

The Council met in special session in the Wahoo Public Library, 637 N Maple, in compliance with the agenda posted at City Hall, Post Office and First Bank of Nebraska, and the City of Wahoo website, with each Council member being notified of the agenda prior to the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gerald D. Johnson at 6:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The public was informed of the location of posting of the Open Meetings Law. Roll call was taken with the following Council members present: Stuart Krejci, Chris Rappl, Shane Sweet, Carl Warford, Patrick Nagle, and Ryan Ideus. Council Members absent: None.

City Administrator Harrell presented the proposed 2023-24 budget.

Public hearing on the 2023-24 City of Wahoo budget was opened at 6:38pm. There were no comments from the public. Rappl motioned and Krejci seconded to close the public hearing at 6:40pm. Roll call vote: Rappl, yes; Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; and Sweet, yes. Motion carried.

A public hearing on the 2023 tax levy rate was opened at 6:40pm. There were no comments from the public. Krejci motioned and Sweet seconded to close the public hearing at 6:41pm. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Sweet, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

Krejci motioned and Ideus seconded to approve the 2023-24 budget for the City of Wahoo as presented with an authorized 1% increase in the restricted funds budget. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, yes; Warford, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

Krejci motioned and Sweet seconded to approve the following resolution, **Resolution No. 2023-18** adopting the 2023 tax levy:

“WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the City Council of the City of Wahoo must pass by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law on September 12, 2023 to hear and consider comments from the public concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Wahoo that:

1. The 2023-2024 property tax request shall be set at \$2,160,570.79 and shall be levied as follows for the following funds:

	<u>Tax Amount</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$1,958,570.79	0.463077
Bond Fund	<u>\$202,000.00</u>	<u>0.047760</u>
TOTAL	\$2,160,570.79	0.510837

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 16.43%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$.459939 per \$100 of assessed value.

4. The City of Wahoo proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.510837 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of \$12,404,387.00 of the City of Wahoo will decrease from last year's operating budget by 24%.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2023.

	2022	2022	Change
Operating Budget	\$16,411,385.00	\$12,404,387.00	-24%
Property Tax Request	\$1,945,301.41	\$2,160,570.79	11%
Valuation	377,603,624	422,947,346	16%
Tax Rate	\$.515170	\$0.510837	-1%
Tax Rate if prior tax request was at current value		\$0.459939	

Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Sweet, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

Harrell reminded the Council that the City of Wahoo would be presenting at the Joint Public Hearing on September 18 at 6:01pm at the Saunders County Courthouse and at least one member of the Council must be present at that hearing. Harrell also indicated that although the budget and property tax resolution had been adopted, they could easily be amended by placing it on the next agenda of the Council for consideration.

It was asked that the minutes reflect that one member of the public, the Library Department Head of the City of Wahoo, was in attendance at the budget presentation and hearing.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm

Approved:

Christina Fasel, City Clerk

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor