

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: Mike Lawver, Greg Kavan, Patrick Nagle, Stuart Krejci, Karen Boop, and Carl Warford. Absent: none.

Written Department Head reports were reviewed. Stuhr reported the pool will close for the season on Sunday. Anderson reported rescue calls are 30 to 40 calls ahead of last year. Standby for fair events went well. The department will participate in a health fair at SMC next week. Ferrell reported 306 calls for service in July. The National Night Out at Smith Park was well attended. Police Club will meet on August 12th. Hull reported meeting regarding drainage repair around the fire hall.

Lawver reported the Street Committee met and discussed signage/parking issues, updates on Chestnut Street, and the overlay project on 1st Street in progress. Harrell reported 15th Street work will begin next week, and schools are aware of the construction. Krejci reported Finance Committee will meet next week. The Mayor reported Beavers would like to meet with the General Committee to discuss several issues. Harrell reported many projects going on, and working with Hurst to become familiar with operations. Council members were reminded of the League Conference in September. Lausterer reported there is no statutory authority for the City to cede zoning jurisdiction of property in the extraterritorial area back to the County.

A motion was made by Lawver, seconded by Warford, to approve the consent agenda:

- 1) Minutes of the July 25, 2019 meeting of Mayor and Council
- 2) Acceptance of the minutes of the July 30, 2019 Planning Commission meeting
- 3) Licenses: Plumbers: Scott Mueller, Mueller Trenching Inc, Syracuse. HVAC: Doug Obrthausen, Doug's Heating & Air Conditioning, Seward. Tree Contractor: Brian Barta, Z & B Tree, Brainard.

Roll call vote: Lawver, yes; Warford, yes; Kavan, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; and Boop, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Further discussion was held regarding trees in the downtown street right-of-way. The Mayor reported he addressed the Greater Wahoo Development meeting and reported to them concerns of the state forester and the work which would be required to make the bumpouts suitable for tree planting. He asked Greater Wahoo and Chamber members to consider who would bear the cost for these changes and continued maintenance, and work toward a proposal to present to the City, possibly through an improvement district. He noted the City has a tree ordinance and permit process for trees in the right-of-way, and this was not followed for the tree at 5th and Linden. Greg Hohl and Eric Gottschalk addressed the council in favor of trees in the downtown area. Council members discussed: gathering more information to determine whether to proceed with tree planting downtown; other ideas for downtown beautification (banners, holiday lights, other planting/landscaping); concern for future damage to sidewalks and infrastructure from tree roots, and who pays for repairs; maintaining and enforcing the current regulation; abatement of the non-compliant tree.

A motion was made by Kavan, seconded by Warford, to maintain and enforce the current tree

regulations. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Warford, yes; Lawver, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; and Boop, no. Motion carried. The Mayor stated he would begin the process for abatement of the non-compliant tree.

Lausterer reported the revised interlocal agreement with Exhibits A and B, was submitted to Jim Egr for review. A revised draft was returned, and he discussed the proposed changes. The Mayor reported he, Harrell, Krejci, and Hull would be meeting Wahoo Rural Fire Board representatives at the Fire Hall following the Council meeting. Mechanisms for improving communication between the City of Wahoo and Wahoo Rural Fire Board were discussed.

No public comments presented.

Boop passed along positive comments she was told about the Mayor's support and participation in local events.

A motion was made by Kavan, seconded by Boop to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

Approved:

Lucinda J. Morrow, Clerk

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor