

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 10th day of February 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, Dean Rahmig, Will Deines; Absent: Jason Floyd

Staff members present were: 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 January 13, 2022
7. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurers Report.

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

III. CLAIMS

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

Light & Power: Allo Communications LLC, \$161.25; American Funds Service Company, \$915.64; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$32.94; Michael Beyer, \$40.00; Black Hills Energy, \$78.65; BCBS of NE, \$2,860.01; Bomgaars, \$39.48; Border States Industries Inc, \$2,352.58; D Anthony Cannia, \$40.00; City Of Bridgeport, \$645.30; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$142.58; Crescent Electric Supply Company, \$631.55; Dutton Lainson Company, \$6,591.07; Federal, \$1,018.55; Fica, \$1,420.96; General Treasury, \$30,000.00; Health Savings Account, \$416.00; Lee's Service Inc\$56.20; Medicare, \$332.32; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, \$103,888.38; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$477.56; Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, \$1,650.00; Platte Valley Bank, \$11,199.72; Platte Valley Visa, \$68.39; Regional Care Inc, \$16.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$61.50; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$217.43; Wesco Distribution Inc, \$2,202.60; Total Light & Power, \$167,556.66; Salaries, \$8,704.68

Water: Aflac, \$131.40; Allo Communications LLC, \$35.45; American Funds Service Company, \$533.28; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$21.96; BCBS of NE, \$1,909.88; Bomgaars, \$25.49; City Of Bridgeport, \$1,679.98; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$54.44; Crescent Electric Supply Company, \$444.00; Enviro Service Inc, \$50.00; Federal, \$383.70; Fica, \$589.46; Hawkins Inc, \$3,264.12; Health Savings Account, \$208.00; Jamie Rae Hoxworth, \$40.00; Doretta J Huck, \$40.00; Medicare, \$137.84; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$185.36; One Call Concepts Inc, \$0.80; Platte Valley Bank, \$83.24; Platte Valley Visa, \$37.45; Regional Care Inc, \$16.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$39.75; Sonny's Super Foods, \$23.66; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$132.57; USA Blue Book, \$831.13; Total Water, \$10,898.96; Salaries, \$3,437.71

Sewer: Aflac, \$28.56; American Funds Service Company, \$361.33; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$16.34; Black Hills Energy, \$36.63; BCBS of NE, \$997.18; Chimney Rock Public Power District, \$73.58; City Of Bridgeport, \$308.74; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$27.22; Crescent Electric Supply Company, \$444.00; Federal, \$258.31; Fica, \$390.22; General Treasury, \$7,000.00; Hawkins Inc, \$1,443.50; Health Savings Account, \$208.00; Medicare, \$91.26; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$111.69; Regional Care Inc, \$8.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$19.88; Bryan Schluterbusch, \$40.00; Spic-Span Cleaners, \$2,308.00; Todd Harless, \$66.27; Total Sewer, \$14,238.71; Salaries, \$2,328.86

General: Black Hills Energy, \$78.65; Bridgeport News-Blade, \$256.13; Community Center, \$21,000.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, \$32.00; Fire Fund, \$62,000.00; Library Fund, \$10,800.00; Panhandle Regional Development Inc, \$466.57; Platte Valley Visa, \$299.99; Plummer Insurance Inc, \$350.00; Police Fund, \$29,806.00; Redfield Direct LLC, \$802.78; Rodak Law Office, \$1,000.00; Billie Jo Smith, \$280.00; Street Fund, \$4,000.00; Total General, \$131,172.12

Police: Morrill County Sheriff, \$29,806.00

Street: Aflac, \$80.34; American Funds Service Company, \$936.34; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$21.96; Black Hills Energy, \$641.98; BCBS of NE, \$2,554.71; Bomgaars, \$53.94; City Of Bridgeport, \$2,102.19; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$135.76; Contractors Materials Inc, \$35.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, \$444.00; Dutton Lainson Company, \$300.84; E & S Inc, \$56.34; Federal, \$714.18; Fica, \$949.54; Health Savings Account, \$514.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, \$191.76; Medicare, \$222.06; Mid-American Research Chemical, \$183.36; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$333.14; Perry E Nelson, \$40.00; Panhandle Cooperative Assn, \$13.27; Platte Valley Visa, \$545.38; Regional Care Inc, \$16.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$45.50; Sandberg Implement Inc, \$134.38; David Smith, \$40.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, \$643.52; Total Street, \$11,949.49; Salaries, \$5,661.28

Pwcc: Allo Communications LLC, \$230.72; American Funds Service Company, \$534.80; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$27.32; Black Hills Energy, \$1,219.51; BCBS of NE, \$1,255.97; Bluffs Sanitary Supply Inc, \$372.09; Bomgaars, \$171.07; Bridgeport News-Blade, \$104.50; BSN Sports LLC, \$1,788.62; City Of Bridgeport, \$1,228.40; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$130.66; Computer Connection, \$49.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company, \$50.80; Culligan Water Conditioning, \$77.00; Eagle Communications Inc, \$1,125.00; Federal, \$506.19; Ferguson Signs Inc, \$418.05; Fica, \$1,540.34; Health Savings Account, \$416.00; Ideal Laundry And Cleaners Inc, \$635.40; KSID, \$100.00; Medicare, \$360.28; Ne State Fire Marshal Agency, \$120.00; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$272.32; Platte Valley Bank, \$398.60; Platte Valley Visa, \$1,050.17; Radio Accounting Service, \$325.00; Regional Care Inc, \$16.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$37.25; Riverside Lumber LLC, \$144.04; Scottsbluff Screen Printing & Embroidery, \$630.00; Sirius XM Radio Inc, \$495.02; Sonny's Super Foods, \$45.03; Stadium Sports, \$1,295.20; Charlee M Wallesen, \$40.00; Total Pwcc, \$17,210.35; Salaries, \$9,490.11

Park: Benzel Pest Control Inc, \$85.00; City Of Bridgeport, \$295.76; Fica, \$2.70; Medicare, \$0.64; Billie Mitchell, \$149.41; Total Park, \$533.51; Salaries, \$20.09

Pool: Allo Communications LLC, \$25.84; Black Hills Energy, \$32.78; Total Pool, \$58.62

Library: Allo Communications LLC, \$71.13; American Funds Service Company, \$262.76; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, \$10.98; Black Hills Energy, \$122.84; BCBS of NE, \$683.32; Bridgeport News-Blade, \$3.96; Center Point Large Print, \$93.48; Century Business Products Inc, \$1.31; City Of Bridgeport, \$315.10; Culligan Water Conditioning, \$32.00; Federal, \$236.77; Fica,

\$603.54; Info USA Marketing Inc, \$950.00; Medicare, \$141.16; Micromarketing LLC, \$83.40; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$131.20; Optk Networks, \$75.00; Platte Valley Visa, \$805.59; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, \$8.11; Billie Jo Smith, \$400.00; Sonnys Super Foods, \$46.65; The Penworthy Company, \$406.36; Total Library, \$5,484.66; Salaries, \$4,234.31

Landfill: General Treasury, \$1,875.00; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, \$16,441.04; Total Landfill, \$18,316.04

Fire: Black Hills Energy, \$184.26; City Of Bridgeport, \$1,373.79; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, \$226.64; Federal, \$72.70; Fica, \$85.84; Medicare, \$20.08; Morrill County Rural Fire District #1, \$58,533.50; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$65.44; Total Fire, \$60,562.25; Salaries, \$501.30

Keno: Ne Dept Of Revenue Chartable Gaming, \$2,147.00

IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

None

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

12. Emergency Items – None

13. Robin Stuart was present to apply for handicap parking at 921 Main Street on north side of 10th Street. Mayor Browne’s major concern is wanting the curb cut done before painting the curb, as it is dangerous and a hazard for a wheelchair or walker to get over the curb. Robin Stuart stated the curb will be cut when the weather allows, and she will bring new plans back to council.

After much discussion on liability issues, where to paint the handicap curb, and wanting the curb cut done before painting Council Member Rahmig made a motion to grant a blue handicap parking from the south door of 921 Main Street going east roughly the length of a van, seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Rahmig, Deines, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Browne also discussed a concerned citizen with a mobility issue in the 700 block across from the high school who would like to have a handicap parking in front of his home to prevent the high school students from blocking his steps to his property. It was discussed that this is in a residential area and there is nothing the city can do.

14. Vince Ryan with Gardner, Loutzenhiser & Ryan P.C. presented the 2020-2021 audit and stated they did not see any issues and continue to have the bond reserve accounts. No concerns with the audit reports and stated every department either maintained or increased in cash reserves. He discussed the restricted assets, the tax abatement (TIF) funds, the general obligation bonds and the city came in under budget by 381K. Historically he stated the city is setting pretty good. Council Member Wickard made a motion to accept the auditor’s report, seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Deines, Rahmig, Wickard.

VIII. REPORTS

15. Department Reports

- a. Sheriff Cardenas was not present
- b. Pwcc Director Charlee Wallesen had no reports to present.
- c. Mayor Browne stated the city buildings need a building maintenance person. Currently, Perry Nelson has been doing the maintenance at Pwcc which is taking away from the mechanic repairs of the city vehicles and equipment. Mayor Browne suggested to

council to either hire a part time maintenance for Pwcc or hire a full-time maintenance to take care of all city buildings. He stated he visited with the PWD Heinrich and Nelson and both stated there would be plenty of work for a full-time maintenance person. Other suggestions included contracting a handyman when needed. Council stated they would like to table to get more information and talk with PWD Heinrich before making any decisions.

- d. City Clerk Huck stated she received a resignation letter from Deputy Clerk Hoxworth effective Feb 9, 2022 and will be starting the process to find a replacement.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. None

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 8:03 p.m., seconded by Council Member Deines. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Rahmig, Deines; 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, February 10, 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