

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, Stuart Krejci, and Carl Warford. Absent: Chris Rappl.

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

Joe Wynn, Street Commissioner, gave a report on the street department. He reported that they were working on cleaning up the West Service Center, preparing for snow, and cleaning up the cemetery. The first snow event of the year went well. They are working on several repairs throughout town, on roads and bridges. They are also working with administrative staff on updated cemetery fees. Alan O'Sullivan, head of the police department in the interim, gave his report. He stated he was honored to fill in until we found a new police chief. He reported that the department was excited to have the new K-9. They are working on getting in the final parts for the K-9 vehicle. He also stated that they were preparing the department for the new chief, whomever that may be, for a smooth transition. Melissa Harrell, City Administrator, gave her report. She stated that the annual city audit went well and the auditors would have a complete report finished around February. She reported that she has been having meetings with Wahoo Economic Development about future housing and commercial developments. Staff is meeting with JEO and M.E. Collins to finish up several projects, such as Chestnut, Safe Routes to School, and the new intersections. She explained there were several job openings with the City and Utilities. The Mayor reiterated the interest in people moving to Wahoo.

Council Committees gave their reports. The street committee met with the new street commissioner and discussed his goals for the department, including types of training, how to improve safety, and new policies for the department. They plan to meet every other month. The personnel committee met to discuss the applications received so far for the position of police chief. The general committee attended the last Planning Commission meeting. The general committee recognized the time and effort the Planning Commission and staff put into the applications they receive.

The Council and Mayor discussed the possible amendment to C-1, allowing for a coffee kiosk on a conditional use basis, as recommended by the Planning Commission. It was explained that there would be a public hearing on this at the next Council Meeting. They also discussed the timeline for the issue.

The Mayor and staff explained that the first actions on the agenda would be a re-organization of Council, that is done every year.

Motion by Boop, seconded by Warford to re-elect Stuart Krejci as President of the Council. Roll call vote: Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: Rappl. Motion carried.

Motion by Krejci, seconded by Ideus to approve the following Mayoral appointments:

Joe Wynn as Street Commissioner and Cemetery Sexton

Cody Hull as Fire Chief

Steve Parr as Street Superintendent

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

**Ordinance No. 2379** entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, NEBRASKA, FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, NEBRASKA, was introduced by Krejci. The Mayor then instructed the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2379 of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska. The Clerk thereupon read the aforesaid Ordinance No. 2379 by title.

Council Member Krejci moved that the statutory rules in regard to the passage and adoption of ordinances be suspended so the said ordinance might be introduced, read by title, and then moved for final passage at the same meeting. Council Member Nagle seconded said motion. The Mayor put the question and instructed the Clerk to call for the roll for the vote thereon. The Clerk called the roll and the following was the vote on the motion to suspend the rules: Roll call vote: Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes. Absent and not voting: Rappl. The motion having been carried by the affirmative votes of no less than three-fourths of the members of the Council, the Mayor declared the statutory rules in regards to the passage and approval of ordinance be suspended so that Ordinance No. 2379 may be read by title and moved for final passage in the same meeting.

Council Member Krejci moved that Ordinance No. 2379 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: Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Nagle, yes; and Boop, yes. Absent and not voting: Rappl. Motion carried.

The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred then by a majority of all members of the Council, the 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 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.

The next item discussed was designating a method by which reasonable advance published notice of the time and place of each meeting of the Council is to be given to the Clerk. Discussion by Council about how to get residents involved in the meetings. Suggestions of social media posts and broadcasting meetings, were brought up. Motion by Krejci, seconded by Ideus to approve the following locations designated for posting agendas: Firstbank of Nebraska, Wahoo Post Office, Wahoo City Hall and the City of Wahoo website – [www.wahoo.ne.us](http://www.wahoo.ne.us), with an agenda deadline of the Wednesday prior to the Council meeting, at 5:00 p.m. and confirming the regular Council meeting dates as the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: Rappl. Motion carried.

The last agenda item under the reorganization of the Council, was the designation of depositories for the City of Wahoo and authorize account signers, and set an approval process of claims for the City of Wahoo. Motion by Krejci, seconded by Ideus to approve the designations. Roll call vote: Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: Rappl. Motion carried.

Motion by Warford, seconded by Nagle to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda: 1) Acceptance of excused absence of Mayor or Council member(s); 2) Minutes of November 9, 2021

Council Meeting; 3) Minutes of November 23, 2021 Council Meeting; 4) Licenses. Roll call vote: Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: Rappl. Motion carried. A public hearing on the Public Works 2021-2022 budget was opened by the Mayor at 7:35 pm. Staff stated that the Board of Public Works had gone through the budget extensively and that the Utilities General Manager offered to answer any questions the Council may have. Motion by Warford, seconded by Krejci to close the public hearing at 7:37 pm. Roll call vote: Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: Rappl. Motion carried.

Motion by Krejci, seconded by Boop to approve the Public Works 2022 budget. Roll call vote: Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: Rappl. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 2021-24** to authorize the Mayor to sign the street superintendent end of year certification was introduced by Ideus, who moved for approval, seconded by Krejci, as follows:

“Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2511 through 39-2515 details the requirements that must be met in order for a municipality to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and

Whereas: The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each incorporated municipality must annually certify (by December 31 st of each year) the appointment of the City Street Superintendent(s) to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form; and

Whereas: The NDOT requires that each certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the city street superintendent's appointment, i.e., meeting minutes; showing the appointment of the City Street Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number (if applicable), and Class of License (if applicable), and type of appointment, i.e., employed, contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another incorporated municipality and/or county), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

Whereas: The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include a copy a resolution of the governing body authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson.”

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

Council discussed a vehicle take-home policy. Wahoo Police Department started looking into this topic for their new K-9 officer. Jovan Lausterer, City Attorney, explained that it was a very generic policy and could be granted or taken away through a simple process. The Fire Department also had interest in a policy like this for certain personnel to take home vehicles in poor weather. This also brought up conversation about tracking the City vehicles. Staff was tasked with creating a budget as well as a pros and cons list to adding the technology. Motion by Krejci, seconded by Nagle to approve the vehicle take-home policy. Roll call vote: Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: Rappl. Motion carried.

Motion by Warford, seconded by Krejci to certify positions up for election in 2021 to the County Clerk/ Election Commissioner. Roll call vote: Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: Rappl. Motion carried.

Next, the Council discussed the amount on the proof of loss document regarding the damage done in the recent hail storm. Melissa Harrell explained that a 3<sup>rd</sup> party adjuster was contracted by LARM, came out after a hail storm on August 8, 2021 to determine the value of any damage and this was the report they gave to City staff. Motion by Krejci, seconded by Nagle to authorize the City Administrator to sign the proof of loss. Roll call vote: Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: Rappl. Motion carried.

Motion by Warford, seconded by Boop to approve Pay App #1 to M.E. Collins Contracting for work completed at North Highlands Phase 1 in the amount of \$125,132.60. Roll call vote: Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: Rappl. Motion carried.

Motion by Krejci, seconded by Ideus to approve Pay App #3 to M.E. Collins for work completed during the 2021 Intersection and Curb Ramp Project in the amount of \$119,763.15. Roll call vote: Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: Rappl. Motion carried.

The Longnecker's of 1820 Paul Ave. were present to discuss their situation with the property located at 5<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut and their plans for a Scooter's Coffee in that location. They explained their deadlines and expressed that they know there have been some zoning issues and unforeseen circumstances that have delayed this process, but they are asking the Council to help move the process along in any way to help them meet their deadline.

The next regular meeting will be December 28, 2021.

Motion by Warford, seconded by Ideus to adjourn at 7:31 pm.

Approved:

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, Clerk

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Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor