

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, met in special session in Council Chambers, 809 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska, on the 19th day of March, 2009, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, Mayor J.W. Berg called the meeting to order. Roll call resulted as follows: Present: Willis Beyer, Greg Lussetto, Gary Oltmann, and Jason Schmunk.

Staff members present were: City Administrator Bill Boyer, Street Superintendent David Smith, Police Chief Milo Cardenas, Fire Chief Brad Mueller, Medical Director Dr. John Post, and Police Officer Matt Rockwell.

The Mayor presided and the City Administrator recorded the proceedings.

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 the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting at three public places, the United States Post Office, Bridgeport City Hall, and Prairie Winds Community Center, the alternate method of notice given, 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 in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. At 7:02 p.m., Mayor Berg opened the public hearing on the one- and six-year road plan. Street Superintendent Smith discussed each project on the one- and six-year road plan with the Council. Mayor Berg then asked if anyone from the public would like to comment on the one- and six-year road plan. Seeing none, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

III. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Councilman Schmunk then introduced Resolution 2009-003, and moved that the resolution be approved, seconded by Councilman Oltmann. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Lussetto, Oltmann, Beyer, Schmunk; Nay: None. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-003

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ONE- AND SIX-YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, due and legal notice stating the time, place and purpose of a hearing for the consideration of the One Year and Six Year Plans under the Highway and Street Improvement Program,

has been given by publication one time in the Bridgeport News-Blade, a legal county newspaper, and, in addition by posting a copy of the legal notice at three public places in the area, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council have carefully considered such plans as presented, and do find that the same should be approved and adopted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, in special session duly assembled, that the One Year Plan and the Six Year Plan as submitted be, and the same hereby approved and adopted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF MARCH, 2009.

/s/ J.W. Berg, Mayor

ATTEST:

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

2. City Administrator Boyer stated that he had a meeting recently with Stateline Bean. They are working on expansion of their business, and are seeking a USDA rural enterprise grant. In order to apply for the grant, they must go through a non-profit organization, like the city, to apply for the application. Boyer said that Stateline would incur all costs associated with the grant application, and the city would just be responsible for signing their application. Councilman Beyer then introduced Resolution 2009-004, and moved that the resolution be approved, seconded by Councilman Lussetto. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Beyer, Schmunk, Oltmann, Lussetto; Nay: None. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-004

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT REQUESTING RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009.

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport possesses full legal authority to make an application to USDA, Rural Development for Rural Business Enterprise Grant Funds, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport has found it needful and necessary to file an application for Rural Development Enterprise Grant monies for assisting with expansion at Stateline Bean.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, at a special scheduled meeting, approved and authorized the filing of said application, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and City Council hereby directs the City Administrator to execute all documents related to said application on behalf of the City Council and to furnish information as required by USDA Rural Development and to do all acts which are needful and necessary to expedite approval of said application.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF MARCH, 2009.

/s/ J.W. Berg, Mayor

ATTEST:

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

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Medical Director Post presented a letter to the City Council asking that the City separate the EMS unit from the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department as soon as possible. Dr. Post stated that he and City Administrator Boyer recently had a meeting with Morrill County Community Hospital about entering a partnership with the ambulance service, and they are willing to work with the city, provided the city could successfully show that the EMS unit could be ran as a separate entity. Dr. Post stated that he had created a board of directors to oversee ambulance operations, and all of the procedures and policies that the board tried to implement were constantly bogged down in petty arguments at the fire department. Additionally, it has been communicated through the state that eventually all EMS units will need to be ran through a hospital in some way. Dr. Post suggested having City Administrator Boyer oversee the business and financial side of the EMS unit and Sarah Strawn oversee the EMTs.

Rose Sides was present and asked Dr. Post why he chose Sarah Strawn as opposed to Matt Rockwell, the current rescue captain that the fire department had voted on. Dr. Post said that Sarah did not have a full-time job and would be more available to help, and Sarah was very knowledgeable about the rules and regulations of the EMTs.

Matt Rockwell said that if Dr. Post was going to do that, he would be resigning as rescue captain and would no longer volunteer as an EMT, and knew of at least one other who would also not be responding any longer. He said that he was disappointed that Dr. Post didn't have the confidence in him to run the unit.

Councilman Schmunk asked Fire Chief Mueller for the fire department's thoughts. Mueller said he felt with some organization this could be a workable deal.

Glenn Lussetto said that he was in support of this, but felt that the City should have some more information before making a decision.

Dave Smith, speaking as president of the fire department, added that he too felt like this would be a workable solution, and one that is probably going to be mandated in the near future.

Sarah Strawn commented that Dr. Post is willing to create this board and bring recommendations back to the City Council before being approved. She said that there are currently eight licensed EMTs in Bridgeport, leaving six if two no longer responded to calls, but there are several who said they would take the class and be an EMT if they didn't have to also be a firefighter.

Councilman Lussetto said that he feels the Council is very supportive of the separation, but didn't feel comfortable voting to split something, without at least some bylaws on paper showing what the plan is for the ambulance in the future.

City Administrator Boyer said he would be willing to work with Dr. Post, and the rest of the people proposed to be on the board to draft some bylaws. Mayor Berg said he would schedule a special meeting to approve the separation, if needed.

Councilman Lussetto then moved to have City Administrator Boyer proceed with creating a department that will separate the EMS unit from the fire department, proving that details are brought back to the Council as soon as possible for approval, seconded by Councilman Oltmann. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Schmunk, Lussetto, Oltmann, Beyer; Nay; None. Motion carried.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Bill Boyer
City Administrator/Recording Clerk

APPROVED:

J.W. Berg
Mayor

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of proceedings of Thursday, March 9, 2009, 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.

Doretta J. Huck
City Clerk/Treasurer