

The Council met in regular session in the Wahoo Public Library, 637 N Maple, 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, Karen Boop, Carl Warford, Stuart Krejci, Chris Rappl and Patrick Nagle.

Mike Sullivan, of Lincolnshire Investments, asked about a new sign that had recently gone up on Kennedy Campus advertising a new apartment complex. Mayor Jerry Johnson advised that the owner of that property had reached out to ask questions about planning and zoning for the old President's House and as far as the city is concerned there has been no progress towards building a new structure in that area.

Denise Lawver, Library Director, reported that the summer reading program has begun, and that the library will be getting a new roof in the following weeks due to hail damage.

Joe Baulder, Chief of Police, reported that the department had been vetting individuals for an assistant Chief position. As a result the position had been offered to Officer O'Sullivan of the Wahoo Police Department who had served as interim Chief during the recent transition. Chief Baulder also reported that they had been awarded a grant for the upgrade of body cameras.

Mellissa Harrell, City Administrator, reported that the 2022 Asphalt Overlay and Street Improvement Project is about to begin.

Motion made by Krejci, seconded by Boop to act on the following items: Approval of Minutes of May 10th, 2022, meeting of the City Council, approval of minutes of the May 5th, 2022 Planning Commission meeting, acceptance of extended warranty corrective period from 10/31/2021 to 10/31/2022 for the Chestnut Street Improvement Project, approval of EMS volunteers Hailey Curry, James Nguyen, Nolan Furlong, approval of Pay App No. 6 to M.E Collins for North Highlands Improvements in the amount of \$63,857.70, approval of claims submitted by SENDD for administration (\$1,265.10), housing management (\$8,921.64), lead abatement (\$4,485.00), and rehab (\$22,530.00). Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

Jovan Lausterer, City Attorney, reported that the People of Destany Ministries has signed the most recent version of the contract between with the City of Wahoo. Motion made by Krejci, seconded by Nagle to approve development agreement between the City of Wahoo and People of Destiny Ministries, Inc., regarding development projects at the former Kennedy College Campus and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; and Rappl, yes. Motion carried.

Ryan Hurst, Utilities General Manager, spoke regarding the Purchase Power agreement with Sol Systems LLC. This agreement will obligate the City of Wahoo to purchase power from a new solar farm that is being constructed. He emphasized the benefits of hedging a percentage of the city's power with the benefit of minimal upfront costs on the city's end. This would not be a source of power that would be relied on independently so any failure that may occur would not impact power to the city as there is still

power from NPPD continuing to come through the system. There would be no need to increase the customer rates due to the cost of purchasing this and locking in this rate could lessen future costs in purchase power. Motion made by Krejci, seconded by Ideus to approve Purchase Power Agreement with Sol Systems, LLC as recommended by the Board of Public Works and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ideus, seconded by Nagle to approve Interconnection Agreement with Sol Systems, LLC as recommended by the Board of Public Works and authorization for Mayor to sign said agreement. Roll call vote: Ideus, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Boop, yes; Rappl, yes; and Krejci, yes. Motion carried.

There was continued discussion regarding the proposed Ordinance No 2393 to amend Zoning Code, C-1, to allow for Ground Level Residential a Conditional Use. Motion made by Warford, seconded by Krejci to table to third reading Ordinance No 2393 to amend Zoning Code, C-1, to allow for Ground Level Residential a Conditional Use and send the ordinance back to the Planning Commission for recommendation and/or rewording. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

Travis Beavers, Building Inspector and Zoning Administrator discussed that there is a need for a private sewer line to extend into the city right of way to be able to access the city sewer main. This would be a private line that would be the homeowner's responsibility to maintain. This has been discussed with the utilities department who has approved the plan on their end. Motion made by Krejci, seconded by Nagle to approve the request for use of city right of way for a private sewer line at 128 W Sloup Dr. with specific responsibility for maintenance of that line being the homeowner's responsibility. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; and Rappl, yes. Motion carried.

Due to increased traffic around Hackberry Park and the new parking limitations along Hackberry Street, parking on Westdale Lane has increased and allowing parking on both sides has made the street congested and unpassable for emergency vehicles. Motion made by Rappl, seconded by Krejci to approve **Resolution No. 2022-09** to authorize placement of a stop sign on the Northeast corner of Hackberry St. and Westdale Lane as follows:

“WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska, has enacted a Municipal Code, and,

WHEREAS, Wahoo Municipal Code Section 70.01 adopts all portion of the Nebraska Rules of the Road and incorporates them by reference into the Wahoo Municipal Code, and,

WHEREAS, Section 60-680 (1)(b) of the Nebraska Revised Statutes provides the following:

“(1) Any local authority with respect to highways under its jurisdiction and within the reasonable exercise of police power may: ... (b) Regulate traffic by means of peace officers or traffic control devices;” and

WHEREAS, Section 60-624 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes defines a highway as follows:

“Highway shall mean the entire width between the boundary limits of any street, road, avenue, boulevard, or way which is publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.” and,

WHEREAS, Section 60-670 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes defines a traffic control device as follows:

“Traffic control device shall mean any sign, signal, marking, or other device not inconsistent with the Nebraska Rules of the Road placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic.” and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska, as the City of Wahoo’s Governing Body, do desire to adopt this resolution providing for prohibiting parking at certain locations within the corporate limits of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska, as follows:

Section 1. That the finding hereinabove made should be and are hereby made a part of this Resolution as fully as if set out at length herein.

Section 2. That traffic control devices, to wit: one or more Stop signs, be erected at the following locations, all located in the City of Wahoo, Nebraska:

Along the Northeast corner of Westdale Lane and North Hackberry Street.

Section 3. That upon the approval of this Resolution and at the discretion of the Chief of Police, the aforementioned traffic control devices shall be erected, and this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect until the removal of said aforementioned signs, by the City of Wahoo, Nebraska, at which time, this Resolution shall be of no force and effect.”

Roll call vote: Rappl, yes; Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; and Boop, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Warford, seconded by Ideus to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Rappl, yes; and Boop, yes. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting is May 24th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wahoo Public Library, 637 North Maple.

Approved: June 14th 2022.

Christina Fasel, City Clerk

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor