

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, Gerry Tyler, Stuart Krejci, Jim Svoboda, and Kevin Dunbar. Absent: none.

A motion was made by Dunbar, seconded by Lawver, to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda:

1. Minutes of the December 23, 2014 meeting of the Mayor and Council
2. The following licenses: HVAC: Fred Hendry, Hendry Heating & Air; Richard Kusleika, Standard Heating & Air Conditioning; Scott R Getzschman, Getschman Heating, LLC. Electricians: Colby Schutt, Schutt Construction & Electric; Matthew D Schaefer, Schaefer Electric; Mike R Fitzgerald, Getzschman Heating LLC.

Roll call vote: Dunbar, yes; Lawver, yes; Kavan, yes; Tyler, yes; Krejci, yes; and Svoboda, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Beavers reported twelve new home building permits in the last year. Jansa reported on work to make restrooms at the cemetery handicapped accessible. Gibney and Tyler reported negotiations continue with NPPD; contract was awarded for connecting the Greenwood Substation with the power plant; new management at OSCC and utility continue to work together to gather information for rates. Beavers stated FEMA would like to meet with public officials and get public comments regarding new, revised flood plain maps, tentatively scheduled for February 4, 2015. Harrell reported the audit report and financial statements were distributed and will be on the next agenda for Council acceptance. The Airport Authority response to the formal complaint was submitted to the FAA; complainant has an opportunity to respond, and Airport Authority will be able to answer.

Lawver reported the Street committee will meet on January 15, 2015 regarding 1-6 year road plan. Krejci reported the Finance committee met.

Ordinance No. 2172 was introduced by Council Member Kavan, entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX PART OF THE N ½ NE ¼, PART OF THE S ½ NE ¼, PART OF THE SE ¼, AND PART OF THE NW ¼, ALL IN SEC 26, T15NR7E, CONTAINING 57.97 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM. The Mayor then instructed the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2172 of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska. The Clerk thereupon read the aforesaid Ordinance No. 2172 by title. Council Member Kavan moved that Ordinance No. 2172 be approved on its second reading. Council Member Lawver seconded the motion. The Mayor instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the vote and the following was the vote on this motion: Kavan, yes; Lawver, yes; Tyler, yes; Dunbar, yes; Svoboda, yes; and Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Discussion opened regarding recycling options and whether or how the City wishes to be involved. Kal Lausterer of Region V Services reported their recycling program initially expanded beyond aluminum cans to provide more contract work for the individuals they serve, as well as provide a service for the community. Their program is also affected by low prices for materials and issues with garbage and unsorted and dirty items. In addition, possible changes in wage standards may affect the future of their program. He was unsure how Region V's program would be affected if the City stops the current recycling collection boxes. Chris Vasa offered comments regarding recycling options. Harrell reported

current franchise fees collected from haulers is largely spent for hauling the recycling containers. Members discussed the possibility of a secure, supervised recycling site, as well as requiring haulers to offer curbside recycling to residents. Discussion will continue at the first meeting in February.

Harrell reported the required increase in the minimum wage on January 1, 2015 from \$7.25 to \$8.00 triggered revision of the regular part-time and seasonal part-time wage scales, and progression between steps and grades is now more consistent. The Finance Committee recommended that employees remain in the same grade, in the step closest to their current wage without causing a decrease, to minimize the immediate financial impact on the City. Some employees who were at the top of their grade may now be eligible for step increases. Motion by Kavan, seconded by Tyler, to approve the revised Regular Part-Time and Seasonal Part-Time scales, and placement of affected employees within the same grade, in the step closest to their current wage without causing a decrease in pay. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Tyler, yes; Dunbar, yes; Svoboda, yes; Krejci, yes; and Lawver, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kavan, seconded by Svoboda, to accept the amendment to the "Agreement for the establishment and operation of the League Association of Risk Management." Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Svoboda, yes; Dunbar, yes; Krejci, yes; Tyler, yes; and Lawver, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

No audience comments were presented.

Harrell reminded Council members of the upcoming League mid-winter conference.

Motion was made by Kavan, seconded by Tyler, to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Approved:

Lucinda Morrow, Deputy Clerk

Loren L. Lindahl, Mayor