

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 a proclamation declaring April 30, 2021, as Arbor Day in Wahoo, Nebraska.

Department head written reports were reviewed. All departments reported a lot of activity. The Mayor reported the airport received word the runway improvement project will be fully funded, scheduled for 2022. No Council committee reports.

A motion was made by Warford, seconded by Krejci to approve the consent agenda: Minutes of the March 25, 2021, Council meeting; Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; and Boop, yes. Motion carried.

The public hearing on an application for Class I Liquor License filed by Good Life Boutique was declared open at 7:06 p.m. The application was reviewed. Chief Ferrell stated some concerns with the application, noting the primary business is a boutique, but with a Class I liquor license, it could operate as a full service bar, and even serve drinks for carry-out under the Covid exception. The landlord and some other businesses were not aware of the application, and the police department would like to gather more information from the business owner. Tabling action to the next meeting would still fall within the 45 days provided by the Liquor Control Commission for action. A motion was made by Krejci to close the public hearing at 7:11 p.m., but withdrew the motion, in order to allow the business owner an opportunity to present information at the next meeting. Krejci moved to table the public hearing and action on the application to the next meeting, seconded by Nagle. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes, and Rappl, yes. Motion carried.

Public hearing concerning an Engineering Report to replace various water mains and appurtenances throughout the City, as required for State Revolving Loan Fund from NE Department of Environment and Energy, opened at 7:19 p.m. Ryan Hurst, Utilities General Manager, provided the Engineering Report. He discussed the proposed improvements to water system infrastructure to be performed over a three-year period, and noted this is a zero percent loan with a 30-year payback provision. Dane Simonsen with JEO stated this hearing is a required part of the application process. The Mayor called for public comments, and no public comments were offered. A motion was made by Warford, seconded by Krejci to close the public hearing at 7:24 p.m. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; Ideus, yes, Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

The Energy Ordinance remains tabled.

Hearing on the Report submitted by the Reviewing Authority on the request for reasonable accommodation filed by Mary Durham and Rick Coenen was held. The report by the Reviewing Authority and associated exhibits were reviewed by the Council. Lausterer explained the process for reasonable accommodation, and the decision to allow the applicants to own one cat, and follow all regulations for licensing and vaccination. April Cover, counsel for applicant was present at hearing, but did not

comment. Motion by Warford, seconded by Krejci, to follow the reviewing authority's recommendation, to permit the applicants to own one domestic cat as an accommodation, providing regulations for licensing and vaccination are followed. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; Ideus, yes, Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

The revised parking plan and landscaping plan was presented to the Council for the Casey's construction project in Dry Run Creek. Beavers reported on the changes in paving area, water detention, larger building size, and required number of parking spaces. The plan meets or exceeds all requirements. Motion by Krejci, seconded by Rappl, to approve the revised parking plan and landscaping plan. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; and Ideus, yes. Motion carried.

Dave Henke of JEO provided information on the sole bid received for dog park fencing, which was higher than anticipated. He stated the bid is good for 60 days. He reported the Dog Park committee is attempting to organize some additional fundraising to cover the increased cost so the project could move forward this year, and requested the Council table action for four weeks to see if this can be done. Motion by Warford, seconded by Ideus, to table action on the bid for four weeks. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; and Boop, yes. Motion carried.

The audit for the City of Wahoo FY 2019-2020 has been completed by BMG, CPAs, and provided to the Council members for review. A motion was made by Krejci, seconded by Ideus to accept the audit as presented by BMG, CPAs. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Rapple, yes; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes; and Warford, yes. Motion carried.

A sample interlocal agreement for mosquito spraying for several communities in Saunders County and price list was provided for Council review. Motion by Rappl, seconded by Ideus, to approve entering into interlocal agreements for mosquito spraying during 2021 provided the villages meet requirements established by agreements. Roll call vote: Rapple, yes; Ideus, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; and Warford, yes. Motion carried.

Change of regular Council meeting date from the second and fourth Thursday of each month, to the second and fourth Tuesday of each month was discussed. Deadline for agenda requests, department head meetings, publication dates, etc. were discussed. It was agreed the next meeting would be held as scheduled on April 22, 2021, and change of meeting dates would begin with the May 11, 2021 meeting. Motion by Ideus, seconded by Rappl, to change regular City Council meeting dates to the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., beginning in May, 2021. Roll call vote: Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; and Warford, yes. Motion carried.

The Mayor reported on further meeting with the citizen who addressed the Council at the last meeting about issues of concern. He stated there have been three applicants for the vacancy on the Airport Authority. Krejci asked for progress report on the downtown parking situation for apartment dwellers. Feedback from the Chamber survey on this issue is not complete.

The next meeting will be April 22, 2021 at the Library.

Motion by Warford, seconded by Nagle, to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

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Lucinda Morrow, Clerk

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Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor