

The Council met in a work 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 6:00 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, and Jim Svoboda. Absent: Kevin Dunbar.

Harrell reported on the history of the Safe Routes to School Grant since 2005, and the change in the Federal funding program from a 100% grant to an 80% grant. The current plan would require a local contribution of approximately \$170,000. Wahoo's project was one of three selected in Nebraska. Harrell noted that since the original application, costs have increased approximately 30%.

Julie Borchers of JEO Consulting Group, who assisted with the grant application, was present to answer questions. She reported any changes in the project at this point would cause it to be regraded, and the grant would probably be lost.

Michael Kleffner, a former employee of the NDOR and local resident, offered comments and support for the project.

Galen Boldt from Wahoo Public Schools expressed the school's support for the project, which fits into the school's improvement goal of promoting health, healthy lifestyles, and walking activities.

Steve Olson, property owner, offered comments on the project.

The Council discussed the impact on property owners, driveways, retaining walls, power poles, street lights, etc. Maintenance and snow removal responsibilities were discussed. It was noted that improvements associated with the project will positively impact future improvement of Hackberry Street.

Motion was made by Lawver, seconded by Kavan, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

Approved:

Melissa M. Harrell, City Clerk

Loren L. Lindahl, Mayor