

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

Council Chambers, City Hall, 809 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska
Thursday, February 5, 2009
7:30 PM

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 7:30 p.m. February 5, 2009 in the Council Room at City Hall, 809 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska. Present were J.W. Berg, Mayor; Councilmen Jason Schmunk, Gary Oltmann, and Greg Lussetto; Absent: Willis Beyer. City Administrator Bill Boyer, City Clerk/Treasurer Dori Huck, Utilities Superintendent Wayne Kautz, Street Superintendent David Smith, and Police Chief Ismael Cardenas 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

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. City Administrator Boyer reported that Item #4 on the regular agenda was withdrawn at the request of the Community Center Foundation.

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. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve the minutes of Special Meeting held January 5, 2009.
2. Approve the minutes of Regular Meeting held January 8, 2009.
3. Approve the minutes of Special Meeting held January 12, 2009.
4. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurer's Report.
5. Approve recent changes to the roster of the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department.
6. Approve the Community Facilities Grant Agreement from United States Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Service for \$14,000 for the outdoor warning sirens.

7. Approve the manager application for Lori Leonard in connection with Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #2813 (dba Eagles Frat Order 2813) for their Class C-01220 liquor license.
8. Set the date for the public hearing of the one- and six-year road plan for Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

City Administrator Boyer said there were four changes to the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department roster. Milo Cardenas, Trevor Smith and David McCabe submitted their resignations from the Department, while Derek Schultz was added as a probationary member.

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

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

IV. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

1. City Administrator Boyer presented the proposed dog ordinance to the Council for review. After review, Councilman Oltmann requested that the fines be changed to \$25.00 for the first offense, then \$50.00 for each consecutive seven-day period. Councilman Oltmann then introduced Ordinance Number 788, An ordinance requiring confinement for dogs harbored within in city limits of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska; 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 moved that statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read by title on three different days be suspended and Ordinance Number 788 be considered for passage upon reading by number only, and then placed on final passage, seconded by Councilman Lussetto. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Schmunk, Lussetto, Oltmann; Nay: None; Absent: Beyer. Motion carried. The clerk read the ordinance as Ordinance Number 788, and the Mayor posed the question: Shall Ordinance Number 788 be passed and published by law? Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Schmunk, Oltmann, Lussetto; Nay: None; Absent: Beyer. Motion carried.

V. CLAIMS

Councilman Lussetto stated that he has a conflict with the Pete and Linda Lussetto, Greg and Kelly Lussetto, and Glen and Lisa Lussetto claim and asked to be excused from voting on that claim. Mayor Berg excused Councilman Lussetto. Councilman Schmunk moved to approve the claim to Pete and Linda Lussetto, Greg and Kelly Lussetto, and Glen and Lisa Lussetto, seconded by Councilman Oltmann. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Oltmann, Schmunk; Nay: None; Absent: Beyer; Not Voting, Excused: Lussetto. Motion carried.

Councilman Lussetto rejoined the Council.

Councilman Schmunk stated that he has a conflict with the Performance Auto Spa and Sonny's Super Foods claims and asked to be excused from voting on those claims. Mayor Berg excused Councilman Schmunk. Councilman Oltmann moved to approve the claims to

Performance Auto Spa and Sonny's Super Foods, seconded by Councilman Lussetto. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Lussetto, Oltmann; Nay: None; Absent: Beyer, Not Voting, Excused: Schmunk. Motion carried.

Councilman Schmunk rejoined the Council.

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

O=Operating Expense; P=Personnel Expense; D=Debt Service/Transfer; R=Equipment Rental

ABD Publications, \$119.94 O; Affordable Security, \$63.75 O; Aflac, \$422.78 P; Alamar, \$150.83 O; Alex Manquera, \$9 P; American Funds Service Company, \$5,063.43 P; Andrea Mitchell, \$20 O; Bancorp Bank, \$522.58 P; Bateman Trading Post, \$628.31 O; Benzel Pest Control Inc, \$60 O; Berg's Gamble Store, \$386.83 O; BlueCross BlueShield Of Ne, \$6,493.20 P; Bluffs Sanitary Supply Inc, \$133.48 O; BNB Inc, \$301.64 O; Bonnie Golden, \$15 P; Bonnie Golden, \$222.62 O; Bound Tree Medical LLC, \$262.05 O; Brad Mueller, \$15 P; Bridgeport 66 Service, \$136.15 O; Bridgeport Public Schools, \$1 O; Broadway Office Supply Inc, \$104 O; California Contractors Supplies Inc, \$406.92 O; Carolyn Arellano, \$15 O; Center Point Large Print, \$41.34 O; Charlee Wallesen, \$63 P; Charter Communications, \$247.34 O; Chase Cardmember Service, \$620.69 O; City Of Bridgeport, \$3037.11 O; City Petty Cash/Drawer, \$36.55 O; Combined Utility Fund, \$10,000 D; Community Center, \$5,000 D; Connecting Point Computer Centers, \$67 O; Contractors Materials Inc, \$47.40 O; Country Catering, \$1176.55 O; Country Home Magazine, \$11.70 O; Courtney Laux, \$27 P; Crescent Electric Supply Co, \$661.60 O; Culligan Water Conditioning, \$40.30 R; Darla Dormann, \$126 P; Dutton Lainson Co, \$2,306.58 O; E-It Store, \$498 O; Electric Pump, \$10,811.67 O; Emergency Medical Products Inc, \$156.51 O; Enviro Service Inc, \$90 O; Family Support Registry, \$422 P; Fancy Stitching, \$42.50 O; Farm Plan Department, \$292.52 O; Farrar Fire Extinguisher Co, \$101 O; Fire Sinking Fund, \$5,250 D; Flex Plan, \$1,485 P; Follett Software Company, \$87.39 O; Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co, \$137.60 P; Francotyp-Postalia Inc, \$42.95 O; Gale Group, \$95.20 O; Gary's Cleaning & Restoration Services, \$476.48 O; Glen & Lisa Lussetto, \$10 O; Goldstar Products Inc, \$913 O; Gooder Trucking Llc, \$200 O; Grainger, \$33.10 O; Great America Leasing Corp, \$79.95 O; Great Plains One Call Service, \$15.62 O; Hitches Galore, \$7,450 O; Holiday Inn, \$268 O; Holiday Inn, \$255.80 O; Honey Wagon Express, \$68 O; Hydraulic Equipment Service Inc, \$348.21 O; Ideal Linen Supply Inc, \$916.87 O; Ingram Library Services, \$362.05 O; J & A Traffic Products, \$245.91 O; Jan Sears, \$70 O; Jean Rhodes, \$100 O; Jimmie J Jensen Jr, \$750 P; Jon Ramirez, \$50 P; Kids Reference Company Inc, \$243.83 O; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, \$1,027.14 O; Kos Fitness Products, \$209.30 O; Kristie Mitchell, \$60 P; Kriz-Davis Co, \$489.60 O; Larue Distributing Inc, \$110.01 O; Lauren Faessler, \$18 P; Law Enforcement Systems Inc, \$78 O; League Of Ne Municipalities, \$722 O; Library Fund, \$6,000 D; Loup Valley Lighting Inc, \$411 O; Manda Steer, \$36 P; Marissa Steer, \$36 P; Martin Batterman, \$46.95 O; Matthew Bender & Co Inc, \$135.40 O; Matthew Rockwell, \$15 P, \$31 O; Merchant Jt & S, \$1,000 O; Midwest Radar & Equipment, \$60 O; Mike Franklin, \$200 O; Misty Graham, \$43.23 O; Molly Steer, \$36 P; Monica Houston, \$189 P; Moore Wallace, \$54.16 O; Morrill County Clerk, \$624.93 O; Morrill County Sheriff, \$500 O; Mr Water, \$145 O; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, \$72,389.05 O; National Geographic Society, \$34 O; Natural Health, \$12.97 O; Nebraska Clerk Institute, \$392 O; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, \$2,342.23 P; Nebraska Life Magazine, \$21 O; Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, \$1,650 O; Nebraska Public

Health Environmental Lab, \$300 O; Nebraska Public Power District, \$243.53 O; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip, \$125 O; Nebraska Total Office, \$248.36 O; Nikolas Chizek, \$54 O; Norma Manquera, \$30 P; Ollis Book Corporation, \$924.95 O; Olsson Associates, \$15,572.13 O; Orbitcom, \$1,057.09 O; Panhandle Cooperative Assn, \$831.80 O; Park Fund, \$1,000 D; Performance Auto Spa, \$40 O; Peter J Lussetto, Linda D Lussetto, Greg Lussetto, Kelly Lussetto, Glen Lussetto, Lisa Lussetto, \$1 O; Platte Valley Bank, \$506.05 O; Platte Valley Visa, \$5,110.58 O; Plummer Insurance Inc, \$582 O; Police Car Sinking Fund, \$8,000 D; Police Fund, \$30,000 D; Praise Windows Inc, \$160 O; Printworks, \$148.20 O; Regional Care Inc, \$156 P; Reiman Publication, \$14.98 O; Rose Marie Sides, \$58 O; Rose Marie Sides, \$30 P; RWF Inc, \$425 O; Sandberg Implement Inc, \$6,376.37 O; Sarah Strawn, \$15 P; Simon Perez, \$9 P; Sonny's Super Foods, \$985.85 O; Source Gas LLC, \$5308.61 O; Spic And Span Cleaners, \$269 O; Subway Sandwiches, \$19.98 O; Super 8 Motel, \$184.45 O; Susan Kelly, \$45 P; Susan Sparks, \$162.50 P; Sweet Things Bakery, \$10 O; Tara Kniss, \$13.50 O; Taylor Huck, \$18 P; Thalken Title Company, \$152.50 O; Tim's Jack & Jill, \$532.12 O; Todd Harless Electric, \$37.06 O; Town & Country Advertising, \$68 O; Tyrell Smith, \$30 P; Upstart, \$89.79 O; Valley Ambulance Services Inc, \$735 O; Valley Water Systems Inc, \$1,358.51 O; Viaero Wireless, \$445.27 O; Waste Connections Inc, \$14,176.69 O; Wesco Distribution Inc, \$714.01 O; Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc, \$810.25 O; Windcall Publishing, \$7.79 O; Total Claims, \$258,774.72.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

1. There were no emergency items added to the agenda.
2. Tyler Plummer with FALCO, Inc. presented the annual audit to the Mayor and Council.
3. Yvonne Svec from the League Association of Risk Management discussed the risk management pool as an option for the City for insurance.
4. This item was withdrawn at the request of the Bridgeport Community Center Foundation.
5. Gary Gerhard with Olsson Associates was present to give the Council an update on the water project. He stated that there were some options that the City needed to address. First, was what to do with the existing meter pits where sprinkler system drains were hooked to the City's meter pit. Gerhard's recommendation, after consultation with City staff, was to move the City's meter pit back to the property line, with a coil pit, allowing for easier access to Public Works staff when repairs were needed. These pits will not allow sprinkler system drains to be hooked to them and the sprinkler systems will need to be located on the customer's side of the meter. Given that, Gerhard recommended that Council require that residents hook onto the water supply at another location at the owner's cost. Gerhard said that the City could donate all of the existing meter pits to the customers who have sprinkler systems to help keep the cost down. Councilman Lussetto moved to locate the meter pits at the lot lines and require those with sprinkler systems to relocate their shutoff and drain valves in a separate location at the expense of the residents, with the City to donate existing meter pits to those residents, subject to availability, seconded by Councilman Schmunk. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Oltmann, Lussetto, Schmunk; Nay: None; Absent: Beyer. Motion carried.

The next option the City needed to address was what to do with a funding package. City Administrator Boyer stated that the City may be able to receive some stimulus funding from the

federal government, contingent upon final approval from Congress and Senate. Boyer said there could be ramifications to doing this, but the City would not be required to take any money unless it made sense to do so. Also, the City's grant application to the Department of Economic Development for \$250,000 was questioned. Boyer stated that if the City was willing to wait until May, we could apply for \$350,000, but that would delay the project for several more months. Councilman Schmunk moved to proceed with an application for \$5.8 million in stimulus package funding, and apply for the \$250,000 DED grant now, seconded by Councilman Oltmann. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Schmunk, Lussetto, Oltmann; Nay: None; Absent: Beyer. Motion carried.

6. Utilities Superintendent Kautz presented the Council with an option for flow meter at the lagoons. The Council could repair or replace the flow meter, and the costs would be nearly the same. Councilman Oltmann moved to buy a new flow meter, seconded by Councilman Lussetto. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Oltmann, Lussetto, Schmunk; Nay: None; Absent: Beyer. Motion carried.

7. Andrew Plummer with Plummer Insurance presented the Council with options for health insurance. City Administrator Boyer stated that the health insurance premiums were rising 33 percent this year, and he had been working with Plummer to come up with options for the City. Plummer stated that he and Boyer recommended an Option 5 plan with a \$1,000 deductible or an Option 11 plan with a \$2,000 Health Savings Account-compatible plan. Boyer stated that to entice employees to the much less costly HSA-compatible plan, the City could contribute \$1,000 into the employee's HSA, and still save more money. Councilman Schmunk moved to approve the Option 5 and Option 11 plan, with a choice for the employees, and contribute \$1,000 into the employee's HSA if the employee chooses the Option 11 plan and contributes \$250, seconded by Councilman Oltmann. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Oltmann, Schmunk, Lussetto; Nay: None; Absent: Beyer. Motion carried.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

1. City Administrator Boyer stated that he would not be present for the March 5, 2009 regular meeting, as he would be attending the second of his five classes at UNO in Omaha.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Councilman Lussetto moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m., seconded by Councilman Schmunk. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Schmunk, Lussetto, Oltmann; Nay: None; Absent: Beyer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Doretta J. Huck, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

J.W. Berg, Mayor