

The Council met in regular session in the Wahoo Public Library, 637 N Maple, in compliance with the 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 the 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: Stuart Krejci, Ryan Ideus, Chris Rappl, Patrick Nagle, and Carl Warford. Absent Council Members: Karen Boop.

Council Member Warford motioned, and Council Member Nagel seconded to approve the minutes of the November 22nd, 2022, City Council meeting and the minutes of the December 5th, 2022, special meeting of the City Council. Roll call vote Warford, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; and Boop, absent and not voting; Motion carried.

Council Member Krejci motioned and Rappl seconded to adjourn Sine Sie. Roll call vote Krejci, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Boop, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Oath of Office was administered to council members Krejci, Warford, and Sweet and to Mayor Johnson. The meeting was called to order with members present Ryan Ideus, Chris Rappl, Patrick Nagle, Stuart Krejci, Shane Sweet, and Carl Warford.

Warford motioned and Council Member Ideus seconded to nominate Krejci as President of the Council. Roll call vote Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Rappl, yes; and Sweet, yes. Motion carried.

The Mayor noted Cody Hull is appointed Fire Chief for 2023 as recommended by vote of the Wahoo Volunteer Fire Department membership, and Steve Parr of JEO Consulting Group Inc. is appointed the Street Superintendent for the City of Wahoo for 2023 pursuant to the County Highway and City Street Superintendents Act of the State of Nebraska. The Special Engineer will be appointed on an as needed basis for any projects requiring further review. The Mayor presented his appointments:

City Administrator/Treasurer	Melissa M. Harrell
City Clerk	Christina Fasel
City Attorney	Jovan Lausterer
City Engineer	Steve Parr with JEO Consulting Group
City Physician	Dr. Hank Newburn
Chief of Police	Joe Baudler
Director of Civil Defense	Vacant
Electrical Inspector	State Electrical Division, State of NE
Fire Chief	Cody Hull
EMS Director	Grant Anderson
Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator	Travis Beavers
Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector	Travis Beavers
Special Engineer	Vacant -Appointments-as-needed basis
Street Commissioner and Cemetery Sexton	Joe Wynn
Street Superintendent	Steve Parr with JEO Consulting Group
Park and Recreation Director	Kevin Stuhr
Library Director	Denise Lawver

Utilities General Manager

Ryan Hurst

The Mayor presented assignments to the Council standing committees and special committees:

GENERAL:	Sweet, Rappl, Nagle
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:	Ideus, Krejci, Warford
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL:	Krejci, Warford, Sweet
STREETS AND SANITATION:	Nagle, Sweet, Rappl
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE:	Warford, Rappl, Nagle
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:	Ideus, Rappl
AIRPORT:	Harrell

The Mayor presented assignments to the Board of Health: the Mayor, President of the Council, Chief of Police, City Administrator, and City Physician.

Council Member Ideus motioned, and Council Member Nagel seconded to approve the Mayor's appointments of City Officials, appointments to the Board of Public Works, assignments to standing committees, and appointment to the Board of Health. Roll call vote: Ideus, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Sweet, yes; Rappl, yes; and Krejci, yes. Motion carried.

Council Member Krejci motioned, and Council Member Ideus seconded to approve the attorney retainer agreement. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, yes; Warford, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

Council Member Krejci motioned, and Council Member Rappl seconded to approve the method of advance notice of meeting. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Sweet, yes; Warford, yes; and Ideus, yes. Motion carried.

Council Member Krejci motioned, and Council Member Ideus seconded to approve depository of funds and claims approval procedure. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, yes; Warford, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

Mike Sullivan of Lincolnshire Investments spoke to the parking concerns in the downtown area.

Kevin Stuhr Director of Parks and Recreation presented a quarterly report. 2022 was one of the best years that the Aquatic Center has seen.

A Public Hearing held on the Board of Public Works 2023 budget. Ryan Hurst, Utilities General Manager, reported on the budget, and that the Board of Public Works had already approved it as presented. There were no public comments. Council Member Warford motioned, and Council Member Rappl seconded to close the public hearing at 7:47pm. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Rappl, yes; Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Ideus, yes; and Sweet, yes. Motion carried.

Council Member Warford motioned, and Council Member Krejci seconded to approve the 2023 Board of Public Works budget as submitted. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

Council Member Warford motioned, and Council Member Krejci seconded to approve the 2023 Board of Public Works budget as submitted. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

Council Member Krejci motioned, and Council Member Warford seconded to take Ordinance No. 2398 Conditional Use Permit for ground level apartments in C-1 downtown commercial district from the table for further discussion. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

A new plan was presented and discussed. Marsha Wagner, 411 East 4th Street, questioned the police of requiring 1 parking spot per bedroom unit. To allow for a parking Ordinance for this project to be brought to the Council, Council Member Warford motioned, and Council Member Krejci seconded to put the Ordinance back on the table. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

Ryan Hurst, Utilities General Manager, spoke to the water rate increase. Earlier in the year an increase had been approved, knowing that another one would be needed at the end of the year as well. It was done in this manner to ease the adjustment for customers. He reported many municipalities are seeing similar increases and that these are necessary to address infrastructure issues in our system. An independent rate study showed that, with this purposed increase, we would still be lower than about half of the communities surveyed.

Ordinance No. 2412 was introduced by Council Member Warford entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO ACQUIRE AN INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE BY PURCHASE OR EMINENT DOMAIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF SURVEYING, CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, RELOCATING, ALTERING, INSPECTING, REPAIRING, REPLACING, ADDING TO, MAINTAINING AND OPERATING, AT ANY TIME, OVER, ACROSS, AND UNDER THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE, TO WIT: A PART OF LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 95, COUNTY ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WAHOO, SUANDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA. DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1; THENCE S89°49'23"W (ASSUMED BEARING), ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE LOTS 1 AND 2, A DISTANCE OF 87.51 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 2; THENCE N00°36'49"W, ON THE WEST LINE OF LOT 2, A DISTANCE OF 1.20 FEET; THENCE S 84°35'26"E, A DISTANCE OF 9.53 FEET; THENCE N88°49'35"E, A DISTANCE OF 33.83 FEET; THENCE N83°32'18"E, A DISTANCE OF 44.49 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1; THENCE S00°00'00"E, ON THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1, A DISTANCE OF 5.73 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. UTILITIES WITH APPURTENANCES AND ACCESSORIES THERETO OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, NEBRASKA; THAT THE INTERESTS TO BE ACQUIRED IN THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE ARE A PERMANENT EASEMENT.

Council Member Warford moved that the statutory rules in regard to 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 Krejci 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, Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, 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 in regard to the passage and approval of ordinance be suspended so that Ordinance No. 2412 may be read by title and moved for final passage in the same meeting.

Council Member Warford moved that Ordinance No. 2412 be approved and passed, and its title agreed to. Council Member Krejci seconded the motion. The Mayor instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the vote and the following was the vote on this motion: Roll call vote, Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. 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 the Mayor, in the presence of the Council, signed and approved the Ordinance and Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature 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.

Council Member Warford motioned, and Council Member Nagel seconded to approve Resolution No. 2022-26, end of the year certification of City Street Superintendent. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Nagle, yes; Sweet, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; and Rappl, yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2413 was introduced by Council Member Krejci entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND TITLE III: ADMINISTRATION OF THE WAHOO MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, NEBRASKA, BY AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 38 ENTITLED UTILITY RATES PERTAINING TO RATES TO BE CHARGED THE CONSUMERS OF THE UTILITIES OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, NEBRASKA

Council Member Krejci 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 Sweet 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, Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, 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 in regard to the passage and approval of ordinance be suspended so that Ordinance No. 2413 may be read by title and moved for final passage in the same meeting.

Council Member Krejci moved that Ordinance No. 2413 be approved and passed, and its title agreed to. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion. The Mayor instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the vote and the following was the vote on this motion: Roll call vote, Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. 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 the Mayor, in the presence of the Council, signed and approved the Ordinance and Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature 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.

Council Member Krejci motioned, and Council Member Rappl seconded to approve of Amendment to City of Wahoo Personnel Policy to eliminate the use of personal leave and floating holiday time during two-week notice period following resignation. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Sweet, yes; Warford, yes; and Ideus, yes. Motion carried.

Council Member Krejci motioned, and Council Member Ideus seconded to approve Resolution No. 2022-27 Reimbursement for the financing of the Sand Creek Sewer Truck Line Project. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, yes; Warford, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnson welcomed out new City Council Member, Shane Sweet.

Council Member Warford Motioned and Council Member Ideus seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:54pm. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting is December 27th, 2022, at 7:00pm at the Wahoo Public Library, 637 N. Maple St.

Approved: December 27, 2022

Christina Fasel, City Clerk

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor