## **Council Chambers**

## Wahoo, Nebraska

The Council met in regular session by video/telephone conference on a Zoom link, in compliance with agenda posted at City Hall, Post Office and First Bank of Nebraska, and the City of Wahoo web site, 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.

Mayor Johnson recognized several Scouts from Troop 140 participating as part of the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

Roll call was taken with the following Council members present, acknowledging they have received the agenda and advance notice of the meeting: Mike Lawver, Greg Kavan, Patrick Nagle, Stuart Krejci, and Karen Boop. Absent: Carl Warford.

The Board of Public Works met. The annual TIF report prepared by Harrell was provided.

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

- 1. Minutes of May 14, 2020 meeting of Council
- 2. Minutes of May 13, 2020 meeting of Wahoo Library Board
- 3. Acceptance of Annual TIF Report

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

Ord. No. 2347 to update the energy code remains tabled. Jon Mooberry of JEO Consulting Group reported he is reviewing the amount budgeted for construction observation and estimated timetable for the project related to Change Order #12 for Chestnut Street. This will remain tabled.

Mooberry reported on Chestnut Street Improvements, Change Order No. 13 and Pay Application No. 22. Motion by Kavan, seconded by Nagle, to approve Change Order No. 13 for Chestnut Street Improvements. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; and Lawver, abstained. Absent and not voting: Warford. Motion carried.

Motion by Krejci, seconded by Nagle, to approve Pay Application #22 to M E Collins Contracting for Chestnut Street Improvements in the amount of \$202,867.55 (\$169,003.05 City expense; \$33,864.50 Utility expense). Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Kavan, yes; Boop, yes; and Lawver, abstained. Absent and not voting: Warford. Motion carried.

Action of the Council at the last meeting regarding declaration of a potentially dangerous dog was declared void, due miscommunication regarding the virtual meeting and Rose's absence. Hearing opened at 7:13 p.m. to determine whether to declare a dog living at the residence of Patricia Rose, 143 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, as a potentially dangerous or dangerous dog, from an incident on April 15, 2020. Ferrell provided a report of two incidents involving the dog recently, where it exhibited threatening behavior toward a person jogging past the residence. Ferrell reported other reports in previous years. Amy Rose provided statements regarding the temperament of the dog. Control of the dog when it leaves the property, and proximity to the walking trail were discussed. Rose disagreed that the dog actually left her property in the incidents. Rose asked about putting a fence in the front yard, and was advised to contact

the building inspector regarding fence regulations. Krejci stated although the incidents reported may not reach the level to declare the dog potentially dangerous, the owners need to be aware of the dog's actions and control the animal. Motion by Krejci, seconded by Lawver, to not declare the dog as potentially dangerous. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Lawver, yes; Boop, yes; Kavan, no; and Nagle, yes. Absent and not voting: Warford. Motion carried.

Beavers reported the owner of 466 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street would like to replace the concrete stoop at the front door and add a 10-foot by 8-foot deck on the front of the house which would not meet setback requirements; other properties on the block do not meet setbacks either, and this deck would align with frontages of the other properties. Motion by Krejci, seconded by Lawver, to approve variation in setback. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Lawver, yes; Kavan, yes; Nagle, yes; and Boop, yes. Absent and not voting: Warford. Motion carried.

Grant Anderson reported on the supplemental grant for radios for the EMS department, which was approved. This is 100 percent funding from a grant for COVID relief funding for public safety agencies. The City would purchase the radios, and receive reimbursement for the cost. Motion by Lawver, seconded by Kavan, to authorize purchase of new radios for the Wahoo EMS Department, in conjunction with the grant request. Roll call vote: Lawver, yes; Kavan, yes; Boop, yes; Nagle, yes; and Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: Warford. Motion carried.

Delay of the penalty for late registration of dogs and cats was discussed, after June 30, 2020, due to the pandemic. Motion by Kavan, seconded by Lawver, to extend penalty for late pet license renewal to after June 30, 2020, with the penalty of \$20.00 assessed after that date. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Lawver, yes; Boop, yes; Nagle, yes; and Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: Warford. Motion carried.

Ferrell reported he has been checking into obtaining a drug detection K-9. Bellevue has a program in place which provides full funding of their program through private donations to a 501(c)(3). Ferrell is working on a policy and investigating funding options and expense for care, training, housing, and outfitting a vehicle and kennel space at the office. Wahoo's program would be available for mutual aid to Saunders County. A formal request would be presented to the Council for approval when information is complete. Motion by Lawver, seconded by Krejci, to authorize staff to study initiating a K-9 program. Roll call vote: Lawver, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; Nagle, yes; and Kavan, yes. Absent and not voting: Warford. Motion carried.

No action regarding the ordinance amending municipal code with statutory updates.

Discussion regarding a permit process for mobile food trucks/vendors opened. Lawver stated this has been discussed before, but these types of businesses seem more prevalent now. Tom Rustermier of Dairy Queen provided his perspective as a food establishment owner, particularly with the limited access to his business during the street construction project. Deana Briggs, operator of Cajun Sneaux and Snax food truck discussed her business, and stated if the local permit fee was too high, she would not operate in that town. Lausterer stated regulations in other communities could be used as a model for a process in Wahoo. This will be taken under advisement.

Jason Lauck stated Scouts are attending this virtual meeting as part of their Citizenship in the Community merit badge, to learn about community issues and problems, and would contact the City office for further information.

Lawver asked if Council action is necessary to implement restrictions and health measures for reopening city facilities. Lausterer stated this would be handled administratively. Kevin Stuhr reported on plans for reopening the civic center and park facilities, with limited capacity, sanitation measures, and no concessions. They are looking at a mid-June opening of the swimming pool, with restrictions. Additional information will be released soon.

The Mayor reported there will be a meeting to discuss the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks plans.

Motion by Lawver, seconded by Nagle, to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

Approved:

Lucinda J. Morrow, Clerk

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor