

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.

The Mayor noted Chief Ferrell is absent, and two agenda items which affect the Police Department will be deferred to the next meeting.

Department Head written reports provided. West service center fence and gates are completed. Cody Hull reported EMS/Fire call response statistics. Harrell reported refunding bond rates came in below the target interest rate.

Council Committee reports: Krejci reported the Finance Committee discussed bond rates, personnel policies and comp time, and police department request for tasers. General committee met. Street committee selected Olsson Associates to develop the scope of services for FEMA repair and mitigation projects. The Board of Public Works will meet next week.

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

1. Minutes of January 23, 2020 meeting of Council
2. Minutes of January 15, 2020 meeting of Board of Public Works
3. Minutes of January 28, 2020 meeting of Board of Adjustment
4. Minutes of January 14, 2020 meeting of Library Board

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

Public Hearing opened at 7:07 p.m. pursuant to Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds for Tiered Projects and Programs from Nebraska Department of Economic Development for CDBG owner-occupied rehabilitation funds. No public comments were offered. Harrell noted this is a step in the process, to allow the public to comment or object, prior to release of funds and proceeding with the application process.

Motion by Kavan, seconded by Warford, to close public hearing at 7:08 p.m. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Warford, yes; Lawver, yes; Nagel, yes; Krejci, yes; and Boop, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Krejci, seconded by Nagle, to authorize submission of a request for release of funds. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Nagel, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Lawver, yes; and Kavan, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Stuhr reported the systems in the indoor pool facility are 25 years old and the time has come to evaluate and plan for replacement. Some codes and regulations have changed over the years and equipment which was "grandfathered" will need redesign or reinstallation; new technology is available which can increase efficiency. If approved, work would be done in 2021.

Motion by Kavan, seconded by Krejci, to approve Agreement with JEO Consulting Group to complete 30% design plans for the evaluation and renovation of the indoor pool HVAC and mechanical systems at the Wahoo Civic Center. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Lawver, yes; and Nagle, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Items related to the CDBG Housing Rehab Grant #19-HO-16103 were discussed.

Motion by Krejci, seconded by Kavan, to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with SENDD for the Administration of the CDBG Housing Rehab Grant #19-HO-16103. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Kavan, yes; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; and Lawver, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2020-01 was introduced by Lawver, who moved for approval, seconded by Nagle:

SUBJECT: Adoption of HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES for the 2019 Citywide Housing Rehabilitation Program, including a Program Minimum Standards under the Affordable Housing Program through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

WHEREAS: Wahoo, Nebraska has applied for 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Category funds through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED), and,

WHEREAS: The 2019 CDBG Affordable Housing Program will provide for offering housing rehabilitation assistance to eligible homeowners within Wahoo, and,

WHEREAS: Wahoo will comply with statutory and administrative regulations associated with the Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and will utilize CDBG funds for housing rehabilitation within the community in accordance with the 2019 Citywide Housing Rehabilitation Application and Program, and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WAHOO THAT:

The City Council herewith adopts as its official Program Guidelines the materials appended and attached hereto. No other Housing Rehabilitation Program Guidelines shall stand or be in effect other than the 2019 Citywide Housing Rehabilitation Program Guidelines dated September 26th, 2019.

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

Resolution No. 2020-02 was introduced by Warford, who moved for approval, seconded by Lawver:

SUBJECT: Adoption of PROGRAM INCOME REUSE PLAN for the 2019 Citywide Housing Rehabilitation Program, including a Program Minimum Standards under the Affordable Housing Program through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

WHEREAS: Wahoo, Nebraska has applied for 2019 Community Development Block

Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Category funds through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED), and,

WHEREAS: The 2019 CDBG Affordable Housing Program will provide for offering housing rehabilitation assistance to eligible homeowners within Wahoo, and,

WHEREAS: Wahoo will comply with statutory and administrative regulations associated with the Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and will utilize CDBG funds for housing rehabilitation within the community in accordance with the 2019 Citywide Housing Rehabilitation Application and Program, and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WAHOO THAT:

The City Council herewith adopts as its official Program Income Reuse Plan and the materials appended and attached hereto. No other Program Income Reuse Plan shall stand or be in effect other than the 2019 Citywide Program Income Reuse Plan dated September 26th, 2019.

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

Motion by Warford, seconded by Boop, to authorize the Mayor to sign documents: Financial Management Certification; Authorization to Request Grant Funds; Excessive Force Certification; and any other associated documents. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Boop, yes; Lawver, yes; Kavan, yes; Nagle, yes; and Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Harrell reported that SENDD-approved contractors will be needed to carry out the housing rehab projects, and any contractors interested in becoming pre-approved should contact city hall for referral to SENDD.

Proposed plans for rearranging space at the fire hall to create a day room for paramedics have been reviewed by building staff and the Fire Marshal, and approved. A motion was made by Krejci, seconded by Lawver, to approve request by Wahoo EMS Department to draw up to \$10,000 from the Manners Trust Funds to be used for installation of a day room. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Lawver, yes; Kavan, yes; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes; and Warford, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lawver, seconded by Kavan, to approve the list of members of the WVFD and Rescue who have met the qualifications for the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act, and authorize City Administrator to sign as certification administrator. Roll call vote: Lawver, yes; Kavan, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; and Warford, abstained. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

The agenda item to amend Municipal Code regarding vaping and use of alternative nicotine products, changing the age for sale or possession of such products to 21, and prohibiting kratom, will be moved to the next council meeting for discussion, due to the absence of the Chief of Police.

Resolution No. 2020-03 to approve participation in Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization, and designation of Cody Hull, Fire Chief, as representative, was introduced by Lawver, seconded by Kavan:

WHEREAS, certain municipalities and fire protection districts located in Saunders County, Nebraska desire to enter into an Interlocal cooperation agreement for the creation of a Mutual Finance Organization pursuant to Legislative Bill 1120, 1998;

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization would be in the best interests of all participating members; and,

WHEREAS, the members desire to enter into a written Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska:

Section 1. The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization is hereby approved, ratified and accepted, and the Mayor of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the same;

Section 2. The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization shall not establish a separate legal entity, but rather shall be a joint and cooperative undertaking between the members and that a joint board shall be responsible for administering this joint and cooperative undertaking.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed.

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

Kavan asked that discussion of the policy and purchase of tasers for the Police Department not be delayed to the next meeting. Both Finance and General Committees have reviewed the request, and both recommended approval. Motion by Kavan, seconded by Lawver, to approve the policy to authorize the use of tasers by the Wahoo Police Department and to authorize purchase of two tasers for use by appropriately trained officers. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Lawver, yes; Warford, yes; Boop, yes; Krejci, yes; and Nagle, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor and City Administrator reported a couple of property owners along Chestnut Street have raised questions regarding grass planted along the street improvement project. It was noted that green space and softening of appearance along the Chestnut Street Corridor was an important consideration included in the design plans. Lawver stated he would like to see the project completed before any change to the design is made. No action taken.

No audience comments.

Boop reported at a recent meeting she attended, the need for housing and day care were rated high priority. Council members noted that no recent applications for child care facilities have been turned down.

Motion by Lawver, seconded by Boop, to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Approved:

Lucinda J. Morrow, Clerk

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor