

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 Gerald D. Johnson 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: Greg Kavan, Stuart Krejci, Karen Boop, and Carl Warford. Absent: Mike Lawver and Patrick Nagle.

Monthly Department Head reports were reviewed. Beavers reported there were lots of new housing starts and that Casey's had begun their construction process. He reported Runza is working on interior finishes and planning for an opening. In addition there are several nuisances that he reported working on. Jansa reported the crews were working on painting street lines downtown and items at the cemetery. Stuhr reported the Lake Wanhoo Trail was reopened after flooding damage. The outdoor pool is doing well and the Civic Center will be completing their one-week maintenance shut down the end of July/first of August. He also reported the Senior Citizens group agreed to contribute funding to making some repairs to the Senior Center building. Lawver reported the Summer Reading Program is going well and they are addressing maintenance items in the building. Ferrell reported the National Night Out for Police, Fire & EMS is scheduled for August 5th at Smith Park. He also announced Sean Villmont had been promoted to the position of Lieutenant effective August 1. Harrell reported on several of the ongoing projects in the community.

A motion was made by Kavan, seconded by Krejci, to approve the consent agenda:

- 1) Minutes of the June 27, 2019 meeting of Mayor and Council
- 2) Acceptance of the minutes of the June 18, 2019 Library Board meeting
- 3) Licenses: Plumbers: Doug Hedges, TSI Mechanical, LaVista; Brett Lundin, Prairie Mechanical Corp, Omaha; Ronald Benes, Ron's Plumbing, Brainard; Nate Fraizer, The Fraizer Company, Omaha. HVAC Installers: Brett Lundin, Prairie Mechanical Corp, Omaha; Trevor Scholting, Hayes Mechanical, LaVista; Ronald Benes, Ron's Plumbing, Brainard; Josh Kasischke, K & S Mechanical, Wahoo. Electricians: Edward Cezek, Omaha Electric Service, Omaha; Steven McKay, Salt Valley Electric, Lincoln; Lucas Jung, Jung Electric, Lincoln; George Stoner, George's Electric LLC, Lincoln; and Colby Schutt, Schutt Electrical & Contracting, Wahoo.
- 4) Appointment to Economic Development Advisory Board: Johnson (replacing Tyler)

Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; and Warford, yes. Lawver and Nagle, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

The Mayor reported that Doug Watts, Economic Development Director, had announced his retirement and he would be leaving his position the end of August.

Harrell presented the bid received for the 2019 Drainage Improvements – Projects 1, 2, 3, & 4 as submitted by Lierman Excavating, Inc. A motion was made by Kavan, seconded by Warford, to accept the bids and authorize entering into the agreements necessary for the completion of the project. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; and Boop, yes. Lawver and Nagle, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

The conditional use permit for the operation of a new automobile sales business in NRC on property known as 1159 N Chestnut was discussed. Beavers presented information regarding the past operation

and that the conditional use permit had not yet expired.

Ordinance No. 2317 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, NEBRASKA, AND ORDINANCE NO. 2280, PERTAINING TO THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE, TO WIT: THE EAST 80.51 FEET OF LOT 9, EXCEPT THE NORTH 5.0 FEET THEREOF, THE EAST 80.51 FEET OF LOT 10 AND THE EAST 80.51 FEET OF THE NORTH 23.79 FEET OF LOT 11, BLOCK 3, FAIRVIEW ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WAHOO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS OF RECORD, BY EXTENDING THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THEREON A PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USE, THAT BEING AUTOMOBILE SALES, AS ALLOWED BY PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USES LISTED UNDER NRC-NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT OF WAHOO ZONING REGULATIONS SECTION 5.11.03 was introduced by Warford, who moved for approval of first reading, motion seconded by Kavan. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Kavan, yes; Krejci, yes; and Boop, yes. Lawver and Nagle, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Beavers presented a request for matching existing non-conforming setback for an addition to a structure located at 1215 North Locust. A motion was made by Kavan, seconded by Warford, to approve said request. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Warford, yes; Boop, yes; and Krejci, yes. Lawver and Nagle, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Harrell presented information explaining the need to have previously obtained easements (for the southwest interceptor sewer line) re-stated with the correct legal description, requesting the Council's approval to proceed with the work necessary to complete this action. A motion was made by Krejci, seconded by Kavan, to authorize proceeding with obtaining the re-stated legal description and easement corrections. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Kavan, yes; Boop, yes; and Warford, yes. Lawver and Nagle, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on trees in the downtown street right-of-way, specifically planted in the bump-outs in the corners of intersections. Harrell reported on the various restrictions currently in place that do not allow tree planting in these locations to take place, as stated in the Wahoo Municipal Code. She further explained that prior to the planting of the Wahoo State Bank tree, City staff had been having discussions about this topic. Information had been requested of the Department Heads with their concerns or issues (if any) with trees being located in this area. Concerns about potential conflicts between infrastructure and roots, and the proper maintenance needed for trees in these areas.

Greg Hohl was also present and reviewed a memo he shared with the Council explaining his position and desire to have trees present in the downtown to soften the concrete and buildings and to make it more inviting. Tom Svoboda was also present to review past discussions and encourage the Council to look at cities like Nebraska City, Ashland, and Falls City for their use of trees in the downtown.

Council members had discussion on the issue and expressed their concerns: Is this a City project or is this a private project? There needs to be consistency in the plantings if they are allowed. There needs to be complete investigation into what is under the area to ensure there is no conflict with infrastructure if they are allowed. It was agreed further investigation was needed. The Mayor indicated he would not require the tree that was planted at Wahoo State Bank to be removed until a decision was made about whether trees would be allowed in the bump outs or not.

Harrell presented a Master Fee Schedule resolution for Council's consideration. This resolution includes attachments for each department but does not include fees for the utilities which are

approved/implemented by the Board of Public Works. A motion was made by Warford, seconded by Krejci, to approve the following resolution, Resolution No. 2019-07:

“WHEREAS, it is necessary for the staff of the City of Wahoo to provide services, materials and products, permits, and facilities for use by the public, that will be reimbursed by said members of the public, and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wahoo to establish and adopt, by resolution, a schedule of appropriate fees and charges as are necessary to recover City costs in providing City services, materials, permits, and products,

WHEREAS, it is desirable to maintain a Master Fee Schedule which provides a compilation of fees and charges assessed by the departments of the City of Wahoo, as attached herein,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Wahoo that the following City of Wahoo Master Fee Resolution as found in Attachments 1 to 9, are hereby adopted and established for the City of Wahoo”

Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Kavan, yes; and Boop, yes. Lawver and Nagle, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

City Attorney Lausterer was asked by the Mayor to provide an update on the negotiations with the Wahoo Rural Fire Board on an interlocal agreement with the City of Wahoo. Lausterer provided a brief history of the relationships, the current operating interlocal agreement and the reasons negotiations are taking place at this point. He further explained the key points of the agreement that are being negotiated and how the current version of the agreement had been developed. He explained his proposed amendments to the current version. Discussion was held by the Council on the various points of concern being negotiated in this process. Mayor Johnson summarized the conversations indicating the current version, as reviewed with the Council by Lausterer, with the completed Exhibits A & B, would be submitted to the Wahoo Rural Board for consideration. No action taken.

A motion was made by Warford, seconded by Boop to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

Approved:

Melissa Harrell, City Administrator

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor