

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

Council Chambers, City Hall, 809 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska
Monday, January 12, 2009
7:00 PM

The special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 7:05 p.m. January 12, 2009 in City Council Chambers at Bridgeport City Hall, 809 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska. Present were Mayor J.W. Berg, Councilmen Willis Beyer, Jason Schmunk, Gary Oltmann, and Greg Lussetto; Absent: None. City Administrator Bill Boyer and Utilities Superintendent Wayne Kautz was also present. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Bridgeport News-Blade, the preferred designated method of notice given. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the Mayor and 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 HEARING

1. At 7:06 p.m., Mayor Berg opened the public hearing on the city's application to the Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant.

Jeff Kelly with the Panhandle Area Development District stated that the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska is requesting \$350,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for upgrades to their existing water system. The total project cost is expected to be \$838,375.00 and includes the following: \$833,375.00 for improvements to the City of Bridgeport's water system which includes the installation of 15,550 LF of potable water pipeline, the removal and replacement of pavement and the boring under the railroad and highway in the improvement areas. The grant funds also include \$5,000 for general administration. It is estimated that 55.7% or \$467,086.00 will benefit Low and Moderate-Income individuals. No displacement of individuals is expected to occur as result of this project.

Mayor Berg reminded the audience that this is a public hearing, and asked if anyone wished to comment on the application. Seeing none, Mayor Berg closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

III. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Councilman Schmunk introduced Resolution No. 2009-001: A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, authorizing the chief elected official to sign an application for CDBG funds; seconded by Councilman Beyer. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Beyer, Oltmann, Schmunk, Lussetto; Nay: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-001

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL TO SIGN AN APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, is an eligible unit of a general local government authorized to file an application under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as Amended for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, has obtained its citizens' comments on community development and housing needs; and has conducted a public hearing upon the proposed application and received favorable public comment respecting the application which is for an amount of \$350,000 to undertake a project for upgrades to the existing water system in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska that the Mayor be authorized and directed to proceed with the formulation of any and all contracts, documents or other memoranda between the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development so as to effect acceptance of the grant application.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2009.

J.W. Berg, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bill Boyer, City Administrator/Recording Clerk

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Councilman Lussetto moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m., seconded by Councilman Oltmann. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Schmunk, Lussetto, Oltmann, Beyer; Nay: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Bill Boyer, City Administrator/Recording Clerk

APPROVED:

J.W. Berg, Mayor