

The Council met in regular session in the Wahoo City Hall Council Chambers, 605 North Broadway 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 introduced Jessica Mastny, new Treasurer/HR Coordinator and Cody Brem, new City Clerk.

The Mayor asked for audience comments on items not on the agenda, and none were offered.

Melissa Harrell reported on the new State Law passed regarding the Open Meetings Act and the rules of virtual meetings. Under the new law, all those speaking in front of the Council must announce their name and address, unless that information could compromise the safety of anyone involved.

Department Head Reports were reviewed by the Council. Comments from Departments Heads included:

Ryan Hurst reported that the Board of Public Works will meet next week as scheduled. He also mentioned that the new Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system is being rolled out very soon and to spread awareness.

Grant Anderson reported that EMS call volume was up 21% from last year and COVID-19 cases are on the decline. He also reported the Paramedics are getting their pediatric certifications and that Saunders County is looking into upgrading its public safety radio system for all first responders.

Travis Beavers reported the Planning Commission discussed a few different zoning changes and an amendment that would be on the next Council Agenda. He reported that there are a number of new houses being built. He also mentioned the Board of Adjustments met and did not approve a request for a variance to the City's sign regulations.

Melissa Harrell reported staff is continuing to work on the North Highlands Subdivision and expects the final plat will come before the Council in June. This will include an annexation of that area. She reported on the upcoming Safe Routes To School Project and the 2021 Intersection and Sidewalk Ramp Improvement Project will start construction in June. The TIF Committee met with representatives of the Wahoo Public Schools to gain a perspective from them on TIF projects. A request for Bids is being advertised for boiler and sand filter projects for the indoor pool at the Civic Center. Melissa attended a meeting about the American Recovery Act and reported some of the eligible uses of those funds for cities. A FaceBook post making residents aware of the AMI change is out. She also thanked Lucinda Morrow for her years of service and to everyone that came out to her retirement party.

Mayor Johnson asked Melissa Harrell when we would see a report on the 2020 Census, she stated it should be ready around August or September.

The Mayor called for Council Committee Reports: Nagle reported on the Street Committee had met and discussed parking issues around both schools, which will come before the Council at a future meeting.

Kim Homes of 1855 North Walnut Street and Stacy Ideus of 1540 North Locust were present and discussed the plans for the Wahoo 150+1 celebration. They thanked all the businesses that were getting

involved and went over a list of events for the weekend of the celebration, a list of events was handed out. Karen Boop mentioned she was pleased to see all the flowers and decorating being done downtown. Ryan Hurst asked about some power issues that may arise.

A motion was made by Warford, seconded by Krejci to approve the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the April 22, 2021, Council meeting; 2) Minutes of the April 21, 2021 meeting of Board of Public Works; 3) Minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting of the Library Board. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Boop, yes; Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Rappl, yes; and Ideus, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Energy Ordinance remains tabled.

City Attorney Lausterer explained to the Council that a previously denied claim was on the agenda again. He explained the only way the claimant could be heard again was if the Council approved a motion to reopen the claim. Motion was offered by Warford, seconded by Rappl, to reopen Mike Maly Claim against the City for water damage to property located at 128 West 5th, Wahoo. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes, and Krejci, no. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Mike Maly of 1419 North Elm Street defended his claim again, stating the City did not do its due diligence in protecting his business from water damage. The only new information brought to the table from Mike Maly was an invoice (when previously his claim included only an estimate for work). Ryan Hurst again defended the City's position and actions. Lausterer reminded the Council of the standards of negligence that must be met in a tort claim against the City. Motion was offered by Warford, seconded by Krejci, to deny the claim of Mike Maly against the City for water damage to property located at 128 West 5th, Wahoo. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes, and Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Kevin Hittle of 6240 Ballard Avenue, Lincoln NE updated the Council on the final parking plan for St. Wenceslaus Campus. Harrell and Beavers reminded the Council this plan had been presented and approved in pieces, and this action was more administrative to combine all actions of approval into one, final, coherent plan. Motion was offered by Krejci, seconded by Nagle, to recommend approval of the final parking plan for St. Wenceslaus Campus (School, Church, Office, and Daycare). Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes, and Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Warford, seconded by Ideus, to approve Pay Application #31 to M.E. Collins Contracting for \$51,787.97 for the Chestnut Street Project. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; and Boop, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Grant Anderson discussed the reason for the purchasing of a new ambulance and its availability. Melissa Harrell answered any questions on financing the ambulance. Motion by Krejci, seconded by Rappl, to authorize the purchase of a 2021 Braun Chief XL Modular Ambulance with 2022 RAM 5500 4x4 diesel power chassis, with Stryker Power Load and Power Cot. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; and Boop, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

An agenda item to consider a request for a Special Designated License to have a beer garden was read by the Mayor. Motion by Warford, seconded by Ideus, to approve the request for a Special Designated License by Saunders Co. Ag Society for a Beer Garden on June 26th as part of the 150th year celebration.

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

Melissa Harrell reported the property for Colony Condos was sold and the housing project which had been approved for use of TIF would not be moving forward. Harrell indicated an invoice had been sent to the developer for recovery of the expenses incurred by the City as part of this project, which otherwise would have been recovered through TIF revenue. Motion by Warford, seconded by Krejci, to authorize the Mayor (Chairperson of the CDA) to sign Termination of Redevelopment Agreement between CDA and Colony Condos Phase II, LLC. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; and Boop, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Krejci, seconded by Nagle, to approve Resolution to authorize participation in the Saunders County Mutual Finance Organization for FY 2021-22:

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: Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; and Boop, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Melissa Harrell explained that the Saunders County Museum agreed to accept some historic items the City wanted to donate into their collection. Motion by Rappl, seconded by Boop, to authorize the donation of the following items to the Saunders County Museum: 1) 2 Carnival Posters, 2) Historic Street Sign, and 3) Fallout Shelter sign from City Hall. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; and Boop, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnson brought up having a Council work session at 6pm for the 1st meeting in June to discuss the future of City Hall. It was agreed this should include review of past plans for remodeling City Hall as well as evaluation of future City needs.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at the City Council Chambers, 605 North Broadway Street.

Motion by Krejci, seconded by Boop, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Approved:

Cody Brem, Clerk

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor