

The Council met in regular session and in compliance with agenda posted at City Hall, Post Office and First Bank of Nebraska with each Council member being notified of agenda prior to the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Loren Lindahl 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: Mike Lawver, Greg Kavan, Stuart Krejci, Jim Svoboda, and Kevin Dunbar. Absent: Gerry Tyler.

Amber Pelan of Youth Services Diversion Program introduced a youth who stated his apology for participation in the vandalism of the walking trail tunnel, and is making restitution.

Motion made by Lawver, seconded by Kavan, to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda:

1. Excused absence of Gerry Tyler
2. Minutes of January 11, 2018 meeting of Council
3. Minutes of January 4, 2018 meeting of Planning Commission

Roll call vote: Lawver, yes; Kavan, yes; Svoboda, yes; Krejci, yes; and Dunbar, yes. Absent and not voting: Tyler. Motion carried.

Lawver reported the Street Committee met and discussed the 1 & 6 Year plan, snow and ice removal plan, and Chestnut Street improvement project.

Public hearing on amendment of Zoning Regulations regarding fence requirements in I-1 and I-2 Industrial zoning districts was opened at 7:04 p.m. Harry Falke addressed the Council, objecting to removal of fencing requirements. Lausterer reported on the options available, enforcement of current regulations, and the Planning Commission's recommendation for amendment. No other public comments offered. Motion by Kavan, seconded by Krejci, to close the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Screening between residential and industrial areas, security and prevention of trespassing, properties which do not comply with the regulation, and enforcement were discussed.

Ordinance No. 2266 was introduced by Krejci entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE 1886 REGARDING FENCE REQUIREMENTS IN I-1 AND I-2 ZONING DISTRICTS. The Mayor then instructed the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2266 of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska. The Clerk thereupon read the aforesaid Ordinance No. 2266 by title.

Council Member Lawver moved that the statutory rules in regard to the passage and adoption of ordinances be suspended so that the said ordinance might be introduced, read by title, and then moved for final passage at the same meeting. Council Member Krejci seconded said motion. The Mayor put the question and instructed the Clerk to call for the roll for the vote thereon. The Clerk called the roll and the following was the vote on the motion to suspend the rules: Roll call vote: Lawver, yes; Krejci, yes; Kavan, yes; Svoboda, yes; Dunbar, no. Absent and not voting: Tyler. Motion failed.

Council Member Krejci moved that Ordinance No. 2266 be approved and passed on its first reading and its title agreed to. Council Member Kavan seconded the motion. The Mayor instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the vote and the following was the vote on this motion: Krejci, yes; Kavan, yes; Dunbar, yes; Svoboda, yes; and Lawver, yes. Absent and not voting: Tyler. Motion carried.

Steve Parr with JEO Consulting Group provided copies of the 1-6 Year Road Plan and discussed the projects depicted. Motion by Kavan, seconded by Krejci, to publish notice and schedule public hearing for the second meeting in February. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Krejci, yes; Svoboda, yes; Dunbar, yes; and Lawver, yes. Absent and not voting: Tyler. Motion carried.

Harrell reported the Ice/Snow Removal plan has been updated to reflect changes in infrastructure.

Council member Kavan introduced the following **Resolution No. 2018-01**, the City of Wahoo Ice/Snow Removal Plan, seconded by Lawver:

“WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize the need for a plan for the removal and control of snow and ice on City streets and the protection of our citizens during and after storm events, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council did, on October 30, 2008 adopt Resolution No. 2008-26 establishing an ice/snow removal plan for the City of Wahoo, and

WHEREAS, due to the relinquishment of the former Highway 77/92 back to the City of Wahoo for maintenance, and due to the addition of alternative transportation trails and sidewalks to the City of Wahoo infrastructure system, the Mayor and Council find it necessary to amend said plan, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have stated their desire to keep the costs of the removal and control of snow and ice on City streets at a level that shows concern for total cost and an efficiency of services, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Wahoo that the following shall be known as the City of Wahoo Snow and Ice Removal Plan and shall be made available to the public for review.

CITY OF WAHOO SNOW/ICE REMOVAL PLAN

In the event of an ice or snow storm event, the following plan establishes the procedure that will be followed.

GENERAL RULE

The general guiding factors in determining ice and snow control and removal practices in Wahoo shall be:

“to provide the highest practical level of service to the citizens of Wahoo with a matched consideration of efficiency and cost effectiveness of that service.”

PRIORITIES

Areas of Wahoo will be served in the following order, for salting and sanding, snow removal, and any other clearing of streets due to weather conditions:

1. Emergency Routes (see attached Map)
2. Business district, school routes, and other main streets (see attached Map)
3. All other residential streets
4. Alleys and any parking areas cleared by City staff
5. Sidewalks where City of Wahoo owns property, and alternative transportation routes (trails, sidewalks, bike paths, etc.) that must be cleaned as required by funding source will be cleared

SANDING AND SALTING

Sanding and salting of streets will be done to promote the safe movement of traffic and to provide as much traction as possible to the motorist. There will be times when streets are very slick and snow covered and motorists are asked to use defensive driving techniques. Discretion as to the exact application of sand and salt will be left to the Street Superintendent or designated official, based on the stated GENERAL RULE above.

SNOW REMOVAL

As a general rule, snow removal will not be started until at least 2” of snow has fallen. The

City does recognize that each storm event is different and is preceded or followed by varying weather conditions which make control and removal necessary in some situations and not in others. Because of this, discretion as to when snow removal is done shall be left to the Street Superintendent or designated official, based on the stated GENERAL RULE above.

When a large snow event happens, Street Department crews shall work to keep Emergency Routes open throughout the storm. The business district, school routes, and other main routes, residential areas, alleys, and trails/sidewalks will not be sanded, salted, plowed or cleared until the storm event has stopped and the Emergency Routes have been cleared. The Street Department will work closely with the Wahoo Police Department, Saunders County Dispatch, and Wahoo Fire Department to ensure the safety of our citizens and provide access for emergency vehicles.

OFF DUTY HOURS

When storm events happen during off duty hours, the Street Superintendent or designated official shall work with the Wahoo Police Department and Saunders County Dispatch, and shall rely on them for information about conditions of streets. Based on this information, the Street Superintendent or designated official shall call out crews to begin the necessary ice or snow control or removal, based on the stated GENERAL RULE above.

VEHICLES PARKED ON THE STREET

It shall be the City's policy to have any vehicle parked on the street that is impeding snow removal towed at the owner's expense to allow for the removal of snow. While overnight parking on the street is not allowed in the City of Wahoo, it does happen from time-to-time. Residents are asked to be sensitive to weather conditions and cooperate with the City's snow removal efforts by parking in alternative locations versus on the street."

Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Lawver, yes; Dunbar, yes; Svoboda, yes; and Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: Tyler. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2263 was introduced by Lawver entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE 1886 REGARDING HEIGHT LIMITATIONS AND SETBACKS OF ACCESSORY BUILDINGS. The Mayor then instructed the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2263 of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska. The Clerk thereupon read the aforesaid Ordinance No. 2263 by title.

Council Member Lawver moved that Ordinance No. 2263 be approved and passed on its third reading and its title agreed to. Council Member Kavan seconded the motion. The Mayor instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the vote and the following was the vote on this motion: Lawver, yes; Kavan, yes; Krejci, yes; Svoboda, yes; and Dunbar, yes. Absent and not voting: Tyler. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred then by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted and, in the presence of the Council, signed and approved the Ordinance and Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed signatures thereto. The Mayor ordered the Ordinance to be published in pamphlet form and that said Ordinance be kept in a separate and distinct Ordinance volume record, and that said and distinct Volume be incorporated and made a part of these proceedings the same as though it was read at large herein.

The Mayor submitted his appointment of Bruce Ferrell to the position of Chief of Police. A motion was made by Dunbar, seconded by Krejci, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Bruce Ferrell as Chief of Police. Roll call vote: Dunbar, yes; Krejci, yes; Svoboda, yes; Lawver, yes; and Kavan, yes. Absent and not voting: Tyler. Motion carried.

The Conditional Use Permit granted by Ordinance No. 2236 allowing automobile sales in NRC zoning District, scheduled for review at the end of December, 2017, was discussed. Beavers stated the lease ended in December, 2016, but the last vehicles were removed in May. The permit will lapse in May, 2018.

Membership in Nebraska Expressways for Economic Development, which provides lobbying services, was discussed. Motion by Lawver, seconded by Svoboda, to continue membership in the organization. Roll call vote: Lawver, yes; Svoboda, yes; Krejci, yes, Dunbar, yes; and Kavan, yes. Absent and not voting: Tyler. Motion carried.

Phil Lorenzen of D A Davidson & Co. advised that regulations require renewal of the underwriting engagement letter for services. Motion by Kavan, seconded by Krejci, to approve the engagement letter with D A Davidson & Co. roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Krejci, yes; Svoboda, yes; Dunbar, yes; and Lawver, yes. Absent and not voting: Tyler. Motion carried.

Harrell provided information on Chestnut Street project costs. Harrell and Lorenzen discussed possible financing options for the project, and actions taken by other communities, including adoption of an additional half cent sales tax. Council members agreed that the project should move forward, and sales tax funds would provide some relief to the property tax share of costs. Lindahl and Harrell will discuss an interlocal agreement with Saunders County, in order to pursue a sales tax ballot issue.

No audience comments presented.

Mid-Winter Conference information was distributed.

The Mayor presented a draft ordinance for reorganizing the Park and Recreation Department, eliminating the Park and Recreation Commission and designating the Park and Recreation Director an appointed department head. This will be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

Motion by Lawver, seconded by Kavan, to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

Approved:

Lucinda Morrow, Deputy Clerk

Loren L. Lindahl, Mayor