

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.

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

1. Minutes of December 28, 2017 meeting of Council
2. Minutes of December 12, 2017 meeting of Library Board
3. Licenses: Plumbers: Ray Clapper, Buckridge, Fremont; Richard Stava, RAS Plumbing & Mechanical LLC, Valparaiso. HVAC: Scott Getzschman, Getzschman Heating LLC, Fremont; Alfred Retikis, Affordable Heating & Cooling, Omaha; Richard Stava, RAS Plumbing & Mechanical, LLC, Fremont. Electricians: Colby Schutt, Schutt Construction & Electric, Wahoo; Mike Fitzgerald, Getzschman Heating, LLC, Fremont; Brian Allison, Sentry Electric, Inc, Lincoln; Thomas Morse, NEBCO, Lincoln; Leslie Shallberg, Fremont Electric, Fremont. Tree contractors: Randy Hamling, Randy's Tree & Stump Removal, Columbus; Korbin Stewart, S & S Tree Service, Ashland.

Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Krejci, yes; Svoboda, yes; Dunbar, yes; Lawver, yes; and Tyler, yes. Motion carried.

Department head reports given. Jansa reported tree cutting and preparation for winter storms. Denise Lawver reported on an upcoming program. Jackson reported several large cases were recently cleared. Stuhr reported new classes at the Civic Center. Work is ongoing at the service center, adding dirt by the building, installing security, and finishing inside. Harrell reported there were 147 nuisance complaints in 2017, almost all were cleared. Svoboda reported an appeal of the FAA decision was filed.

The Street committee will meet on January 15. Finance committee met. The Board of Public Works held a special meeting to discuss gas rates on three critical days in December; it was decided to use funds from natural gas operations to mitigate some of the cost to natural gas customers. Customers are being encouraged to sign up for the level payment plan.

Kevin Stuhr reported on the planned shade structure and bleachers at Hackberry Park. Bids were reviewed. Motion by Krejci, seconded by Kavan, to accept bids and approve purchase from Fry & Associates for shade structure of \$45,950, and Heartland Seating for bleachers of \$85,000. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Kavan, yes; Tyler, yes; Svoboda, yes; Dunbar, yes; and Lawver, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Beavers reported he would like to do some additional research on wording and illustrations for Ordinance 2263, which would change accessory building height and setback requirements, and include the changes in NRC zoning district.

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 second reading and its title agreed to. Council Member Dunbar 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; Dunbar, yes; Kavan, yes; Tyler, yes; Krejci, yes; and Svoboda, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Harrell reported that a survey done by JEO at the time of purchase of the service center property at 110 South Chestnut shows a portion of the building is located in the 1st Street right-of-way. An ordinance to allow the encroachment was recommended.

Ordinance No. 2265 was introduced by Kavan entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO TO GRANT AN EASEMENT OF ENCROACHMENT INTO THE 1ST STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY IN BLOCK 1, STOCKING ADDITION TO WAHOO. The Mayor then instructed the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2265 of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska. The Clerk thereupon read the aforesaid Ordinance No. 2265 by title.

Council Member Kavan 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 Tyler 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: Kavan, yes; Tyler, yes; Krejci, yes; Svoboda, yes; Dunbar, yes; and Lawver, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried. The motion having been carried by the affirmative votes of no less than three-fourths of the members of the Council, the Mayor declared the statutory rules in regards to the passage and approval of ordinance be suspended so that Ordinance No. 2265 may be read by title and moved for final passage in the same meeting.

Council Member Kavan moved that Ordinance No. 2265 be approved 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: Kavan, yes; Tyler, yes; Lawver, yes; Dunbar, yes; Svoboda, yes; and Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: none. 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 Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act provides for a tax credit for first responders who meet requirements. Motion by Dunbar, seconded by Kavan, to accept the listing of members of the WVFD and Rescue who have met qualifications. Roll call vote: Dunbar, yes; Kavan, yes; Lawver, yes; Svoboda, yes; Krejci, yes; and Tyler, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Harrell recommended the Council consider a waiver as provided under Section 3.10 of the Subdivision Ordinance to allow concurrent filing of a preliminary and final subdivision plat for a proposed subdivision located near 15th Street and the Highway 77/92 Expressway. Motion by Lawver, seconded by Svoboda, to grant the waiver under Section 3.10 of the Subdivision Ordinance. Roll call vote: Lawver, yes; Svoboda, yes; Kavan, yes; Krejci, yes; Tyler, yes; and Dunbar, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Kavan, seconded by Lawver, to authorize the Mayor, President of the Council, Deputy Clerk, and City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer as signers on the DARE account at Firstbank. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Lawver, yes; Tyler, yes; Krejci, yes; Svoboda, yes; and Dunbar, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

No audience comments presented.

The Mayor and Council discussed the reorganization of city departments and boards, funding sources, and potential changes when Wahoo reaches City of the First Class population.

Motion by Tyler, seconded by Svoboda, to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Approved:

Lucinda Morrow, Deputy Clerk

Loren L. Lindahl, Mayor