

The Council met in special session in the Wahoo City Hall, 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 Rapp, Patrick Nagle, Stuart Krejci, Karen Boop, and Carl Warford. Absent: None.

There were two items on the agenda that needed to be addressed; A vote on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2371, Petition for Annexation for a tract of land located in part of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ and part of the SW 1/4, in Section 33, T15N, R7E, and to discuss the future of City Hall and Police Station.

Motion made by Krejci, seconded by Ideus to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2371. Roll call vote: Rapp, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; absent and not voting, none. Motion carried.

City Administrator Melissa Harrell started the conversation on the future of City Hall and Police Station. She stated that the goal is to figure out how to pick who will help us figure out what are possibilities are. We don't know what we don't know at this point.

Councilmember Stuart Krejci asked if Council would want to go out for bid on this or select JEO who already has a functioning knowledge of our needs.

Melissa Harrell stated there was \$40,000 available to have someone create some options and do a facility review.

Councilmember Carl Warford stated that he was in favor of keeping JEO honest by going out for bids for almost any project, but this one he would feel better using a firm that knows the City well and will want to do a good job for their own community. He commented that even if we asked other firms to interview with us, would we know what we were looking for?

Krejci asked if JEO has restored or evaluated older buildings like City Hall?

Law Director Jovan Lausterer reminded the Council that just because we may use JEO for the facility review, does not mean we have to use them for the design or construction process.

Melissa Harrell reminded the Council that the last sight review was done in 1999. She also mentioned that Council should set parameters around what exactly they want from whoever they choose.

A motion was made by Krejci, seconded by Boop to invite JEO for a Facility Review Proposal with Staff. Roll call vote: Rapp, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; absent and not voting, none. Motion carried.

Jovan Lausterer stated they would need to create a contract with the firm that included costs and scope of work.

Councilmember Karen Boop suggested making a work session with JEO. Other Councilmembers made comment that once a contract was created, the Council should hear the proposed contract in one meeting and then vote on the contract in a separate meeting. This would allow time for Council to review the contract and make a more informed decision.

The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will take place at 7:00 pm on July 13th.

Motion by Ideus, seconded by Boop, to adjourn at 7:35 pm.

Approved:

Cody Brem, City Clerk

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor