

The Council met in special 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, and Stuart Krejci. Absent: Kevin Dunbar and Jim Svoboda.

The Mayor reported six applicants for the Chief of Police position were interviewed and several will be called for a second interview. The Mayor distributed a packet regarding reorganization of city structure to Council members for consideration and requested comments.

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

1. Excused absence of Dunbar and Svoboda.
2. Minutes of November 9, 2017 meeting of Council
3. Minutes of November 2, 2017 meeting of Planning Commission
4. Acceptance of resignation by Daron Larson from the Board of Public Works; approval of appointment of Joel Woita as member of Board of Public works to fill term (expires June, 2019)
5. Certification of positions open for election in 2018
6. Acceptance of Stephen Holst as a member of the Wahoo Volunteer Fire Department
7. Plumbers, Electricians, and HVAC licenses

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

Lawver reported on the Lake Wanahoo committee meeting. Tyler reported the Board of Public Works met. Harrell reported discussion regarding future cemetery expansion.

Dan Martinez explained revisions to the Preliminary Plat of Timber Ridge Subdivision, which resolve concerns raised during hearings and review. Final Plat will be presented to the Planning Commission on December 7, 2017.

Motion by Lawver, seconded by Krejci, to approve the Preliminary Plat of Timber Ridge Subdivision as presented. Roll call vote: Lawver, yes; Krejci, yes; Tyler, yes; and Kavan, yes. Absent and not voting: Svoboda and Dunbar. Motion carried.

Harrell discussed the proposed "no overhead wire" zone, exceptions, and a target removal date of July 1, 2018.

Council member Tyler introduced the following **Resolution No. 2017-20** to establish a wire-free zone, seconded by Krejci:

"WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Wahoo deem it to be in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Wahoo to proceed with improvements to 1st Street from the west city limits to Chestnut Street, and from Chestnut Street to the north city limits near the U.S. Highway 77/92 Expressway, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Wahoo, through participation in planning for the Chestnut Street Project in 2015, 2016, and 2017, have emphasized their concern with

aesthetics of the improvements to be completed, and

WHEREAS, along the above described streets, there are various overhead wires along and across the above described streets, and

WHEREAS, the function of these wires is to provide electricity, cable TV, telephone, and street lights to residents and business of Wahoo, and

WHEREAS, the right-of-way of the above described streets has been dedicated to the City of Wahoo for use and control, and

WHEREAS, the owners of the various wires crossing the above described streets have requested and received permission from the City of Wahoo through various agreements to locate their wires within this dedicated right-of-way until such point at which the City of Wahoo requests these lines be vacated or otherwise located, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the various agreements, the City of Wahoo has also granted permission to Nebraska Public Power District, through a permanent easement, to locate a crossing power line near the intersection of 23rd & Chestnut Streets, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Wahoo deem it to be in the best interest of the citizens and in compliance with the citizen's wishes to declare the above described streets to be free from overhead wires, except those areas which are subject to easements have been obtained and recorded, and in those areas described below.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Wahoo that the following right-of-ways be declared a "wire free" zone, free from overhead wires adjacent to and crossing said rights of way:

1. 1st Street from the west City Limits (located approximately 300' west of the intersection of 1st Street and Locust Street) to the east right-of-way line of Chestnut Street, and

2. Chestnut Street from the north boundary of the Union Pacific Railroad Right-of-way located south of A Street to the north City Limit boundary located just south of the intersection of U.S. Highway 77/92 Expressway

EXCEPT in the following locations:

1. A perpendicular crossing of Chestnut Street along the north boundary line of the Union Pacific Railroad, and

2. A perpendicular crossing of Chestnut Street at approximately 19th Street.

That it further be resolved that removal of all crossings and lines located adjacent to the right-of-way, except for those lines providing street lighting for the Chestnut Street roadway, which will be removed during the construction of the Chestnut Street Project, shall be removed by July 1, 2018.

And that if further be resolved that if said lines are not removed by said date, the City of Wahoo will proceed with removal and relocation of said lines, said expense to be charged to the various owners accordingly."

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

Ordinance No. 2258 was introduced by Lawver entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE XV: LAND USAGE, CHAPTER 151, SUBDIVISION AND ZONING REGULATIONS, SECTION 151.01 COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN. The Mayor then instructed the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2258 of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska. The Clerk thereupon read the aforesaid Ordinance No. 2258 by title.

Council Member Lawver moved that Ordinance No. 2258 be approved and passed on its second reading and its title agreed to. Council Member Tyler 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; Tyler, yes; Krejci, yes; and Kavan, yes. Absent and not voting: Svoboda and Dunbar. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2259 was introduced by Lawver entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO TO VACATE PORTION OF LINDEN STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY TO PROVIDE FOR EXPANDED BUILDING FOOTPRINT FOR THE NEW WAHOO STATE BANK BUILDING, LOCATED IN BLOCK 149, COUNTY ADDITION. The Mayor then instructed the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2259 of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska. The Clerk thereupon read the aforesaid Ordinance No. 2259 by title.

Council Member Lawver moved that Ordinance No. 2259 be approved on second reading and passed and its title agreed to. Council Member Tyler 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; Tyler, yes; Kavan, yes; and Krejci, no. Absent and not voting: Svoboda and Dunbar. Motion carried.

Lawver discussed erecting stop signs prior to removal of the stop light at 5th and Chestnut Street. Harrell requested a 30-day period for implementation, to educate and inform the public of plans, and covering the light prior to removal. Reprogramming the light to a flashing red and flashing yellow was also discussed.

Motion by Lawver to authorize staff to implement installation of stop signs to stop east and west bound traffic on 5th Street at Chestnut Street by January 1, 2018, seconded by Kavan. Roll call vote: Lawver, yes; Kavan, yes; Tyler, yes; and Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: Svoboda and Dunbar. Motion carried.

Harrell reported no information was available yet for final design of street light poles, lamps, and decorative elements for Chestnut Street project. Motion by Kavan, seconded by Lawver, to table this item. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Lawver, yes; Krejci, yes; and Tyler, yes. Absent and not voting: Svoboda and Dunbar. Motion carried.

Motion by Lawver, seconded by Tyler, to authorize purchase of an asphalt hotbox machine for the Street Department. Roll call vote: Lawver, yes; Tyler, yes; Krejci, yes; and Kavan, yes. Absent and not voting: Svoboda and Dunbar. Motion carried.

Mayor Lindahl was excused from the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Stuart Krejci, president of the Council, presided for the remainder of the meeting.

Harrell reported on an alternative for Safe Routes to School Project, adjacent to the east side of Hackberry Street by removing one panel of paving, installing new curb and gutter and the sidewalk within that space. This would minimize easements and need for property acquisition, and narrow Hackberry Street. Parking restriction would be recommended for the east side.

Motion by Kavan, seconded by Lawver, to approve the concept of utilizing a panel from Hackberry Street for sidewalk construction for the Safe Routes to School Project. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Lawver, yes; Tyler, yes; and Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: Svoboda and Dunbar. Motion carried.

Lisa Brichacek thanked the Council and city staff for their assistance and support of the Chamber tree lighting and parade event on November 29th, which was well attended.

A special council meeting will be held December 1, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion by Kavan, seconded by Tyler, to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

Approved:

Lucinda Morrow, Deputy Clerk

Loren L. Lindahl, Mayor