

The Council met in regular session and in compliance with agenda posted at City Hall, Post Office and First National Bank with each Council member being notified of agenda prior to the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Daryl Reitmajer at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor informed the public of the location of posting of the Open Meetings Law. Roll call was taken with the following Council members present: Merle Hennings, Diana Vasicek, Jerry Johnson, and Jim Svoboda. Absent were Gerry Tyler and Janet Jonas.

A motion was made by Hennings, seconded by Vasicek to approve the minutes of the November 13 meeting of the Council as presented. Roll call vote: Hennings, yes; Vasicek, yes; Johnson, yes; and Svoboda, yes. Tyler and Jonas, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

The Mayor called for another other old business of the Council. A plaque was presented to Vasicek for her 8 years of service on the Council. A motion was made by Vasicek, seconded by Svoboda, to adjourn sine die at 7:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Vasicek, yes; Svoboda, yes; Hennings, yes; and Johnson, yes. Tyler and Jonas, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

The Mayor stated it was time for the re-organization of the Council. The Oath of Office was administered to Merle Hennings and Mike Lawver. The Mayor called for roll call of the new Council. Present and answering were: Merle Hennings, Mike Lawver, Jerry Johnson and Jim Svoboda. Absent were: Gerry Tyler and Janet Jonas.

A motion was made by Lawver, seconded by Svoboda to nominate Jerry Johnson as president of the Council, cease nominations and file a unanimous ballot. Roll call vote: Lawver, yes; Svoboda, yes; Hennings, yes; and Johnson, yes. Tyler and Jonas, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

The following appointments were made by the Mayor:

Standing Council Committees

GENERAL:	Lawver, Svoboda, Jonas
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:	Johnson, Hennings, Lawver
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL:	Jonas, Johnson, Tyler
STREETS AND SANITATION:	Svoboda, Tyler, Lawver
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE:	Johnson, Svoboda, Jonas
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:	Hennings, Tyler

City Officials

CITY ADMIN/CLERK/TREASURER:	Melissa M. Harrell
CITY ENGINEER/STREET SUPT.:	JEO Consulting Group, Steve Parr
CITY PHYSICIAN:	Dr. Leo Meduna
CITY ATTORNEY:	Loren L. Lindahl
CHIEF OF POLICE:	Kenneth Jackson
CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT:	Corey Wagner
STREET COMM./CEMETERY SEXTON:	David Jansa
ZONING ADMIN./BUILDING INSPEC.:	Jerry Peterson

Interim Committees of the Council

ECONOMIC DEV. ADVISORY BOARD:	Johnson, Hennings
NRD LAKE WANAHOO COMMITTEE:	Svoboda, Tyler, Lawver
	Contact Person: Reitmajer
PARKS & REC. ADVISORY COMMITTEE:	Jonas, Johnson

A motion was made by Hennings, seconded by Svoboda, to approve the appointments as made by the Mayor. Roll call vote: Hennings, yes; Svoboda, yes; Lawver, yes; and Johnson, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Lawver, to authorize the Mayor to sign the retainer agreement presented by Loren Lindahl for City Attorney. Roll call vote: Johnson, yes; Lawver, yes; Hennings, yes; and Svoboda, yes. Tyler and Jonas, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hennings to establish the deadline for the agenda for the regular meetings of the Council as the Friday before the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and that advance notice of the meeting should be posted in three public locations as follows: City Hall, U.S. Post Office, and First National Bank. Motion seconded by Svoboda. Roll call vote: Hennings, yes; Svoboda, yes; Lawver, yes; and Johnson, yes. Tyler and Jonas, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hennings to designate Wahoo State Bank as the depository for the City of Wahoo, and to authorize the following: Daryl Reitmajer, Melissa Harrell and Lucinda Morrow as approved signers on the account and to require two signatures for all transactions out of the accounts. Motion

seconded by Lawver. Roll call vote: Hennings, yes; Lawver, yes; Johnson, yes; and Svoboda, yes. Tyler and Jonas, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

The Mayor called for comments on items not listed on the agenda. Jerry Peterson presented the Council with information on the status of the hotel. He reviewed a possible bid with the Council.

Department Head reports were reviewed. Denise Lawver presented her Annual Library Report to the Board.

The public hearing regarding the 2009 budget for the Wahoo Board of Public Works was declared open at 7:15 p.m. Jim Gibney, Utility General Manager, gave a brief overall description of the budget and then presented specifics on each department. He reported there was no new staff, no new development projects, and that each department was considered independent in the budget process. He reviewed capital projects and possible rate increases. Questions were raised on the timing of these raises and the possibility of having them staggered vs. all at one time. The Mayor called for comments from the public and none were presented. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Svoboda, to close the public hearing at 7:31 p.m. Roll call vote: Johnson, yes; Svoboda, yes; Hennings, yes; and Lawver, yes. Tyler and Jonas, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hennings, seconded by Lawver to approve the budget as presented for the BPW for 2009. Roll call vote: Hennings, yes; Lawver, yes; Johnson, yes; and Svoboda, yes. Tyler and Jonas, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

A petition received from Joe and Heidi Nadrchal and Fred A. Wolf requesting the creation of a sewer extension district was presented to the Council. Dan Bartek, Jr. of 308 East 2nd was present to request that he not be included in the petition. The Clerk informed the Council he was not listed on the petition presented. A motion was made by Johnson to accept the petition as presented and forward on to the Board of Public Works for further action. Motion seconded by Lawver. Roll call vote: Johnson, yes; Lawver, yes; Hennings, yes; and Svoboda, yes. Tyler and Jonas, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Discussion was held by the Council on the possible extension of the solid waste agreement with Waste Connections. Svoboda reported he had discussed the issue with Jonas and Tyler and they are not certain the extension is the most appropriate action. A motion was made by Hennings, seconded by Lawver to table any action on this and send it to the Street Committee for further review. Roll call vote: Hennings, yes; Lawver, yes; Johnson, yes; and Svoboda, yes. Tyler and Jonas, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Lawver introduced Ordinance No. 2008 to establish salaries for appointed officials and moved for approval of first reading of the ordinance. Svoboda questioned the salaries and stated he felt they were high in comparison to County officials. Motion to approve first reading was seconded by Johnson. Roll call vote: Lawver, yes; Johnson, yes; Hennings, yes; and Svoboda, no. Tyler and Jonas, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lawver to accept the work done by the NDOR in compliance with Agreement No. 35 for 2008 and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement for 2009 when requested by NDOR. Motion seconded by Svoboda. Roll call vote: Lawver, yes; Svoboda, yes; Hennings, yes; and Johnson, yes. Tyler and Jonas, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Svoboda to authorize the Mayor to sign an amendment to the agreement with NDOR regarding Maple Street North Trail providing for an extension of time and for an increase in engineering fees. Roll call vote: Johnson, yes; Svoboda, yes; Hennings, yes; and Lawver, yes. Tyler and Jonas, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Svoboda, seconded by Lawver to approve Erinn Blaske as a member of the Wahoo Volunteer Fire Department. Roll call vote: Svoboda, yes; Lawver, yes; Hennings, yes; and Johnson, yes. Tyler and Jonas, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hennings, seconded by Johnson to accept the minutes of the Wahoo Planning Commission of December 4, 2008 and the Wahoo Library Board minutes of November 12, 2008 as presented. Roll call vote: Hennings, yes; Johnson, yes; Lawver, yes; and Svoboda, yes. Tyler and Jonas, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hennings, seconded by Svoboda to approve the following licenses: Jim Wotipka, JW Plumbing, Wahoo, plumber; Action Plumbing, Lincoln, plumber; Doug Hedges, Dunrite Plumbing, Wahoo, plumber; Joseph Virgl, Dunrite Plumbing, Wahoo, plumber; Eugene Lee, Lee's Refrigeration, Seward, mechanical; Jim Wotipka, JW Plumbing, Wahoo, mechanical; Kent Schweers, Electricians, Inc., Omaha, electrician; and Pat Trede, Trede Electric, Ralston, electrician. Roll call vote: Hennings, yes; Svoboda, yes; Lawver, yes; and Johnson, yes. Tyler and Jonas, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Lawver to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.

Approved: _____, 2009.

Melissa M. Harrell, Clerk

Daryl Reitmajer, Mayor