

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, Patrick Nagle, Karen Boop, Chris Rappl, Stuart Krejci, and Carl Warford. Absent: None.

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

The Mayor made an announcement, proclaiming October 28, Dr. Howard Hanson Day. There are events planned by the Saunders County Historical Society for the day to honor Dr. Hanson.

Melissa Harrell, City Administrator, gave a report on JEO projects. Wire has still not been delivered to finish the light polls on North Chestnut. Safe Routes to School is supposed to conclude within the next 2 weeks.

Kevin Stuhr, Parks and Recreation Director, reported on the great year the Aquatics Center had. One of the best year of attendance and the best year for revenue. No staffing issues and the future for staffing looks great. There are some planned upgrades being done this winter to the pool as well. Fall sports have finished at Hackberry. Work on the Hackberry project continues.

Melissa Harrell reported that the state auditors would be in the week of Thanksgiving. She reported that the City had made an offer to someone for the open position of Street Superintendent, that person had accepted and will start on October 25th. She also reported that contract discussions were on going with M.E. Collins for the construction of North Highlands subdivision.

Mayor Johnson reported that the Nebraska Department of Roads met with Governor Ricketts, and they were finalizing recommendations on how to proceed with the 92/77/109 intersection.

Chief Ferrell, of the Wahoo Police Department, reported that there was heavy traffic enforcement being done at the 77/92/109 intersection as well as at both schools. Female officers of Wahoo PD were putting on a women's self defense class this week. There is a fundraiser going on from Oct. 1 -31 through the National Police Chiefs Association for a possibility of receiving up to \$5,000.00 in matching funds. Chief reported the speed sign on Linden was working well.

A motion was made by Warford, seconded by Krejci to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda: 1) Acceptance of excused absence of Mayor or Council member(s); 2) Minutes of September 28 and October 5, 2021 Meetings of Council; 3) Minutes of September 15, 2021 Board of Public Works Meeting; 4) Approval of Mayor's appointment of David Linscomb to the Airport Authority; 5) Approval of Brennan Roth and Hunter Persing to the Fire Department; and Eric Pease to the Fire/EMS Department. Roll call vote: Rappl, yes; Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: None. Motion carried.

The resolution to authorize install of No Parking signs on Locust has been tabled until next meeting.

Approving agreement with Thiele Geotech was tabled until the estimate was submitted.

The Council reviewed a possible agreement with JEO Consulting to provide construction management and oversight of the North Highlands phase 1 construction. The costs for their management will be split between assessments, utilities, and City. Motion by Krejci, seconded by Nagle to approve the agreement with JEO to provide construction management and oversight. Roll call vote: Rappl, yes; Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: None. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a proposed Cost of Living Adjustment of 2.5% for all full and part time employees to be effective 10/1/2021. The finance committee did review this as well and felt it was in line with rising inflation rates. The City is also looking into doing a comparability study in the near future. Motion by Krejci, seconded by Rappl to approve the COLA. Roll call vote: Rappl, yes; Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor announced that he and City staff would be meeting with the owners of Camel Hall to receive an update on its future.

At 7:35 pm, Council went into recession.

At 8:00 pm, the Mayor reconvened the Council to conduct an administrative hearing by the request of a recently terminated Police Officer of Wahoo Police Department.

A case was made by the City and exhibits submitted. A case was made by the defendant and exhibits submitted. The City Council voted to deliberate and decide on the case at a later meeting.

The next regular meeting will be October 26, 2021.

Motion by Warford, seconded by Ideus to adjourn at 10:06 p.m.

Approved:

Cody Brem, Clerk

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor