

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Council Chambers, City Hall, 809 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska
Thursday, September 18, 2008
7:30 PM

The special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 7:30 p.m. September 18, 2008 in City Council Chambers at Bridgeport City Hall, 809 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska. Present were J.W. Berg, Mayor; Councilmen Jason Schmunk, Gary Oltmann, Willis Beyer, and Greg Lussetto; Absent: None. City Clerk/Treasurer Dori Huck was also present. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Bridgeport News-Blade, the designated method of notice given. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the Councilmen. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and City Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Berg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcement of Open Meetings Act

Mayor Berg announced, "In accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the open meetings act is posted at the back of the Council Chambers for the review of the public."

Notice of Changes in the Agenda

Mayor Berg asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none.

Oral Communications – Recognition of Visitors

Mayor Berg welcomed all visitors in attendance and invited any member of the public to address the Council on a topic that was not on the agenda. There were none.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Berg opened the public hearing on the proposed 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget. Mayor Berg reminded the audience that this was a public hearing, and invited anyone with comments or concerns to address the Council. Seeing none, Mayor Berg declared the public hearing closed at 7:33 p.m.

III. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Mayor Berg introduced Resolution 2008-012: A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, authorizing allowable one percent increase in restricted funds. Councilman Schmunk moved to adopt Resolution 2008-012, seconded by Councilman Oltmann. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Lussetto, Schmunk, Oltmann, Beyer; Nay: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO 2008-012

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA AUTHORIZING ALLOWABLE ONE PERCENT INCREASE IN RESTRICTED FUNDS.

WHEREAS, on April 2, 1998, the Nebraska Legislature passed and approved LB 898 which imposes a two and one half percent lid on certain restricted funds for local governments; and

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 13-519.03 (R.R.S. 1943), as amended, allows governmental units to exceed the two and one half percent limit as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 13-519.01 (R.R.S. 1943), as amended, by up to an additional one percent upon the affirmative vote of at least seventy-five percent of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, to Mayor and City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska herebyfinds and determines that it is n the best interest of the City of Bridgeport that the City of Bridgeport exceed the limit as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 13-519.01 (R.R.S. 1943), as amended, by an additional one percent as allowed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 13-519.03 (R.R.S. 1943), as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, that the City of Bridgeport exceed the limit as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. 13-519.01 (R.R.S. 1943), as amended, by an additional one-percent.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008.

ATTEST:

**/s/ J.W. BERG
MAYOR**

**/s/ DORETTA J. HUCK
CITY CLERK/TREASURER**

2. Councilman Beyer introduced Ordinance Number 778: An ordinance appropriating from the funds and revenues of the city of Bridgeport, Nebraska such sums of money as have been deemed necessary to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the city of Bridgeport, Nebraska, for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009, and levying taxes for such city and for said fiscal year for certain objects and purposes for which such appropriations are made and the amount appropriations are made and the amount appropriate for each object and purpose and providing for the certification of this ordinance to the county clerk of Morrill County, Nebraska, and prescribing the time when this ordinance shall be in full force and effect; and moved that statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read by title on three different days be suspended and Ordinance Number 778 be considered for passage upon reading by number only, and then place on final passage, seconded by Councilman Lussetto. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Oltmann, Schmunk, Beyer, Lussetto; Nay: None. Motion carried. The clerk read the ordinance as Ordinance Number 778, and the mayor posed the question: Shall Ordinance Number 778 be passed and published by law? Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Beyer, Schmunk, Lussetto, Oltmann; Nay: None. Motion carried.

3. Mayor Berg introduced Resolution 2008-013: A resolution of the mayor and city council of the city of Bridgeport, Nebraska setting the property tax request for the 2008-2009 budget year. Councilman Lussetto moved to adopt resolution 2008-013, seconded by Councilman Schmunk. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Oltmann, Schmunk, Beyer, Lussetto; Nay: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO 2008-013

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR THE 2008-2009 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, LB Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Bridgeport that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, by a majority vote, resolves that:

1. The 2008-2009 property tax request be set at \$117,810.52.
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 13, 2008.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008.

ATTEST:

**/s/ J.W. BERG
MAYOR**

**/s/ DORETTA J. HUCK
CITY CLERK/TREASURER**

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

1. There were no emergency items added to the agenda.
2. City Administrator Boyer presented his findings via letter to the Mayor and Council for the interim financing. After asking each entity to clarify their bids to the same terms, Ameritas' rate was lower than Wells Fargo's, and included all fees. Councilman Lussetto moved to authorize the City Administrator to proceed with interim financing with Ameritas, seconded by

Councilman Oltmann. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Beyer, Oltmann, Schmunk, Lussetto; Nay: None. Motion carried.

3. At 7:43 p.m., Councilman Schmunk made a motion to adjourn to executive session to include the Council and Mayor Berg to discuss employee wages, seconded by Councilman Beyer. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Beyer, Oltmann, Schmunk, Lussetto; Nay: None. Motion carried. Mayor Berg repeated the Council and Mayor would be adjourning to executive session to discuss employee wages.

At 8:40 p.m., Councilman Beyer moved to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Councilman Schmunk. Upon exiting executive session, roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Schmunk, Lussetto, Oltmann, Beyer; Nay: None. Motion carried.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Councilman Oltmann moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m., seconded by Councilman Lussetto. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Oltmann, Schmunk, Lussetto, Beyer; Nay: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.



APPROVED:

Doretta J. Huck, City Clerk/Treasurer

J.W. Berg, Mayor