

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 6:00 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, Patrick Nagle, Karen Boop, Chris Rappl, Stuart Krejci, and Carl Warford. Absent: None. (Note: No members of the public were in attendance.)

Prior to the opening of the public hearing, City Administrator Melissa Harrell presented the affidavit of publication of the required budget and levy hearing notice indicating the notice had been published on September 9, 2021 in the Wahoo Newspaper. In addition she noted the notice of special meeting had been posted in three locations (as are all agendas) and the City's website on Friday, September 10th, 2021. Harrell also indicated that the required three copies of the City of Wahoo 2021-22 Budget were available for member of the public in attendance.

The Mayor opened the public hearing for comments on the proposed 2021-2022 budget and the 2021 tax levy rate at 6:02 p.m.

City Administrator Harrell presented an overview of the FY 2021-22 Budget to the Council. Questions were raised and discussion was held on many points of the City Budget including payroll and benefits, special projects, the City's upcoming K-9 program, North Highlands Subdivision, and other capital projects included in the budget. Of special note in allocations to departments was additional funding to the Street Fund for street projects to help address the current conditions of roads in Wahoo. The Mayor specifically asked for improvements to the fencing at Greenwood Cemetery be considered during the upcoming fiscal year. Harrell also reported that staffing across the City would remain very much the same except for a slight increase in EMS part-time hours and an increase to provide a part time employee to the building and zoning department.

Following an explanation and discussion on the budget, Harrell presented information on the City's valuation and tax levy for 2021. Information regarding the increase in valuation, increase in spending, decrease in levy, and an overall comparison to last year's budget was reviewed by Harrell with the Council.

The Mayor then called for comments on the budget from the public and none were presented. Seeing there were no comments from the public, Warford moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Ideus. Roll call vote: Rappl, yes; Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Warford, seconded by Boop to authorize an additional 1% increase in restricted funds in the budget over the allowed 2.5% of growth, and to approve the City of Wahoo 2021-22 Budget as presented. Roll call vote: Rappl, yes; Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: None. Motion carried.

Council member Krejci then introduced **Resolution No. 2021-16** to approve the 2021 tax levy rate in Wahoo, and moved for approval, seconded by Nagle, as follows:

“WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the City Council of the City of Wahoo must pass by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law on September 14, 2021 to hear and consider comments from the public concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Wahoo that:

1. The 2021-2022 property tax request shall be set at \$1,789,933.00 and shall be levied as follows for the following funds:

	<u>Tax Amount</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$1,587,933.00	0.487739
Bond Fund	<u>\$200,000.00</u>	<u>0.062123</u>
TOTAL	\$1,787,933.00	0.549862

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 7.28%.

3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$.515635 per \$100 of assessed value.

4. The City of Wahoo proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.549862 per \$100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of \$12,737,719.00 of the City of Wahoo will increase from last year’s operating budget by 9.95%.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 13, 2021.

	2020	2021	Change
Operating Budget:	\$11,584,958.00	\$12,737,719.00	9.95%
Property Tax Request:	\$1,676,640.00	\$1,787,933.00	7.28%
Valuation:	303,107,696	325,160,228	7.2%
Tax Rate:	\$.553150	\$.0549862	-0.5%
Tax Rate if prior tax request was at current value: \$.515635”			

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

Motion by Krejci, seconded by Nagle to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Cody Brem, Clerk

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor