

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

The City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, met for a Budget Workshop at Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska, on the 29th day of July 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, Jason Floyd, Dean Rahmig; Absent: Will Deines

Staff members present were: PWD Larry Heinrich, Mike Beyer, Anthony Cannia, PWCC Director Charlee Wallesen, Deputy Clerk Jamie Hoxworth

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. Resident Scott Fesmire would like to see another baseball field and stated with in the last 2-3 years the ball program has increased their numbers with many baseball, softball, and T-ball teams. The ball program is gaining momentum and with only one field to practice on he feels there is an opportunity to purchase a lot south of the ballfield with the potential to add another practice field and feels this would be a great conversation to have which would also impact our youth in the community.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:05 p.m., the Mayor Browne opened the public hearing on the application for a Class I-124403 Liquor License submitted by The Dudes Abide LLC dba Bowl Dog Lanes, 211 E 11th Street Bridgeport Nebraska.

Representatives from Bowl Dog Lanes were present and stated Bridgeport resident, John Touchton will be the manager. They also discussed their plans and are very excited to be a part of the community.

Mayor Browne asked if there were any other members of the public who wished to comment during the public hearing. Seeing none, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed at 7:13 p.m.

Council Member Wickard made a motion to approve the Class I-124403 Liquor Application submitted by The Dudes Abide LLC dba Bowl Dog Lanes, 211 E 11th Street Bridgeport NE, seconded by Council Member Floyd. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Rahmig, Floyd, Wickard; Nay: None. Motioned carried.

III. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

This ordinance only changes where the department brings forward the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief for their recommendation to Council instead of the Mayor appointing and Council confirming.

14. Council Member Wickard introduced Ordinance No. 977, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BRIDGEPORT CITY CODE § 31.29 AND ITS CORRESPONDING ORDINANCES, WITH REGARD TO CITY FIRE CHIEF AND ASSISTANT CITY FIRE CHIEF; 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 TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION OR POSTING AS REQUIRED BY LAW, and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, seconded by Council Member Floyd. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Rahmig, Floyd, Wickard; 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. 977 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Floyd moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member Wickard. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 977 be passed and adopted?" Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Floyd, Rahmig, 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.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

8. Emergency Items – None

9. Mayor Browne discussed some major points of discussion for the 2021-22 Budget and stated some of these topics need to go forward. Some of the major items of discussion were: 1) purchasing an area of "green grass" for another baseball field, soccer field etc. 2) Expansion of Pwcc for the gym equipment to be on ground level. 3) A central shop for all public works vehicles/equipment and working facilities. 4) A part time Tourism / Economic Developer. 4) Addition to the Rural Fire Hall. 5) and the old Eagles building on Main Street.

City Clerk Huck received a quote of \$15,100.00 to replace the city office windows and door. Currently the windows are single pain, and the front door is not handicap assessable. The quote will be a single 42" door with side panels with an automatic handicap button and 1" insulated glass. She stated the quote is valid for 60 days and currently has enough in her 2020-21 budget to cover the expenses. Mayor and Council stated to proceed with the purchase for this budget year.

City Attorney Rodak went over the current finances and stated the city is currently 900K under budget give or take and is in good shape.

In the parks department budget a zero-turn mower for the ballfield; extending the wage for the park's director from 5-7 months; and redoing the fence on the west basketball court was discussed.

Topics of discussion from the public works department included: 1) the lagoon ponds sidewalls are in bad shape; 2) rebuilding the electrical lines in a section of town; 3) purchase chemical to control the manganese; 4) street sweeper; 5) sewer machine; 6) boring machine.

There will be a 2nd budget workshop scheduled for August 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. to go through each department to see what their needs are and to discuss the major improvements they would like to see.

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 8:50 p.m., seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Rahmig, Floyd, 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, July 29, 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