

Pwcc: Allo Communications LLC, \$229.74; American Funds Service Company, \$511.02; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$27.32; Benzel Pest Control Inc, \$68.99; Best Plumbing Heating & Cooling LLC, \$9,818.18; Black Hills Energy, \$173.96; BCBS of NE, \$1,255.97; Bluffs Sanitary Supply Inc, \$300.44; Bomgaars, \$9.99; Bridgeport News-Blade, \$192.00; City Of Bridgeport, \$2,922.03; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$130.66; Computer Connection, \$49.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, \$77.00; Federal, \$553.41; Fica, \$1,305.48; Health Savings Account, \$416.00; Ideal Laundry And Cleaners Inc, \$629.41; Medicare, \$305.36; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$274.87; Platte Valley Bank, \$302.11; Platte Valley Visa, \$2,261.19; Plummer Insurance Inc, \$8,141.00; Quadient Finance USA Inc, \$2.55; Regional Care Inc, \$16.00; Riverside

Lumber LLC, \$119.91; Sonnys Super Foods, \$113.87; Stadium Sports, \$530.70; Sun Life Financial, \$37.96; The Flooring & Design Garage, \$12,153.00; Us Postal Service, \$130.00; Charlee M Wallesen, \$40.00; Wyoming First Aid & Safety Supply LLC, \$19.96; Total Pwcc, \$43,119.08; Salaries, \$9,202.39

Park: Benzel Pest Control Inc, \$85.00; Bluffs Sanitary Supply Inc, \$77.67; Bomgaars, \$26.97; City Of Bridgeport, \$3,113.23; Federal, \$2.54; Fica, \$376.36; Dick Hadden, \$4,900.00; History Nebraska, \$75.00; John Deere Financial, \$13,655.97; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, \$10.99; Lee's Service Inc, \$15.00; Medicare, \$88.04; NE Dept Of Revenue, \$9.93; Nebraska Public Power District, \$235.34; Panhandle Cooperative Assn, \$236.00; Platte Valley Visa, \$66.27; Plummer Insurance Inc, \$7,797.00; Sonnys Super Foods, \$11.77; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$84.11; Jim Vassos, \$786.91; Thomas Jacob Wiens, \$150.00; Total Park, \$31,804.10; Salaries, \$2,812.58

Pool: Allo Communications LLC, \$35.72; Arnold Pool Company, \$7,656.98; Black Hills Energy, \$500.17; Bomgaars, \$24.57; City Of Bridgeport, \$1,370.60; Amy Craig, \$50.00; Fica, \$12.24; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, \$38.24; Medicare, \$2.86; NE Dept Of Revenue, \$24.45; Platte Valley Bank, \$3.05; Platte Valley Visa, \$670.98; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, \$1,928.77; Total Pool, \$12,318.63; Salaries, \$1,806.80

Library: Abdo Publishing, \$243.40; Allo Communications LLC, \$74.97; American Funds Service Company, \$309.03; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$10.98; Black Hills Energy, \$21.67; BCBS of NE, \$1,502.45; Bridgeport News-Blade, \$39.95; Cengage Learning Inc, \$119.19; Center Point Large Print, \$131.82; Century Business Products Inc, \$9.11; City Of Bridgeport, \$346.96; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$92.12; Tammy Howitt Covalt, \$905.19; Culligan Water Conditioning, \$23.50; Federal, \$312.91; Fica, \$691.38; Health Savings Account, \$208.00; Indoff Incorporated, \$44.35; Medicare, \$161.70; Micromarketing LLC, \$219.67; NE Dept Of Revenue, \$140.45; Optk Networks, \$75.00; Platte Valley Visa, \$460.23; Regional Care Inc, \$8.00; Billie Jo Smith, \$400.00; Sun Life Financial, \$21.01; Total Library, \$6,573.04; Salaries, \$4,160.42

Landfill: General Treasury, \$1,875.00; NE Dept Of Revenue, \$25.12; Quadient Leasing USA Inc, \$59.98; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, \$18,448.94; Total Landfill, \$20,409.04

Fire: Black Hills Energy, \$14.44; City Of Bridgeport, \$817.10; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$261.62; Federal, \$75.76; Fica, \$57.24; Medicare, \$13.40; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$65.64; Plummer Insurance Inc, \$3,397.00; Pohl's Welding & Fab Inc, \$25.00; Riverside Lumber LLC, \$17.98; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$73.80; Total Fire, \$4,818.98; Salaries, \$284.82

IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

None

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

14. Shawn Green with Waste Connections stated per their contract they can receive up to a 3% increase based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and unfortunately the CPI for this year has increased considerably. He stated back in July the CPI was over 7% and usually the CPI in this area is runs about 1.5 – 2%. He would normally increase 1.4% but due to all the costs he will have to increase to 3%.

Council Member Wickard made a motion to introduced Ordinance 978, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE MUNICIPALITY FOR TRASH REMOVAL SERVICE; 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 moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, Rahmig, Deines; 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. 978 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Rahmig moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member Deines. The Mayor then stated the question: “Shall Ordinance No. 978 be passed and adopted?” Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Rahmig, Deines, Wickard; 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.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

13. Emergency Items – None

14. NFS Community Forester, Chrissy Land was present and recognized the Bridgeport Tree Board for their effort, time and thought over the past year to help better the community and complimented Susan Myers for collecting the data of the trees in Bridgeport. Land gave a presentation on the Tree Inventory Analysis Report and the Readiness and Response Plan. She stated a total of 1,757 trees were inventoried in Bridgeport between 2020-2021 which were considered to provide some form of public benefit. Topics included; Ecosystem Benefits, Tree Diversity, Canopy Condition, Community Distribution, Street Trees, Park Trees, Golf Course Trees and provided a recommendation regarding the future management of the community’s tree resources.

15. Council Member Wickard made a motion to approve Mayor Charlie Browne as representative on the PADD Board of Directors for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year, seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Rahmig, Deines; Nay: None. Motion carried.

16. Council Member Rahmig made a motion to approve Mark Wickard as the alternate representative on the PADD Board of Directors for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Rahmig, Deines, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

17. Council Member Wickard made a motion to accept the resignation letter from Librarian Tammy Covalt effective October 3, 2021, seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Rahmig, Wickard, Deines; Nay: None. Motion carried.

18. Rural Fire Hall Board Member Kirk Varah updated Council stating he contacted Baker & Associates who will come down in a few weeks to look at the rural fire hall on the proposed 4-bay addition and would also like a Council Member to be present along with some Fire Department members to get their input.

VIII. REPORTS

19. Department Reports:

Sheriff: Cardenas stated there are a few events coming up for the month which includes the homecoming parade on Friday, September 17 and a 5K Run Saturday, September 11. He also stated his new Deputy is at the academy.

PWCC: Charlie Wallesen stated a 5K run will be at the Golf Course this Saturday, September 11; Youth football is league going on through the high school; Youth volleyball is about to start, and Women’s volleyball started September 8th. Have posted a few flyers to hire Porters and would like to get fitness classes and personal trainers. They are currently painting the men’s locker room and threw away two lockers as they were falling apart.

Public Works: PW Director submitted his monthly report and discussed ethanal road stating there is about 1/8 of a mile to finish but will have to wait until after beet harvest. Received the pump and phosphate to add to the water system to combat the magnesium problem. Discussed the power outage, and the public works department has ordered a couple safety tools.

Administration: City Clerk Huck stated she received an email on Wednesday stating the other half of the Tennis grant should be deposited within two days into the city account.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

20. City Attorney Rodak stated the budget needs to be to the state by September 20th, and stated it is about a 7% increase from last year and the vast majority is the Fire Hall and stated he built in enough of a cushion for salaries. Council Member Deines stated since the city took on the increase of health insurance felt a flat increase for the employees for this year to allow time to evaluate the payscale, reviews and certificates for next year. Council Member Wickard made a motion to accept the budget as proposed with a 2% increase in employee salaries, seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Rahmig, 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 8:26 p.m., seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Rahmig, Deines, Wickard; Nay: None. Meeting Adjourned.

Doretta J Huck, City Clerk/Treasurer

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, September 9, 2021, 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