

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, Carl Warford, Stuart Krejci, and Chris Rappl, Karen Boop and Patrick Nagle.

Kevin Stuhr, Director of Parks and Recreation reported that the Aquatic center was in its last week of the season. It has been open for 79 days and has had approximately 23,400 attendees and is on track to have a 14-year high in attendance. He acknowledged that this is largely due to being fortunate enough to have a full staff through out there operating season. This summer also saw 454 kids registered for summer swim lessons. He also reported that fall sports would begin soon with 65 volleyball and 35 football teams registered through the Civic Center this year. The Sr Meal Program has been running strong; the roof was recently replaced on the Senior Center. There is a new pickleball court at the Civic Center and the new dog park opened on August 5th. The Hackberry expansion has been completed and both ball fields were extremely active this summer.

Grant Anderson EMS Chief reported that they have gone on 510 runs so far this year which is comparable for this time last year; 23% of those call were from outside of city limits. He reported that a new ambulance went into service a few months ago and that the department had provided support for the County Fair in July. He also noted that they participated in a training for a mass casualty event and that he is championing for a new radio system within the county.

Melissa Harrell, City Administrator, reported on the construction projects throughout the city. She noted that the weekend previous was the city's Employee Appreciation Event and that there was special acknowledgement for John Albin for going above and beyond in his role. She also brought up the county's hope to place a new radio tower within Wahoo city limits and briefly reviewed the City's zoning regulations for towers as well as the Airport Zoning Overlay requirements for selection in the location of the tower, as well as restrictions by the FAA.

Council Member Krejci motioned, and Council Member Nagle seconded to act on the following items: Approval of minutes of July 26th, 2022, meeting of the City Council, and approval of the minutes of the July 12th, 2022, meeting of the Wahoo Public Library Board. Roll call vote Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; and Rappl, yes. Motion carried.

City Council and City staff discussed whether the vacation of 4th street, west of Locust Street, is in the best interest of the city.

Council Member Warford motioned, and Council Member Krejci seconded to approve Resolution No. 2022-13, Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance for Roads Program. Roll call vote Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

Melissa Harrell obtained a grant for the abatement of asbestos at the Kennedy Campus South Hall through NDEE. Council Member Rappl motioned, and Council Member Warford seconded to Accept the Asbestos Cleanup Grant that has been awarded to the city. Roll call vote Rappl, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Ideus, yes; and Boop, yes. Motion carried.

Council Member Krejci motioned, and Council Member Ideus seconded to award the contract for the removal of asbestos from Kennedy College South Hall to ABC Abatement. Roll call vote Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No 2394, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2065 PROVIDING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE, TO WIT: LOT 11 AND THE EAST 20.35' (FEET) OF LOT 10, AND THE SOUTH HALF AND NORTH HALF OF THE VACATED ALLEY LYING ADJACENT THERETO, BLOCK 151, COUNTY ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WAHOO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 226 WEST 5TH STREET, WAHOO, NEBRASKA BY EXTENDING THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THEREON A PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USE, THAT BEING TO OPERATE A KENNEL, BOARDING AND TRAINING, AS ALLOWED BY PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USES LISTED UNDER C-1 DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL ZONING OF WAHOO ZONING REGULATIONS SECTION 5.12.03 was introduced by Ideus, seconded by Krejci.

Council Member Warford moved that the statutory rules regarding the passage and adoption of ordinances be suspended so that the said ordinance might be introduced, read by title, and then moved for final passage at the same meeting. Council Member Ideus seconded said motion. Roll call vote Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Rappl, yes; and Boop, yes. Motion carried. 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 regarding the passage and approval of ordinance be suspended so that Ordinance No. 2394 may be read by title and moved for final passage in the same meeting.

Roll call vote on the passage of Ordinance No 2394 Ideus, yes; Krejci, yes; Warford, yes; Boop, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Warford, seconded by Ideus to adjourn at 7:59pm.

The next regular meeting is August 23, 2022, at 7:00pm at the Wahoo Public Library, 637 N. Maple St.

Approved:

Christina Fasel, City Clerk

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor