

The Council met in regular session in the Wahoo Public Library, 637 Maple Street, 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 public was informed of the location of posting of the Open Meetings Law. Roll call was taken with the following Council members present: Ryan Ideus, Chris Rappl, Patrick Nagle, Stuart Krejci, Karen Boop, and Carl Warford. Absent: none.

The Mayor announced that the week of April 4-10, 2021 was declared to be recognized as National Library Week 2021 and acknowledged the great opportunities the Wahoo Public Library provides to the citizens of Wahoo. He thanked the Wahoo Library staff for their dedication and efforts in serving the public.

The Mayor called for committee reports. Krejci reported the Finance Committee had met to discuss hiring and personnel issues for the City/Wahoo Utilities. Ideus reported the Board of Public Works had met and the Department Heads had an opportunity to present their annual review of activities for 2020 to the Board.

A motion was made by Warford, seconded by Krejci to approve the consent agenda, including: 1) Minutes of the March 11, 2021 Council meeting; 2) minutes of March 9, 2021 Meeting of the Planning Commission; and 3) Minutes of the March 17, 2021 meeting of the Board of Public Works. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

The public hearing on an amendment of Ordinance No. 2114, the City of Wahoo Subdivision Regulations, regarding required minimum street pavement width and other minor administrative changes was declared open at 7:04 p.m. Harrell reviewed the administrative amendments with the Council and further explained the request for allowing a minimum street paving width for Local Streets of something less than 31' feet. Harrell indicated the Planning Commission had reviewed the amendment and did make the recommendation of approving the administrative changes, but not approving the street width change with the current language. It was stated the Planning Commission would prefer to have this option only offered as a potential waiver that could be granted by the Council. It was agreed this should be tied to limitation of parking on one side of the street. The Mayor called for those speaking for or against the proposed amendment and no comments, other than the Planning Commission recommendation were presented. A motion was made by Krejci, seconded by Nagle to close the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Rappl, yes; Ideus, yes, Warford, yes; and Boop, yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2367 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, NEBRASKA TO AMEND THE CITY OF WAHOO SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS REGARDING A MINIMUM STREET PAVEMENT WITH FOR LOCAL STREETS AND OTHER MINOR ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES, was introduced by Warford. The Mayor then instructed the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2367 of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska. The Clerk thereupon read the aforesaid Ordinance No. 2367 by title.

Council Member Nagle moved that the statutory rules in regard to the passage and adoption of ordinances be suspended so the said ordinance might be introduced, read by title, and then moved for final passage at the same meeting. Council Member 2367 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: Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes. Absent and not voting: none. 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. 2367 may be read by title and moved for final passage in the same meeting.

Council Member Warford moved that Ordinance No. 2367 be approved and passed and its title agreed to. Council Member Krejci seconded the motion. The Mayor instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the vote and the following was the vote on this motion: Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; and Boop, 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.

Information was presented by Travis Beavers, Building Inspector on a request for expansion of a non-conforming structure/alignment of frontages as filed by 466 East 1st Street. A motion was made by Krejci, seconded by Warford to allow the alignment of frontages for the expansion of a non-conforming structure for the construction of a 20'X24' garage addition as presented. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; and Boop, yes. Motion carried.

Harrell presented information showing the Council had previously extended the expiration date of the 80 hours of COVID pay for employees from December 31, 2020 to March 31, 2021. Harrell explained that because all employees who wanted to be vaccinated have had the opportunity to do so, it would be the staff recommendation to allow this to expire of March 31, 2021. A motion was made by Krejci, seconded by Ideus to allow the benefit of 80 hours of paid leave for COVID time off for employees to expire on March 31, 2021. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Rapple, yes; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes; and Warford, yes. Motion carried.

Gaylord Anderson was present to express concern about several issues regarding the City of Wahoo. The list of items included: 1) lack of trees in the downtown area, 2) over-wide handicapped parking stalls and the need for Senior Citizen parking; 3) violation of a local business their construction methods; 4) use of the Spruce Street right-of-way north of 15th Street by Wahoo Concrete; 5) removal of trees on private property by a private entity; 6) charges for a water leak at a building he previously owned, and others. Mayor Johnson indicated Mr. Anderson had 10 minutes to address the Council on these issues and after 25 minutes had passed Mr. Anderson was asked to schedule a meeting with the Mayor for further review.

Harrell indicated there had been a request for a potential change in meeting date of the Council; this will be on the next agenda for discussion. The next meeting date is Thursday, April 8, 2021.

Motion by Warford seconded by Ideus, to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Approved: April 8, 2021

Melissa M. Harrell, City Administrator

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor