

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 14th day of May, 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: Jason Schmunk, Willis Beyer, Greg Lussetto; Absent: Gary Oltmann.

Staff members present were: City Administrator Bill Boyer, City Clerk/Treasurer Doretta Huck and Police Chief Ismael Cardenas.

The Mayor presided and the City Clerk 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 Bridgeport City Hall, the U.S. Post Office, and Prairie Winds Community Center, a designated method of notice given, as shown by 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

5. At 7:02 p.m., Mayor Berg opened the public hearing on the application of Roderick L. Skarboe (d.b.a. Wildman's Bar & Grill) for a catering liquor license. City Administrator Boyer stated that the City had received no objections to the license. Seeing nobody present from the public, Mayor Berg closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

III. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

6. Councilman Schmunk moved to approve the application of Roderick L. Skarboe (d.b.a. Wildman's Bar & Grill) for a catering liquor license, seconded by Councilman Lussetto. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Beyer, Lussetto, Schmunk; Nay: None; Absent: Oltmann. Motion carried.

7. Mayor Berg recommended the following appointments to the Library Board: Kathy Sides (2013), Avis Brauer (2013), and Scott Thompson (2013). Councilman Lussetto moved to approve the Mayor's appointments for the Library Board, seconded by Councilman Beyer. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Beyer, Schmunk, Lussetto; Nay: None; Absent: Oltmann. Motion carried.

8. Mayor Berg recommended the following appointments to the Board of Park Commissioners: Deanna Berg (2009), Dorothy Brenning (2009), Scott Linders (2009), Arnold Ostdiek (2009), and Wendy Wickard (2009). Councilman Beyer moved to approve the Mayor’s appointments for the Board of Park Commissioners, seconded by Councilman Schmunk. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Lussetto, Schmunk, Beyer; Nay: None; Absent: Oltmann. Motion carried.

9. Mayor Berg recommended the following appointments to the Bridgeport Housing Authority Board: Greg Lussetto (Council Representative) and Richard Stull (2014). Councilman Schmunk moved to approve the Mayor’s appointments to the Bridgeport Housing Authority Board, seconded by Councilman Beyer. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Lussetto, Beyer, Schmunk; Nay: None; Absent: Oltmann. Motion carried.

10. The Mayor and Council then discussed the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department and issues regarding recent policies and by-laws changes. City Administrator Boyer and City Attorney Jensen said they have researched the issue with several attorneys and have found that the Mayor and City Council has complete control of the fire department, its policies and bylaws and all expenses. Boyer presented state statute 48-115 that shows the Mayor may remove any firefighter or rescue personnel at any time for any reason without approval from the Fire Department. Further, Boyer said the Council may, or form a board to, set all policies for the fire department and run the department if they so wish. Boyer added that current City code states that all policies will be approved by the City Council before they are in place. At the advice of the City Attorney, Mayor Berg directed City Administrator Boyer to order the fire department to produce a copy of all current by-laws and policies in place, as well as minutes from the last five years of business meetings to the City Administrator no later than Monday.

V. REPORTS

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:30 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, May 14, 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