

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 12th day of December 2024, 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: Angie Clinger, Mark Wickard, Will Deines, Carrie Harless.

Staff members present were: Melissa Butler, Fay Scarrow, Christi Collins, Billie Mitchell

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 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 November 14, 2024.
7. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurers Report.
8. Approve the resignation of Braden Hubert from the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department.
9. Approve the resignation of Delena Weibert from the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department.
10. Approve Shawn Teppert Sr. from probationary to active status for the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department.

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

III. CLAIMS

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

12. Council Member Deines made a motion to deny the claim presented by LeAnn Laurent for surveying property, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, Harless, Deines; Abstain: Wickard. Motion passed on the denial of Laurent claim.

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

Claims: A & A Porta Potties, Hrse, \$120.00; Aflac, \$549.99; Alarm Security Technicians, Me / Msm, \$2,210.09; Allo Communications LLC, Tlpn, \$547.08; American Funds Service Company, Retire, \$5,316.62; American Legal Publishing Corp, Df, \$399.00; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Amtrs, \$205.68; Atlas Automation LLC, Rm, \$12,093.36; Susanna L Batterman, Op, \$450.00; BB Associates, Misc, \$3,881.25; Benzel Pest Control Inc, Op, \$75.89; Black Hills Energy, Ht, \$1,260.80; BCBS of NE, Hlth Ins, \$6,490.30; Bluffs Facility Solutions, Op, \$62.14; Bok Financial, Pstg, \$107,692.50; Bomgaars, Blfld / Op / Rm / Shop / Tf / Tls, \$388.04; Border States Industries Inc, Tls, \$190.58; Bridgeport Hotel Group LLC, Cbble Pr / Int, \$19,534.50; Bridgeport News-Blade, Pp, \$77.14; Cengage Learning Inc, Bks, \$41.98; Century Business Products Inc, Op, \$40.50; Cheyenne County Extension, Op, \$200.00; Chimney Rock Public Power District, Elct, \$100.40; City Of Bridgeport, Elct / Mtr Dep, \$6,966.15; Christina M Collins, Tlpn, \$40.00; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Cnl, \$992.77; Community Center, Tr, \$27,000.00; Computer Connection, Op, \$49.00; Julia & Devic Contratto, Mtr Dep, \$200.00; Court House & Jail Rock Golf Course Inc, Op, \$807.99; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Inv / Op, \$2,540.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$151.50; E & S Auto Supply, Op / Shop, \$341.06; Ebsco Information Services, Magz, \$668.16; Enviro Service Inc, Op / Wtr Aly, \$169.00; Federal, Fed, \$4,444.17; Fica, \$8,967.66; Fire Fund, Tr, \$2,000.00; Cole Gable, Mtr Dep, \$137.51; Gardner Media LLC, Op, \$120.00; Hawkins Inc, Tf, \$1,022.60; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$2,406.00; Doretta J Huck, Tlpn, \$40.00; Hullinger Glass & Locks Inc, Rm, \$750.00; Ideal Linen & Uniform, Op, \$588.42; Indoff Incorporated, Op, \$141.47; Inland Truck Parts Company, Rm, \$90.50; Iworq Systems Inc, Op, \$4,000.00; Dane M Jeffords, Tlpn, \$40.00; John Deere Financial, Rm, \$26.07; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Rm / Tls, \$54.64; Kone Chicago, Op, \$308.37; Lee's Service Inc, Fl / Rm, \$591.54; Legacy Cooperative, Rm, \$788.75; Andrew S Leisy, Tlpn, \$40.00; Library Fund, Tr, \$11,000.00; Kyle E Lussetto, Tlpn, \$40.00; Masa Global, Ins, \$140.00; Medicare, Mdc, \$2,097.36; Merchant Job Training & Safety Inc, Trng, \$550.00; Mid-American Research Chemical, Shop, \$575.52; Morrill County Sheriff, Cnty, \$35,670.50; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Mn / Trng, \$184,264.12; Municipal Supply Inc Of Nebraska, Inv, \$1,511.26; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Sls Tx / State, \$12,267.54; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Wtr Aly, \$19.00; Nebraska Public Power District, Msm, \$67.05; Nebraska Rural Water Ass'n, Df, \$400.00; Nebraska State Fire Marshal, Rm, \$120.00; Nebraska Total Office, Ofsup, \$11.66; Perry E Nelson, Tlpn, \$40.00; NMC, Op, \$1,615.45; Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc Of Scottsbluff, Rm, \$81.27; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, \$8.80; Optk Networks, Tlpn, \$75.00; Park Fund, Tr, \$9,000.00; Platte Valley Bank, Op, \$4,165.00; Platte Valley Bank - Scb, Coop Pr / Int, \$13,358.01; Platte Valley Visa, Op, \$3,515.48; Plummer Insurance Inc, Ins / Of Bnds, \$422.00; Police Fund, Tr, \$35,670.50; Pool Fund, Tr, \$7,000.00; Powerplan, Rm, \$240.22; Regional Care Inc, Hsa, \$120.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Lf Ins, \$325.51; Brody Joe Retchless, Cnt Svc, \$750.00; Rodak Law Office, Lgl Rtnr, \$1,000.00; Fay Scarrow, Tlpn, \$40.00; Bryan Schluterbusch, Tlpn, \$40.00; Dylan Shaw, Mtr Dep, \$54.08; Paul A Sides, Tlpn, \$40.00; Parker Smith, Cnt Svc, \$935.00; Spic-Span Cleaners, Op, \$2,051.50; Street Fund, Tr, \$5,000.00; John Thomas, Tlpn, \$40.00; Town & Country Advertising, Pp, \$79.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fl, \$917.59; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Trsh, \$18,011.45; Wesco Distribution Inc, Tls, \$1,435.23; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, Rm, \$3,724.79; Wyoming First Aid & Safety Supply LLC, Op, \$36.97; Total Claims, \$586,938.03; Total Salaries, \$70,123.35

***Aflc = Aflac; Amtrs = Ameritas; Bks = Books; Blfld = Ballfield; Cbble Pr / Int = Tif Cobblestone Principle / Interest; Cnl = Colonial; Cnt Svc = Contract Services; Cnty = County Contract; Coop Pr / Int = Tif Panhandle Coop Principle / Interest; Df = Dues & Fees; Elct = Electric Bills; Fed = Federal; Fica = Fica; Fl = Fuel; Hlth Ins = Health Insurance; Hrse = Horseshoe; Hsa = Health Savings; Ht = Heat; Ins = Insurance; Inv = Inventory; Lf Ins = Life Insurance; Lgl Rtnr = Legal Retainer; Magz = Magazines; Mdc = Medicare; Me = Machinery & Equipment; Misc = Miscellaneous; Mn = Mean; Msm = Museum; Mtr Dep = Meter Deposit; Of Bnds = Officers Bonds; Ofsup = Office Supplies; Op = Operating Expense; Pp = Printing & Publications; Pstg = Postage; Retire = Retirement / City Share; Rm = Repairs & Maintenance; Shop = Shop Supplies; Sls Tx = Sales N Use Tax; State = State; Tf = Treatment Facility; Tlpn = Telephone; Tls = Tools; Tr = Transfer Out; Trng = Training; Trsh = Trash; Wtr Aly = Water Analysis

IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

13. Presentation of Plaques to outgoing Council Members Carrie Harless and Will Deines.

City Attorney Rodak administered the pledging of the oath of office for the following elected official, Jeff Nichols.

14. Election of Council President – Mark Wickard

Council Member Nichols made a motion to approve Mark Wickard as Council President, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, Clinger; Abstain: Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

15. Discussion and action on the following Mayor appointments:

- a. City Attorney – *Travis Rodak*
- b. City Clerk/Treasurer – *Doretta Huck*
- c. City Physician – *Doug Hadden*
- d. City Fire Chief – *Casey Sides*
- e. Assistant Fire Chief – *Dave McCabe*
- f. City Engineer – *M.C. Schaff & Associates*
- g. City Street Superintendent – *Jeff Wolfe*
- h. City Electric Foreman – *John Thomas*
- i. City Zoning Inspector – *Dane Jeffords*

16. Discussion and action on the following Council assignments:

- j. Law Enforcement / Finances / City Administrator / Fire – *Mayor*
- k. Electric / Water / Wastewater – *Mark Wickard*
- l. Golf Course / Park – *Jeff Nichols*
- m. Pwcc / Street – *Tony McGrath*
- n. Insurance / Buildings / Real Estate – *Angie Clinger*

Council Member Wickard moved to approve the Mayor Appointments and Council Assignments as presented, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, Nichols, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

17. None

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

18. Council Member Clinger introduced Ordinance No. 1012 on second reading, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RESCINDING ORDINANCE 1003 AND REINSTATING AS A CITY STREET THAT PORTION OF J STREET NORTH OF 4th STREET AS IT WAS PRIOR TO THE PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 1003, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, Nichols; Abstain: Wickard.

19. Council Member Clinger introduced Ordinance No. 1013 on second reading, AN ORDINANCE VACATING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF J STREET WHICH LIES NORTH OF WEST 4TH STREET N THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA; 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 Nichols. Roll Call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, Nichols; Nay: None; Abstain: Wickard.

20. Council Member Wickard introduced Resolution 2024-09, and moved that resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, Clinger, Nichols; Nay: None. Resolution passed

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, APPROVING THE 2024 MORRILL COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (LEOP).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, that in order to provide for a coordinated response to an Emergency in Morrill County, the City of Bridgeport, and other cities or villages in Morrill County, the Bridgeport City Council deems it advisable and in the best interests of the Community and the County to approve the Morrill County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Acceptance of this 2024 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Morrill County Local Emergency Operations Plans.

ADOPTED THIS 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2024 AT BRIDGEPORT NEBRASKA.

ATTEST:

GAIL BEYER
MAYOR

DORETTA J. HUCK
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

21. Emergency Items – None.
22. Council Member Wickard made a motion to close the city office at 12:00 noon on Christmas Eve and compensated for 3.5 hours of Holiday Pay, seconded by Council Member Clinger. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, Wickard, Clinger; Nay: None. Motion carried.
23. Council Member Clinger made a motion to approve the mayor’s signature on the Certificate of Compliance for the 2024 Maintenance Agreement which has been completed for the period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Clinger, Nichols; Nay: None. Motion carried.
24. Council Member Wickard made a motion to approve the mayor’s signature to the 2025 City Maintenance Agreement between the City of Bridgeport and NDOT for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, Clinger, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.
25. Council Member Clinger made a motion to authorize City Clerk Huck to reinvest the matured city investments with the local banks, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Nichols, Clinger, Wickard; Nay: None. Motion carried.
26. Mayor Beyer recommended to add “No Parking” signs along the south side of 2nd Street and would end at 1006 2nd Street residence as well as the alley east along recreation road. After much discussion Mayor Beyer stated she would talk to the residences along 2nd Street before any action is taken but agreed to put up “No Parking” signs on the alley east of recreation road to the entry into the state lakes.

Council Member Wickard made a motion to install “No Parking” signs along recreation road from 3rd Street all the way to the state entrance to the lakes, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Clinger, Wickard, Nichols; Nay: None. Motion carried.
27. City Clerk Huck discussed with Council the cash flow of the cities accounts and stated with the emergency purchases the past year the city may need to cash in some reserve accounts. Mayor Beyer stated they will continue to watch the cash flow of accounts.

VIII. REPORTS

28. Department Reports:
 - Public Works:** City Administrator Coolidge stated the evaluations went well and are continuing to work on their Iworks cataloging. She also stated they had kickoff training on the Iworks community development / zoning enforcement module.
 - PWCC:** Director Christi Collins stated they are fully staffed; cameras have been installed at both the pool and the center; Finished up youth pickleball with ten kids; Wyobraska basketball has started. She was approached by a vending machine business that provides healthy food and handed out a brochure they provided to her to install in the center. “Girls on the Run” will be hosting an event here on April 27, 2025; Also looking into a membership drive as well as an add on package for a pool membership and will present at the January meeting.

Library: Had three maker clubs in three different events in November with 120 kids; Still working with architect for the add on room in the big overhead bay. She stated the Library board decided to have the Library closed on December 24 & 25th.

Fire Dept: Fire Chief Casey Sides thanked the public works department for help during the recent structure fires and thanked City Administrator Coolidge for applying for a 50K grant which they were awarded which will cover the cost of 6 radios which will allow the fire department to communicate with the surrounding towns; they received 81 calls this year compared to 42 in 2023. He also stated a representative from FirstNet came and talked with the fire dept regarding communication in disaster situations and would allow for the city to be on the same plan.

Sheriff: Deputy Brandon Collins stated they are fully staffed, and everything is going well.

Administration: Will be starting to work on some policies from the insurance company recommendations. Discussed some of the survey results with one being centrally located utilizing more events to be held at Prairie Winds Community Center. Looking into two grants; Environmental Assessments / Infrastructure with NDOT.

Council Member Wickard stated they finished up the reviews and passed the COLA at 1.5% on October 1, 2024 and proposed an additional 1% for the employees that received their reviews. It was discussed to have a resolution on the January agenda for the increase.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9th at 5:30 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Clinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m., seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Wickard, Clinger, Nichols; Nay: None. Meeting Adjourned.

Doretta J Huck, 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 Thursday, December 12, 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 / Treasurer