

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

The City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, met in budget workshop session at Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska, on the 25th day of August 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, Mayor Charlie Browne called the meeting to order. Roll call resulted as follows: Present: Will Deines, Jason Floyd, Dean Rahmig; Absent: Mark Wickard

Mayor Browne stated Council Member Mark Wickard was excused

Staff members present were: PWD Larry Heinrich, Mike Beyer, Charlee Wallesen, Jamie Hoxworth

Mayor Browne presided, and City Clerk Huck recorded the proceedings.

Mayor Browne announced, "In accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the open meetings act is posted at the back of the meeting room for the review of the public."

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Bridgeport News-Blade, the designated method of notice given, as shown by proof of publication, 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 by email notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

The Mayor asked if there were any letters of public correspondence for the board. There were none.

The Mayor asked if there are any visitors that would like to speak on an item that is not on the agenda. Gary Oltmann addressed the Council regarding rumors that the Public Works Director Larry Heinrich is moving to Gering and is driving the city pickup back and forth. Oltmann recalls when he was on the council the pickup was not to be used as a personal vehicle and only for city use and realizing there may not be a suitable housing in Bridgeport that fits his family.

Mayor Browne stated that Heinrich could not find a place big enough to fit the needs of his family and stated during the hiring process the city told all applicants housing could be a problem and the city would work with the applicants. As far as the pickup is concerned, he did give his permission to use the pickup to get himself moved to Gering because his personal vehicle was getting repaired and the other was totaled in a car/deer accident. Mayor Browne stated the Heinrich's intent is to move to Bridgeport to rent or buy a house when one big enough becomes available.

Sheriff Cardenas stated he was approached by Johnathan Seng to close a street between the tennis courts and the west city park for a church event on September 1, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Mayor Browne stated he sees no issue with the closure.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

6. Emergency Items – None.

7. Mayor Browne addressed the Council stated he was approached on August 16th by Pwcc Director Charlee Wallesen to pay the part time seasonal lifeguards, in the estimated amount of \$5,000.00, after she was approached by a couple lifeguards concerning their hours while the pool was closed from the pump failure on August 1 through August 18. Mayor Browne stated City Clerk Huck has not written payroll checks and addressed Council for discussion. Council Member

Deines mentioned they are city employees and felt they could have worked elsewhere within the city if they wanted hours. He also asked Wallesen if an event was cancelled due to weather would the part time help be paid, and she stated "no" unless if the activity was moved inside. Council Member Floyd voiced his concerns stating what kind of precedent are we setting if we allow to pay part time employees for work, they did not do. Council Member Deines made a motion to not pay the minimum hours that were not worked for the part-time seasonal help, seconded by Council Member Floyd. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Rahmig, Floyd, Deines; Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. Rural Fire Hall Board Member Kirk Varah presented to Council bid estimates for the proposed 4-bay addition to Rural Fire Hall estimated at \$400,000.00. He stated they will be remodeling the existing rural fire hall with their monies which will be separated from the 100' x 70' addition. It was discussed the next step is who will engineer the project, a request for proposal and bids and blueprints to get the exact specifications for contractors. He will get more information for the September 9th meeting.

9. Travis Rodak discussed the 2020-2021 budget and gave an overall summary and stated it looks to be 8.5% increase compared to the 2019-2020 budget was an 8% increase and the year before was a 4% increase. He stated they are rough figures and high estimates and if the 2021-2022 budget was fully spent, we would be reducing our cash reserves to 2 million and would still be in good shape. Other discussions included salaries.

10. At 7:33 p.m. Council Member Deines made a motion to go into executive session to prevent the needless harm or reputation of individual or individuals and to include Council Members, Mayor Browne and City Attorney Rodak, seconded by Council Member Rahmig. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Floyd, Deines, Rahmig; Nay: None. Motion carried.

At 8:24 p.m. Council Member Rahmig made a motion to exit executive session with no action taken, seconded by Council Member Floyd. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Floyd, Deines, Rahmig; Nay: None. Motion carried.

no action was taken.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Rahmig made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Council Member Floyd. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Rahmig, Deines, Floyd; Nay: None. Meeting Adjourned.

Doretta J Huck, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

Charlie Browne, Mayor

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of proceedings of Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 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