

The Council met in regular 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 Rappl, Patrick Nagle, Stuart Krejci, Karen Boop, and Carl Warford. Absent: None.

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

Department Head reports were reviewed, staff discussed the clean up of branches after the storm this weekend.

Melissa Harrell, City Administrator, gave her report. Included in the report was; an update on the Safe Routes to School Project and Intersection Projects, update on North Highlands subdivision, the next step in the City Hall review, budget meetings, and updating office copier and phone system.

Mike Rogers, the City Bond Attorney with Gilmore Bell at 450 Regency Way, Omaha, was present to present an offer to the Council. The offer is for the City to act as a conduit for Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders County. Rogers explained that we would simply be using our tax exempt status as a government entity to assist the Partnership in attaining a tax free loan to purchase a building. There would be no pecuniary obligation to the City in any way. Other representatives from Community Action were present to answer any questions and discuss the projects this would benefit. There was a general consensus of the Council to hear more about the offer in later Council Meetings and for Staff to work with Rogers on this.

Council Committee reports were taken. The Streets Committee met on July 6th, the main topic of the meeting was prioritizing street overlays.

A motion was made by Warford, seconded by Krejci to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of June 22, 2021 Council Meeting; 2) Minutes of June 23, 2021 Meeting of Board of Public Works; 3) Minutes of June 16, 2021 Meeting of Library Board (Special Meeting); 4) Minutes of July 1, 2021 Meeting of the Planning Commission; 5) Acceptance of Thomas Bolgar as a new member of the EMS Department; 6) Licenses:

PLUMBER'S LICENSES:

Tim Hofferber, Wellman Plumbing, Lincoln, NE (Renew 5/25/22)

Dan Pabian, Pabian Electric, Wahoo, NE (Renew 6/4/22)

Anthony Leonardo, Tony Leonardo Plumbing, Nehawka, NE (Renew 5/14/22) Gerald Everly, Everly Plumbing, Fremont, NE (Renew 4/21/22)

DJ Berryman, Purified Plumbing & Contracting LLC, Waverly, NE (NEW 6/22/23) Glenn Richards, Traditions Plumbing LLC, Lincoln, NE (NEW 5/31/22)

HVAC INSTALLERS - MECHANICAL LICENSES:

Gerald Everly, Everly Plumbing, Fremont, NE (Renew 4/21/22)

Brandon Hamilton, Hi-Tech Heating & Air, Lincoln, NE (NEW 6/2/22)

Scott Long, RS Mechanical, Omaha, NE (NEW 6/1/22)

ELECTRICIAN'S LICENSES:

Mark Tromblee, Mach 1 Electric, Lincoln, NE (NEW 7/7/21)

Jason Wolfe, Wolfe ElectricCo Inc, Lincoln, NE (Renew 6/30/22)

Todd Braum, Burkett Electric, De Soto, IA (NEW 6/16/22)

TREE CONTRACTOR LICENSES:

Brian Barta, Z & B Tree Service, Brainard, NE (Renew 6/30/21)

Tim Mongar, Tim's Tree Service, Wahoo, NE 6/17/22

Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Ideus, yes; and Rappl, yes. Boop and Warford, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

There was no action taken on the public hearing on application to rezone property (Lots 1 and 2, Block 95, County Addition – known as 657 East 13th St.) from R-2 to R-3 Residential. This item remains tabled with the Public Hearing open.

Melissa Harrell opened the conversation before a vote on the second reading on Ordinance No. 2370, an amendment to the sign regulations, by asking Council what exactly the conditions would be if they were to add a conditional use on wall signs in C-1. Discussion followed, the main points being whether this would open up more applications for new conditional uses, finding out what other cond. uses were within C-1, and if Council needed to revisit sign regulation as a whole. Motion by Warford, seconded by Ideus to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2370 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SECTION 7.06: SIGN REGULATIONS, WALL SIGNS IN C-1. The Mayor then instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the vote on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2370 and the following was the vote on this motion: Rapple, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; absent and not voting, none. Motion carried.

The next agenda item was the vote on the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2371 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND THE TO ANNEX THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE, TO WIT: A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN PART OF THE SE1/4 OF THE NE1/4 AND PART OF THE SW1/4 OF THE NE1/4, LOCATED IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 07 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

Council Member Warford moved that Ordinance No. 2371 be approved and passed and its title agreed to. Council Member Nagle seconded the motion. The Mayor instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the vote and the following was the vote on this motion: Nagle, yes; Rappl, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; and Ideus, 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 Acting 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 Acting 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.

Cody Brem, City Clerk, spoke on behalf of the Zoning Administrator, explaining that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Parking Plan of 1201 N. Chestnut St., with the understanding some changes would be made so that it was compliant with the City's Zoning Code. Motion by Krejci, seconded by Rappl to approve the Parking Plan for 1201 N. Chestnut St. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Ideus, yes; and Rappl, yes. Boop and Warford, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Melissa Harrell explained that 2 comments came back from all the Down Town business/property owners after seeing the recommendation of a parking permit process for tenants of the DT. Council discussed several ideas, some included having free spaces for anyone parking overnight, others asked how many and how much the permits would be. Council directed Staff to continue drafting the proposal and to have something on the next agenda. No action was taken on the agenda item.

The Mayor called for comments on items for discussion or not listed on the agenda.

Motion by Krejci, seconded by Ideus, to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Approved:

Cody Brem, City Clerk

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor