

The Council met in regular session and in compliance with agenda posted at City Hall, Post Office and First Bank of Nebraska with each Council member being notified of agenda prior to the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Loren Lindahl at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor informed the public of the location of posting of the Open Meetings Law. Roll call was taken with the following Council members present: Mike Lawver, Greg Kavan, Gerry Tyler, Stuart Krejci, Chris Rappl, and Kevin Dunbar. Absent none.

Motion made by Lawver, seconded by Kavan, to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda:

1. Minutes of November 29, 2018 meeting of Council

Roll call vote: Lawver, yes; Kavan, yes; Tyler, yes; Krejci, yes; Rappl, yes; and Dunbar, yes. Motion carried.

Recognition was presented to Loren Lindahl for his service as Mayor, and Chris Rappl and Kevin Dunbar for their service on the City Council.

A motion was made by Dunbar, seconded by Rappl, to adjourn sine die. Roll call vote: Dunbar, yes; Rappl, yes; Lawver, yes; Kavan, yes; Tyler, yes; and Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

The Clerk then indicated it was time for the new Mayor and Council members to take their elected position. The Oath of Office was administered to the following elected officials: Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor; Carl Warford, Council member Ward I; Karen Boop, Council member Ward II; and Stuart Krejci, Council member Ward III. With the oaths administered, the Mayor called the new Council meeting to order, informing the public of the location of posting of the Open Meetings Law. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Mike Lawver, Greg Kavan, Gerry Tyler, Stuart Krejci, Karen Boop, and Carl Warford.

A motion was made by Tyler, seconded by Kavan, to nominate Stuart Krejci as President of the Council. No further nominations offered. Roll call vote: Tyler, yes; Kavan, yes; Lawver, yes; Warford, yes; Boop, yes; and Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor presented the following appointments:

City Administrator/Treasurer	Melissa M. Harrell
City Clerk	Lucinda Morrow
Street Commissioner and Cemetery Sexton	David L. Jansa
Chief of Police	Bruce Ferrell
Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator	Travis Beavers
Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector	Travis Beavers
EMS Director	Grant Anderson
Fire Chief	Cody Hull
Library Director	Denise Lawver
Park and Recreation Director	Kevin Stuhr
Utilities General Manager	James M. Gibney, Jr.
City Engineer/Street Superintendent	Steve Parr with JEO Consulting Group
City Physician	Dr. Leo Meduna

City Attorney  
Director of Civil Defense  
Electrical Inspector

Jovan Lausterer, Maureen Freeman-Caddy  
Vacant  
State Electrical Division, State of NE

**Ordinance No. 2297** was introduced by Kavan entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO APPROVING APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF SUCH OFFICERS AS SHALL BE REQUIRED BY ORDINANCE OR LAW AND ESTABLISHING THE TERM OF SAID OFFICERS. The Mayor then instructed the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2297 of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska. The Clerk thereupon read the aforesaid Ordinance No. 2297 by title.

Council Member Lawver 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 Kavan 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: Lawver, yes; Kavan, yes; Tyler, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; and Warford, yes. Absent and not voting: none. 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 regards to the passage and approval of ordinance be suspended so that Ordinance No. 2297 may be read by title and moved for final passage in the same meeting.

Council Member Kavan moved that Ordinance No. 2297 be approved and passed and its title agreed to. Council Member Lawver seconded the motion. The Mayor instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the vote and the following was the vote on this motion: Kavan, yes; Lawver, abstained; Tyler, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; and Warford, yes. Absent and not voting: none. 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 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.

Motion by Krejci, seconded by Tyler, to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Board of Public Works, noting the change of term to end in December instead of June. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Tyler, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Lawver, yes; and Kavan, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Vacancies on Council committees were discussed, and assignments to standing committees and special committees were submitted:

Standing Council Committees	
GENERAL:	Lawver, Kavan, Tyler
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:	Warford, Lawver, Krejci
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL:	Krejci, Warford, Boop
STREETS AND SANITATION:	Lawver, Boop, Tyler
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE:	Kavan, Warford, Krejci
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:	Tyler, Kavan

AIRPORT:	Harrell
Special Committees of the Council	
ECONOMIC DEV. ADVISORY BOARD:	Krejci, Tyler
WAHOO PUBLIC BLDGS & GROUNDS:	Warford, Krejci, Johnson

Motion by Kavan, seconded by Krejci, to approve assignments to committees. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Lawver, yes; and Tyler, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Kavan, seconded by Tyler, to approve appointments to the Board of Health: the Mayor, Chief of Police, and City Physician. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Tyler, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; and Lawver, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Lausterer reported the attorney retainer agreement submitted is identical to the last year's agreement. Motion by Tyler, seconded by Lawver, to approve the attorney retainer agreement as submitted. Roll call vote: Tyler, yes; Lawver, yes; Kavan, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; and Warford, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Recommendation for salaries of appointed officials were presented.

**Ordinance No. 2298** was introduced by Krejci entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF WAHOO. The Mayor then instructed the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2298 of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska. The Clerk thereupon read the aforesaid Ordinance No. 2298 by title.

Council Member Lawver 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 Kavan 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: Lawver, yes; Kavan, yes; Tyler, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; and Warford, yes. Absent and not voting: none. 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 regards to the passage and approval of ordinance be suspended so that Ordinance No. 2298 may be read by title and moved for final passage in the same meeting.

Council Member Krejci moved that Ordinance No. 2298 be approved and passed and its title agreed to. Council Member Tyler seconded the motion. The Mayor instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the vote and the following was the vote on this motion: Krejci, yes; Tyler, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Lawver, abstained due to conflict of interest; and Kavan, yes. Absent and not voting: none. 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.

Harrell reported to the Council the current reasonable method of notification of Council meeting was made by posting at three locations in Wahoo: First Bank of Nebraska, Wahoo Post Office, and City Hall, as well as the [www.wahoo.ne.us](http://www.wahoo.ne.us) website, and that the current agenda deadline was 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the Council meeting. A motion was made by Kavan, seconded by Krejci, to approve the method of advance notice. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Lawver, yes; and Tyler, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Harrell reported that two signatures are required for any withdrawal on any City of Wahoo bank account. The current designated depository of the City funds of the City of Wahoo is Wahoo State Bank; utility funds are at First Bank of Nebraska. Harrell reported claims are reviewed and approved by department heads, entered into Accounts Payable, approved by the City Administrator, and approved by the Mayor, and that the only claims officially approved, individually, by the Council are those that are connected to major infrastructure improvements that are under contract.

A motion was made by Kavan, seconded by Krejci to keep depository of funds and procedure for approval of claims as described above. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Krejci, yes; Tyler, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; and Lawver, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kavan, seconded by Lawver, to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda:

1. Minutes of December 6, 2018 meeting of Planning Commission
2. Authorize the Wahoo Rescue Squad to solicit, charge or collect funds, fees, or charges for services as required under NE Statute 35-901
3. Licenses: Plumbers: John Wonka, G & G Backhoe, Weston; Jim Wotipka, JW Plumbing, Wahoo. HVAC: Steven Barnes, Liberty Mechanical, Lincoln. Electrician: John Goepfert, JRG Electric, Omaha; Pat Trede, Trede Electric, Ralston; Bradley Wiberg, B-Rad Electrical, Wahoo.

Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Lawver, yes; Tyler, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; and Warford, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Department head written reports presented. Beavers reported an upcoming Board of Adjustment meeting and continued work on nuisances. Denise Lawver reported technology upgrades to library computers and wi-fi, reconfiguration of some work spaces, and lettering for the outside of the building. Ferrell reported on participation in Click-it or Ticket seatbelt compliance, and upcoming DUI enforcement efforts. Anderson reported training classes on AED/CPR, and planned Narcan training. Hull reported donations toward purchase of Jaws of Life units. Harrell reported the audit is nearly complete; DED advised the application for owner-occupied housing rehab funds was denied; the environmental packet for the Safe Routes to Schools project has been submitted.

Krejci reported the Finance Committee met to discuss the health insurance premium increase, and revising the cost share with employees to increase what employees pay for dependent coverage will be on an upcoming council agenda.

Public Hearing opened at 7:53 p.m. on the Board of Public Works 2019 budget. Tyler and Gibney reported. No public comments offered. Motion by Kavan, seconded by Tyler, to close the public hearing at 7: 56 p.m. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Tyler, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; and Lawver, yes.

Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lawver, seconded by Tyler, to approve the 2019 Board of Public Works budget as submitted. Roll call vote: Lawver, yes; Tyler, yes; Warford, abstained; Boop, abstained; Krejci, yes; and Kavan, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Krejci, seconded by Kavan, to approve pay application #5 for \$43,866.25 to Buckmaster Construction for Hackberry Park Restroom/Concession improvements. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Kavan, yes; Lawver, yes; Warford, yes; Boop, yes; and Tyler, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Harrell reported on the interlocal agreement with Saunders County for aerial imagery mapping updates in 2019 and 2022. This is a continuation of the mapping previously done by MAPA. Motion by Kavan, seconded by Krejci, to approve the Interlocal agreement with Saunders County for aerial imagery mapping. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Lawver, yes; and Tyler, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Kavan, seconded by Lawver, to approve filing a special assessment against property described as Block 2, Dickinson's Addition (Camel Center) in the amount of \$161.70 for unpaid expenses of nuisance abatement. Roll call vote: Kavan, yes; Lawver, yes; Warford, yes; Boop, yes; Krejci, yes; and Tyler, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Cody Hull reported there is an opportunity to purchase a used aerial ladder truck for the fire department. The current truck was purchased in 2007, and is now more than 30 years old, they are having difficulty finding parts for this truck. The truck they are considering is a 2009 model with a 100-foot reach with a platform; it has been refurbished and is available for about ¼ of the cost of a new unit. Hull asked for permission to travel to Minnesota, to check over the truck, and if it meets the department's needs, to give the seller a check for 10% of the asking price to hold the unit. The expenditure would be split between cash, the vehicle replacement sinking fund, and the Manners trust funds. Motion by Lawver, seconded by Kavan, to approve consideration of the purchase of the aerial ladder truck, and provide a 10% downpayment to the seller if the truck is acceptable. Roll call vote: Lawver, yes; Kavan, yes; Tyler, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; and Warford, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Kavan, seconded by Tyler, to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

Approved:

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Lucinda Morrow, Deputy Clerk

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Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor