

Bridgeport City Council Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Janet Conklin, Mayor called Meeting to Order and led the Flag Salute at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL

Present- Mike Bjornstad, Jackie Hentges, Zeke Martinez, and Sergio Orozco.

Absent- Matthew Schuh

STAFF

Present- Janet Conklin, Mayor; Stuart Dezellem, Public Works Superintendent; and Judy Brown, Clerk/Treasurer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC HEARING

2024 Preliminary Budget

Brown presented the 2024 Preliminary Budget, fielded questions.

PRESENTATIONS

Douglas County PUD Update Report - Gary Ivory, General Manager

Informed the public on the production of hydrogen and the uses of this product; Wells Dam embankment study is a large and expensive project, rates may be affected; offering Conservation Funds for municipalities; fielded questions.

Bridgeport RV Park Year End Report - Susan Stanley, RV Park Host

Reported on the RV Parks historical revenues and occupancy rates from 2018 to current, this year July & August occupancy rate was 95%, explained the benefits of the Good Sam membership but membership not necessary to stay in the parks.

ACTION ITEMS

Council Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2023

Motion- Approve Council Regular Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2023, as presented.

Motion/Martinez; Second/Bjornstad; Discussion/None; Approved/4:0

RiverCom MOU

Motion- Approve the RiverCom MOU as presented.

Motion/Martinez; Second/Orozco; Discussion/None; Approved/4:0

Bar-Shell Contract - TABLE

Set Public Hearing Date – 2024 Tax Ad Valorem and Income

Motion- Set date and time to take public testimony regarding 2024 Tax Ad Valorem and Income on Wednesday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Motion/Orozco; Second/Hentges; Discussion/None; Approved/4:0

Set Public Hearing Date – 2024 Final Budget

Motion- Set date and time to take public testimony on the City of Bridgeport’s 2024 Final Budget on Wednesday, November 15th following the 2024 Tax Ad Valorum and Income Public Hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m.

Motion/Orozco; Second/Hentges; Discussion/None; Approved/4:0

Set Public Hearing Date – Capital Facility Plan

Motion- Set date and time to take public testimony on the Capital Facility Plan on Wednesday, November 15th following the 2024 Final Budget Hearing.

Motion/Orozco; Second/Hentges; Discussion/None; Approved/4:0

DISCUSSION

Right-of-Way Parking - TABLE

STANDING CITY REPORTS

Public Works-

Outstanding Performance Award 2022 from DOE for the waste-water treatment plant, great job for the conditions staff worked in; State wide need for water and waste-water field; Reservoir #2 transfer switch tested for switching; Portable generator has been delivered; Fixed generators not yet installed at well #2 but will be last of Reservoir #2 project; Less than 17 new water meters to still, installation will require excavation; New dump truck purchased; Examined potential loaders for sale; Winterizing irrigation systems; Pruning and chipping trees prepping for winter snow plowing, fielded questions.

Clerk/Treasurer-

Financial reports for September and 3rd Quarter 2023 presented; Deputy Clerk, Ariana Cruz attended Vision Conference, October 4th – 6th in Leavenworth; Signed up to AWC RMSA Cybersecurity Pilot Program for one year at no cost; RCO Grant moving forward; Revitalization Committee working on plan and specifications for the Berryman Park project; Utility Clerk position interviews scheduled for tomorrow; Budget analysis and presentation material drafted, fielded questions.

Mayor-

Attending meetings and looking for funds to pay for Law Enforcement proposed contract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

Mayor announced the Executive Session to last approximately 40 minutes, no action will be taken.

Start: 8:10 p.m.

End: 8:50 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None-

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Vouchers Presented	Check #s	Amount
10/02/23 Payroll Vouchers	14352 – 14376	\$ 20,210.61
10/02/23 Payroll EFT		\$ 16,246.40
10/16/23 Payroll Vouchers	14379 – 14402	\$ 15,878.73
10/16/23 Payroll EFT		\$ 7,335.51

September Monthly EFT		\$ 8,621.24
October Monthly EFT		\$ 9,742.67
October Monthly Voucher	14377 Voided, 14378, 14403 – 14446	\$ 119,184.28
	Total	\$ 197,219.44

Motion- Approve Claim, Payroll, and EFT Vouchers as presented.

Motion/Hentges; Second/Orozco; Discussion/None; Approved/4:0


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Conklin adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

APPROVED:


 Janet Conklin, Mayor

ATTESTED:


 Judy Brown, CMC
 Clerk/Treasurer