

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 website, 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, Karen Boop, Carl Warford, and Stuart Krejci.

The Mayor signed a proclamation declaring April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as Arbor Day in Wahoo.

Public proceedings were suspended at 7:02pm due to a tornado warning. Meeting resumed at 7:16pm.

Kevin Stuhr Wahoo Parks and Recreation Director reported that they had been approved for a grant from the national parks service. The grant has no monetary value but gives consultation services for trail expansion. The hope is to use this to explore route options to expand the Maple Street trail continuing the existing trail to the south. It is his hope to have this done with in the 2022 calendar year.

Joe Wynn, Street Superintendent reported that the asphalt overlay project is scheduled to begin in Mid-June. There have been new "No Parking" signs placed on Hackberry Street and new speed limit signs placed along Chestnut Street.

Joe Baulder, Wahoo Chief of Police reported that they had been approved for a grant that will help with the costs to upgrade the computer systems in the police cruisers.

Melissa Harrell, Wahoo City Administrator reported that the Wahoo Airport has upcoming runway improvements, this project will begin May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. The paved runway will be closed from May 2<sup>nd</sup> until October 2022. The grass runway will be closed from, no earlier than, June 1<sup>st</sup> and will stay closed until the grass has had the opportunity to reestablish. She is working with JEO on the North Drainage Study and more information on this project will be presented at a future meeting. Results of the salary survey have been compiled. There have been two new hires Amy Prohaska as the Utilities Billing Clerk and Crystal Witthuhn as the Administrative Assistant. She reported that the asphalt overlay project will be on Linden Street focusing on the water work first and then moving to Beech after that has been completed. There are contractual obligations that ensure that only a certain number of intersections are closed at a time to allow for residential access. The North Highland Project has the majority of the sewer mains installed and connections city water has taken place. The final walk-through for the Safe Routes to School project was done on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and the contractors will now be working on the punch list. And, the City and the Parks and Recreation Department have determined a way for the volunteers of the Fire and EMS department to qualify for the wellness benefit that other full time employees currently have.

Council Member Warford motioned, and Council Member Krejci seconded to approve the consent agenda including the approval of Council minutes of March 22, 2022; acceptance of Ethan Smith as a volunteer member of the EMS department; and approval of the following Plumbing, electrical, mechanical and tree removal licenses: **PLUMBER'S LICENSES:** Mike R. Dean BLT Plumbing, Heating &

A/C Inc; Michael Kudlacek, Bob Nohavec Plumbing; Troy Cada, Cada Brothers Inc; Tracy Nesson, Fud and Tracy's; Jeff Schoeneck, Horizon Envirotech, LLC, Cedar Bluffs; Joe Reinke, John Henry, Lincoln; Jon Miller, JTM Plumbing, Gretna; Matthew Schidt, Matt's Plumbing Inc, Walton; M. Allen Moser, Moser Well and Drilling Service, Hickman; Scott Muller, Muller Plumbing, Syracuse; DJ Berryman, Purified Plumbing and contracting LLC, Waverly; Rick Stava, RAS Plumbing, Valparaiso; Chris Caudy, Select Plumbing, Lincoln; Brandon Sedlacek, Southeast Trenching and Excavating, Wahoo; Glenn Richards, Traditions Plumbing, Lincoln; Jerry Wagner, Wagner's Quality Construction, Wahoo; Brian Wiese, Wiese Plumbing and Excavating Inc., Fremont; Budd Bogatz, Todd Valley Plumbing and Heating, Ashland; Drew Hofferber, Wellman Plumbing, Lincoln; Nate Frazier, The Frazier Company, Omaha; David Miller, Mainelli Mechanical Contractors, Inc, Omaha; Jeffery A. Adair, HandiJeff Inc, Wahoo; Tommy Heuring, Valley Corporation, Valley; **HVAC INSTALLERS - MECHANICAL LICENSES:** Jeremy Vance, Advanced Heating and Air, Valley; Robert Benak, Benaks Heating and Cooling Inc, Lincoln; Eugene Benes, Benes Heating and Air Conditioning Inc., Raymond; Jeffrey Hurtfless, Bogatz Heating and Air Conditioning Inc., Gretna; Jory Heiss, Comfort Techs, Lincoln; Leo Costanzo, Controlled Comfort, La Vista; Bradley Ohlmann, Custom Heating and Cooling, Lincoln; David Snyder, Fud and Tracy's, Wahoo; Scott Getzschman, Getzschman Heating LLC, Fremont; Brandon Hamilton, Hi-Tech Heating and Air, Lincoln; Patrick Bousquest, John Henry, Lincoln; Brett Lundin, Prairie Mechanical Corporation, Omaha; Cesar Guerro, Luxury Comfort Solutions, Lincoln; Nate Frazier, The Frazier Company, Omaha; Johnathan Mumm, Mumm's Heating and Cooling, Ceresco; Scott Long, RS Mechanical. Omaha; Terry McNeil, Mainelli Mechanical Contractors, Inc, Omaha; Douglas Storm, Peavy's Heating and Air, Omaha ; **ELECTRICIAN'S LICENSES:** Chris Zeleny, All Wired Up Electric, Omaha; Todd Baum, Burkett Electric, De Soto, IA; Scott Getzschman, Getzschman Heating LLC, Fremont; Ted Kayton, IES Commercial Inc, Holdrege; Mark Tromblee, Mach 1 Electric, Lincoln; Jesse Dunavan, Power D Inc., Cedar Bluffs; Ryan Polak, Terry's Electric 2 CO, Lincoln; Aaron Johnson, Tycon Electric Inc, Omaha; Richard Wolfe, Wolfe Electric Company, Lincoln; Kirk P. Bartek, Weston; Ronald Cooney, Saunders County Medical Center, Wahoo; Budd Bogatz, Todd Valley Plumbing and Heating, Ashland; Dan Reznicek, Reznicek Electric LLC, Ulysses; Daniel Witthuhn, Dan's Electric LLC, Fremont; Mike Fitzgerald, Getzschman Heating LLC, Fremont; **TREE CONTRACTOR LICENSES:** Andrew Nelson, Andy's Tree and Lawn, Yutan; Michael Wiekhorst, MA Wiekhorts Arbor Company LLC, Valley; Tim Monger, Time Tree Service, Wahoo; Stewart and Stewart Tree Service, Ashland; Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes; Warford yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Harrell informed the Council that five bids were received for the Chestnut Street Bridge guardrail project, the Wahoo Creek Bridge embankment project, and the Lake Wanahoo Trail Bank Stabilization project. The engineers for the project reviewed all bids and recommended the Council accept all bids received, and award Gana Trucking and Excavating the contract as they were the lowest bid by a significant margin. Council Member Krejci motioned, and Council Member Rappl seconded to accept all bids received and award the contract to Gana Trucking and Excavating for the Chestnut Street Bridge guardrail project, the Wahoo Creek Bridge embankment project, and the Lake Wanahoo Trail Bank Stabilization project. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes; Warford yes. Motion carried.

Council Member Krejci motioned, and Council Member Ideus seconded to accept the contract with Olsson for construction management for the Chestnut Street Bridge guardrail project, the Wahoo Creek Bridge embankment project, and the Lake Wanahoo Trail Bank Stabilization project. Roll call vote Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagel, yes; Boop, yes. Motion carried.

Council Member Krejci motioned, and Council Member Rappl seconded to approve a special designated liquor license for Chips on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Otte Oil and Propane, 3288 Ponderosa for a Cornhole Tournament. Roll call vote Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagel, yes; Boop, yes. Motion carried.

Council Member Krejci motioned, and Council Member Ideus seconded to approve the alignment of frontages for 1308 N Beech Street to allow for the addition of a garage. Roll call vote Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagel, yes; Boop, yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Harrell stated that there are facilities, such as city hall that have issues that need to be addressed. She suggested a new committee, specifically for the review of these needs and of proposals on how to best address them could be formed and that then that committee could make recommendations to the Council. Council Member Ideus motioned, and Council Member Warford seconded to establish a committee to review the needs of city facilities and to provide recommendation on how those should be addressed. Councilmembers Krejci, Warford and Rappl will be on this committee. Roll call vote Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagel, yes; Boop, yes. Motion carried.

Council Member Krejci motioned, and Council Member Nagle seconded to move the location of future City Council meetings to the Wahoo Public Library, 637 North Maple to allow better access for the public to attend the meetings. Roll call vote Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagel, yes; Boop, yes. Motion carried.

Rich Vernon, Pastor for Destiny Church, addressed the council regarding the contract between People of Destiny Ministries, Inc. and the City of Wahoo for the development of the East Hall and the gymnasium located on Kennedy Campus. He advised that there have been several repairs done to the dormitory building addressing the safety concerns. He also explained that the old gym will be remodeled to service multiple purposes, church, theater, community center, and event venue. He has concerns with the potential penalties listed in the agreement with the City if he remodel is not completed by their agreed upon deadline.

Council Member Ideus motioned, and Council Member Boop seconded at 8:09pm to go into a closed session for the protection of public interest due to the possibility of litigation, with the City Attorney and City Administrator to be included in the closed session with the Mayor and Council. Roll call vote Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagel, yes; Boop, yes. Motion carried. Following the vote, the Mayor stated the City Council would be entering into closed session for the protection of public interest due to the possibility of litigation.

Motion by Warford, seconded by Ideus to return to regular open session at 8:50pm. Roll call vote Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagel, yes; Boop, yes. Motion carried.

A motion by Council Member Warford, seconded by Council Member Ideus to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm.

The next regular meeting is April 26, 2022, at 7:00pm at the Wahoo Public Library, 637 North Maple.

Approved: April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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Christina Fasel, City Clerk

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Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor