

## **CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA**

### **I. ROUTINE BUSINESS**

The City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, met in budget workshop session at Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska, on the 27th day of August 2020, beginning at 6:10 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: Gary Oltmann, Will Deines, Mark Wickard; Absent: Dean Rahmig

Staff members present were: Dave Smith, Mike Beyer, Tammy Covalt, Jamie Schneider, 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. Received a letter from Librarian Tammy Covalt offering her services as a grant writer for the City of Bridgeport. In the past, she has completed grants for the remodeling of the Library and Maker Space and currently has wrote grants for the Tennis Court Renovation Project. Mayor Browne stated her rate is very reasonable and suggested calling upon her as needed and will be discussed in executive session.

He also stated the City received a check in the amount of \$7,506.94 from Senex Foundation of NE Inc for the 1<sup>st</sup> lease payment due in September 2020.

The Mayor asked if there are any visitors that would like to speak on an item that is not on the agenda. Museum Director Billie Mitchell stated they were awarded \$250.00 for outstanding museum from facebook fans.

### **II. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

6. Mayor Browne stated this is the ordinance which creates a new position which was discussed a couple weeks ago and suggested to waive the three readings due to convenience of time for advertising due to the retirement of Wayne Kautz.

Council Member Deines introduced Ordinance No. 968, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR; REPEALING BRIDGEPORT CITY CODE § 31.31 AND §31.32; 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 Oltmann. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Oltmann, Deines, 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. 968 was then read by title and thereafter. Council Deines moved final passage of the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council Member Wickard. The Mayor then stated the question: "Shall

Ordinance No. 968 be passed and adopted?” Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Oltmann, Wickard, Deines; 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.

### **III. REGULAR AGENDA**

7. Emergency Items – None.

8. Will Kurtz with Gingerich Structures was present to discuss Pwcc storage building. He stated they will start in November and depending on the weather may have to finish the concrete floor in the spring. City Attorney Rodak will review the contract and get the required signatures.

9. Mayor Browne presented a letter of retirement from Wayne Kautz with his last day to be September 18. Council Member Deines accepted the letter of resignation, seconded by Council Member Oltmann. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Deines, Oltmann. Nay: None.

10. Museum Director Billie Mitchell discussed budgeting for a gas furnace for the museum. Council Member Oltmann stated she is currently under budget and suggested it to be replaced in the current budget. Council Member Wickard will present an estimate to council.

Rodak reviewed the final budget with council and stated the budget hearing is scheduled for September 10 at 6:00 pm.

11. City Attorney Rodak stated he has built in a 3% increase in wages and Mayor Browne stated he would like to go into executive session to discuss wages.

### **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

12. At 6:47 p.m., Council Member Deines made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Council Member Wickard. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Oltmann, Wickard, Deines; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Wickard made a motion to exit executive session at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Council Member Oltmann. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Deines, Oltmann, Wickard. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Browne stated the city will increase full time employee wages by 2% since the city is incurring the increase in health insurance premiums.

### **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 8:14 p.m., seconded by Council Member Oltmann. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Oltmann, Deines, Wickard; Nay: None. Meeting Adjourned.

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Doretta J Huck, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

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Charlie Browne, Mayor

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of proceedings of Thursday, August 27, 2020, 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.

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Doretta J. Huck, City Clerk