

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

Council Chambers, City Hall, 809 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska  
Thursday, October 9, 2008  
6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. October 9, 2008 in City Council Chambers at Bridgeport City Hall, 809 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska. Present were Councilmen Willis Beyer, Jason Schmunk, Gary Oltmann, and Greg Lussetto; Absent: None. City Attorney Jimmie J. Jensen, Jr., City Administrator Bill Boyer, City Clerk/Treasurer Dori Huck, Deputy City Clerk Brittani Jimenez, Utilities Superintendent Wayne Kautz, Street Superintendent David Smith, Utilities Assistants Dan Smith, Rich Stichka and Perry Nelson, Police Chief Ismael Cardenas, Police Officers Matt Rockwell and Daniel Flores, Library Director Connie Arellano, and Community Center Operations Director Kellye Riggs were 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**

Council President Schmunk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announcement of Open Meetings Act**

Council President Schmunk 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**

Council President Schmunk asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none.

**Tour of Bridgeport Ethanol Plant**

At 6:01 p.m., Council President Schmunk announced that the Council would be suspending their meeting to take a tour of the Bridgeport Ethanol, LLC plant on South Railroad Avenue. No action would be taken while at the tour, and the meeting would reconvene at Council Chambers following the tour.

At 7:29 p.m., Council President Schmunk announced that the meeting was being reconvened at Council Chambers, 809 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska.

**Oral Communications – Recognition of Visitors**

Council President Schmunk 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. CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items were offered to the Council on Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the minutes of Regular Meeting held September 11, 2008.
2. Approve the minutes of Special Meeting held September 18, 2008.
3. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurer's Report.
4. Approve the legal services agreement with Jimmie J. Jensen, Jr. for the USDA-Rural Development Water Project.

Councilman Lussetto moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilman Oltmann. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Beyer, Lussetto, Oltmann, Schmunk; Nay: None. Motion carried.

### **III. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

### **IV. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

1. Bill Abts with Ameritas Financial presented the Council with the interim financing package for the water project. He said that the final interest rate ended at 3.00 percent, which was higher than anticipated, but stated that with the economy in the state that it is in, the interest rate was very competitive. City Administrator Boyer said that this was higher than the interest rate that Wells Fargo had agreed to, but after consulting with Wells Fargo, they stated they would not be able to get any lower than 3.68 percent

Councilman Oltmann introduced Ordinance Number 778: An ordinance providing for the issuance of water utility bond anticipation notes, series 2008, in the amount of four million five hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$4,560,000) for the payment of the construction of additions and improvements to the existing waterworks plant and distribution system of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska; agreeing to issue bonds to pay the notes and accrued interest at maturity; prescribing the form of the notes; authorizing the sale and delivery of the notes to the purchaser and ordering the publication of the ordinance in pamphlet form; 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 Schmunk. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Schmunk, Lussetto, Oltmann, Beyer; Nay: None. Motion carried. The clerk read the ordinance as Ordinance Number 778, and Council President Schmunk 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.

### **V. CLAIMS**

Councilman Schmunk stated that he has a conflict with the Sonny's Super Foods claim and excused himself from voting. Councilman Beyer moved to approve the claim to Sonny's Super Foods, seconded by Councilman Oltmann. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Oltmann, Lussetto, Beyer; Nay: None; Not Voting, Excused: Schmunk. Motion carried.

Councilman Schmunk rejoined the Council.

Councilman Oltmann moved to approve the claims on file, seconded by Councilman Lussetto. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Schmunk, Beyer, Lussetto, Oltmann; Nay: None. Motion carried.

ABC PLUMBING INC, Operating Expense, \$72; AFLAC, Aflac, \$306.32; AIRGAS INTERMOUNTAIN INC, Operating Expense, \$35.99; ALLIANCE TIMES-HERALD, Printing & Publications, \$20.76; GARY ALMQUIST, Meter Refund, \$37.29; KAY ANDERSON, Training, \$30; BATEMAN TRADING POST, Fuel, \$1666.37; BENZEL PEST CONTROL INC, Operating Expense, \$60; BERG'S GAMBLE STORE, Operating Expense, \$1355.19; BIRDS & BLOOMS, Magazine, \$18; BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF NE, Health Insurance, \$6149.23; BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY INC, Operating Expense, \$359.29; BNB INC, Printing & Publications, \$613.59; BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC, Operating Expense, \$394.85; BRIDGEPORT 66 SERVICE, Repairs & Maintenance, \$30; BRIDGEPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT, Training, \$453.13; BUSINESS RADIO LICENSING, Dues & Fees, \$110; FLEX PLAN, Flex Plan, \$650; CAPITAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Retirement, \$3176.09; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, Operating Expense, \$237.68; CHASE CARDMEMBER SERVICE, Fuel, \$1257.78; CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, Electric Bill, \$4009.66; CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, Meter Refunds, \$466.29; CITY PETTY CASH/CHECKING, Training, \$115; CITY PETTY CASH/DRAWER, Operating Expense, \$28.71; COMMSOURCE INC, Repairs & Maintenance, \$33.32; COMMUNITY CENTER, Transfer, \$10000; CONNECTING POINT COMPUTER CENTERS, Repairs & Maintenance, \$67; CONTRACTORS MATERIALS, INC, Tools, \$618; JANICE CHEREE CONWAY, Contract Services, \$9; SUZIE CORDES, Contract Services, \$9; CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO, Operating Expense, \$1532.72; CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING, Operating Expense, \$46.45; DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT CO, Operating Expense, \$79.28; DANNY HOPWOOD COMPUTER SERVICE, Equipment, \$369; ELENA DEMERUTIS, Meter Refund, \$105.92; E & S AUTO SUPPLY, Repairs & Maintenance, \$97.95; ENERGY LABORATORIES INC, Operating Expense, \$213.25; ENVIRO SERVICE INC, Operating Expense, \$106; FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY, Child Support, \$422; FARM PLAN DEPARTMENT, Operating Expense, \$720.66; FIRE FUND, Transfer, \$5000; FISHER ROOFING & RESTORATION, Repairs & Maintenance, \$6570; FORT DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE CO, Life Insurance, \$120.40; FRANCO TYP-POSTALIA INC, Operating Expense, \$74.85; GALE GROUP, Books, \$70.11; MISTY GRAHAM, Postage/Mileage, \$72.75; GRAINGER, Operating Expense, \$17.67; GREAT PLAINS ONE CALL SERVICE, Operating Expense, \$5.88; HONEY WAGON EXPRESS, Repairs & Maintenance, \$68; MONICA HOUSTON, Contract Services, \$72; DORI HUCK, Mileage, \$41.54; DORI HUCK, Contract Services, \$9; IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY INC, Operating Expense, \$827.55; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES, Operating Expense, \$483.99; J P COOKE COMPANY, Dues & Fees, \$62; JIMMIE J JENSEN JR, Legal Retainer, \$750; MARTI JENSEN, Training, \$56.33; KCOW-AM, Printing & Publications, \$44; KOKE'S AUTO FARM TRUCK, Operating Expense, \$154.10; DAN KRENTZ, Capital Outlay, \$10818; KRIZ-DAVIS CO, Operating Expense, \$266.25; LARUE DISTRIBUTING INC, Operating Expense, \$113.26; STEVE LATTIN, Operating Expense, \$140; LEAGUE OF NE MUNICIPALITIES, Training, \$1092; LIBRARY FUND, Transfer, \$9000; GLEN & LISA LUSSETTO, Refund, \$10; DUANE R MCMILLAN, Meter Refund, \$50; MID-CONTINENT SAFETY, Operating Expense, \$328.12; CLIFF MIDDLETON, Contract Services, \$9; MIKE'S SCREENPRINTING & AWARDS INC, Program Supplies, \$2100; TEOFILO JOSE MONTEZ, Meter Refund, \$65.50; MORRILL COUNTY HOSPITAL, Operating Expense, \$120; MORRILL COUNTY SHERIFF, Dispatching, \$500; MR. WATER, Bottled Water, \$127.50; MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NE, Electric Bill, \$54139.53; MUNICIPAL PIPE SERVICE INC, Operating Expense, \$3195; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC OF

NE, Operating Expense, \$250.18; NEBRASKA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, Operating Expense, \$100; NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE, State, \$1505.21; NEBRASKA ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS, Operating Expense, \$562.45; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT, Electric Bill, \$355.28; NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE, Supplies, \$605.68; NEIN PHARMACY, Operating Expense, \$1.89; ROSE NELSON, Contract Services, \$18; NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS, Equipment, \$3762.50; NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS, Equipment, \$1956; NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS INC OF SCOTTSBLU, Operating Expense, \$3124.33; ORBITCOM, Telephone, \$1061.04; PANHANDLE COOPERATIVE ASSN, Fuel, \$640.74; PARK FUND, Transfer, \$6000; PENWORTHY COMPANY, Books, \$193.12; PINE BLUFFS GRAVEL & EXCAVATING INC, Capital Outlay, \$240; PLATTE VALLEY BANK, Dues & Fees, \$102.15; PLATTE VALLEY BANK, Flex Plan, \$483.22; PLATTE VALLEY BANK, Federal, \$2090.78; PLATTE VALLEY BANK, Fica/Medicare, \$3666.24; PLATTE VALLEY VAC & SEW, Operating Expense, \$20.95; PLATTE VALLEY VISA, Operating Expense, \$2358.07; PLUMMER INSURANCE INC, Insurance, \$1416; JEFF & MICHELLE POHL, Refund, \$175; POHL'S WELDING & FABRICATION, Operating Expense, \$96.15; POLICE FUND, Transfer, \$6000; JON RAMIREZ, Contract Services, \$18; REGIONAL CARE INC, Flex Plan, \$156; JEAN RHODES, Legal Fees, \$100; KELLYE RIGGS, Supplies, \$136.29; RIVERSIDE LUMBER LLC, Operating Expense, \$45.79; SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS, Supplies, \$192.55; SIERRA, Books, \$12; SONNY'S SUPER FOODS, Bottled Water, \$905; SONNY'S SUPER FOODS, Operating Expense, \$157.24; SOURCE GAS LLC, Heat, \$48.50; SUSAN SPARKS, Contract Services, \$150; STATE OF NEBRASKA, Capital Outlay, \$11300; MANDA STEER, Contract Services, \$27; MARISSA STEER, Contract Services, \$27; MOLLY STEER, Contract Services, \$27; TONYA STICHKA, Contract Services, \$26; SARAH STRAWN, Operating Expense, \$503.81; SUBWAY SANDWICHES, Training, \$51.12; SWEET THINGS BAKERY, Program Supplies, \$9.25; TASTE OF HOME, Magazine, \$5; THE LEDGER, Printing & Publications, \$5.04; THE TARNISHED HALO, Program Supplies, \$40; TIM'S JACK & JILL, Program Supplies, \$6.16; TIM'S JACK & JILL, Operating Expense, \$2.99; TIM'S JACK & JILL, Bottled Water, \$542.75; TIME, Magazine, \$19.95; TRACES CENTER FOR HISTORY & CULTURE, Misc, \$500; TRAIL ANIMAL CLINIC, Operating Expense, \$79; TWIN CITIES DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION INC, Dues & Fees, \$500; VIAERO WIRELESS, Telephone, \$438.63; WEIS FIRE & SAFETY EQUIP. CO., INC., Operating Expense, \$4921.80; JIM WOZNICK, Mileage, \$200; Total Claims \$190,595.95.

## **VI. REGULAR AGENDA**

1. There were no emergency items added to the agenda.
2. Mike Milius with Olsson Associates was present to discuss proposed water rates with the Council. Based on their calculations, substantial increases in flat rates are needed in the next two years, to help pay for the water bonds. After discussion, Council agreed that the best way to implement the rates would be half at a time, so they directed Olsson Associates to work with City Administrator Boyer to draft an ordinance for the November meeting, raising water rates approximately 48 percent.
3. Mike Milius with Olsson Associates addressed the Council concerning water customers who share water taps, or have inaccessible tap locations, because they are not located on the property line. Milius said the usual policy is to create a tap at the property line, and that should be the City's responsibility. Everything beyond the property line, must be the responsibility of the owner.

4. Police Chief Cardenas discussed the need for a vicious dog ordinance, and an ordinance to increase fines for dogs at large. Cardenas said there have been increased problems with pit bulls, and Rottweiler dogs over the past several months. City Administrator Boyer stated that he had been working with Cardenas, and found that many other cities are adopting ordinances like this, but there was a lot of public input at the other cities meetings. Therefore, he recommended that the Council schedule a public hearing to discuss the matter. Boyer stated he would schedule a public hearing at the November 6, 2008 meeting and make sure there was sufficient notice in the Bridgeport News-Blade. The Councilmen directed Boyer and Cardenas to work on a separate ordinance concerning dogs at large, increasing the fines per occurrence.

5. Police Chief Cardenas and Street Superintendent Smith addressed the Council concerning the need for parking restrictions on 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Cardenas stated that the area between N Street and S Street was narrow, and there are a lot of vehicles and trailers parked on the south side of the road. After some discussion, Council directed Cardenas to work with City Administrator Boyer on an ordinance restricting the type of vehicles that can park on 11<sup>th</sup> Street, restricting it to only commercial cars and trucks, with no trailers or recreational or oversized vehicles allowed.

6. Don Dye with MC Schaff was present to discuss options with the Council for paving South Railroad Avenue. Dye separated the project into five segments and gave the Council a cost for each segment. Councilman Schmunk stated that he felt the Council should take some of these options to the Morrill County Commissioners for review before proceeding.

7. City Administrator Boyer stated that the City of Bridgeport received a \$14,000 grant for the purchasing of three new outdoor warning sirens. The total project cost is about \$40,000, so the City will have to pay \$26,000. Boyer stated that this grant was double what the City would ordinarily be eligible for, because the area was declared a federal disaster area earlier this year. Councilman Beyer made a motion to purchase three outdoor warning sirens from CommSource, seconded by Councilman Oltmann. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Lussetto, Beyer, Schmunk, Oltmann; Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. At 8:56 p.m., Councilman Schmunk made a motion to adjourn to executive session to include the Council, City Administrator Boyer, and City Attorney Jensen, with City Clerk/Treasurer Huck, Deputy City Clerk Jimenez, Utilities Superintendent Kautz, Street Superintendent Smith, Utilities Assistants Smith, Stichka, and Nelson, Police Chief Cardenas, Police Officers Rockwell and Flores, Librarian Arellano, and Community Center Operations Director Riggs to be available, as called, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters-wages, seconded by Councilman Lussetto. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Lussetto, Beyer, Schmunk, Oltmann; Nay: None. Motion carried. Council President Schmunk repeated that the Council was adjourning to executive session to include the Council, City Administrator Boyer, and City Attorney Jensen, with City Clerk/Treasurer Huck, Deputy City Clerk Jimenez, Utilities Superintendent Kautz, Street Superintendent Smith, Utilities Assistants Smith, Stichka, and Nelson, Police Chief Cardenas, Police Officers Rockwell and Flores, Librarian Arellano, and Community Center Operations Director Riggs to be available, as called, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters-wages, and reminded the audience that no action would be taken while the Council was in executive session.

At 10:23 p.m., Councilman Oltmann made a motion to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Councilman Lussetto. Upon leaving executive session, roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Schmunk, Beyer, Oltmann, Lussetto; Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. Council President Schmunk introduced Resolution 2008-014, A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska setting the salaries for the employees for the 2008-2009 budget year. Councilman Beyer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-014, seconded by Councilman Oltmann. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Lussetto, Schmunk, Beyer, Oltmann; Nay: None. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO 2008-014**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA SETTING THE SALARIES FOR THE EMPLOYEES FOR THE 2008-2009 BUDGET YEAR.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, that the following employee salaries shall be set, and retroactive to the budget year beginning October 1, 2008:

City Clerk/Treasurer, \$16.43/hour; Deputy City Clerk: \$10.00/hour; City Administrator: \$4,250.00/month; Police Chief: \$17.33/hour; Police Officer: \$15.23/hour; Police Officer: \$14.18/hour; Utilities Superintendent: \$27.00/hour; Street Superintendent: \$19.35/hour; Utilities Assistant: \$18.35/hour; Utilities Assistant: \$14.33/hour; Utilities Assistant: \$13.65/hour; Community Center Operations Director: \$15.75/hour; Community Center Program Director: \$12.08/hour; Community Center Building Supervisor: \$10.10/hour; Librarian: \$13.02/hour; Library Assistant: \$6.88/hour.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2008.**

**/s/ Jason Schmunk, Council President**

**ATTEST:**

**/s/ Doretta J. Huck, City Clerk/Treasurer**

**VII. STAFF REPORTS**

None.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, Councilman Lussetto moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m., seconded by Councilman Beyer. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Schmunk, Beyer, Lussetto, Oltmann; Nay: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.



**APPROVED:**

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Doretta J. Huck, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Jason Schmunk, Council President