

The Council met in special session at the Wahoo Public Library, in compliance with agenda posted at City Hall, Post Office and First Bank of Nebraska and the City of Wahoo web site, with each Council member being notified of agenda prior to the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gerald D. Johnson at 6:00 p.m. 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, Patrick Nagle, Stuart Krejci, and Karen Boop. Absent: Greg Kavan, Carl Warford.

The public hearing on the 2020-21 City of Wahoo budget, the 2020 Property Tax Levy for the City of Wahoo, and the proposed 1% increase in the restricted funds budget, was declared open by the Mayor at 6:01 p.m. Harrell reported changes in the hearing procedure for budgets were instituted by the Legislature, which requires a public hearing separate from a regular meeting. A notice of hearing was published in the September 3, 2020 issue of the Wahoo-Waverly-Ashland Newspaper, and agenda for the budget hearing was posted at City Hall, Post Office, and First Bank of Nebraska on September 9, 2020 at 11:50 a.m., and also posted on the City of Wahoo web site.

A review of the 2020-21 budget was done by City Administrator/Treasurer Harrell. Handouts reviewing the past, current, and proposed budgets were distributed. Questions from the Council were addressed, and discussion held on various parts of the budget document.

The Mayor called for comments from the public on the proposed 1% increase in the restricted funds budget. No comments were offered.

The Mayor called for comments from the public on the 2020-2021 budget and 2020 Property Tax Levy as proposed. No comments were offered.

A motion was made by Krejci, seconded by Lawver, to close the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Lawver, yes; Nagle, yes; and Boop, yes. Absent and not voting: Kavan, Warford. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Krejci, seconded by Nagle, to authorize an additional 1% increase in the restricted funds budget as per the State budget document, above and beyond the 2.5% and the growth factor of the valuation. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes; and Lawver yes. Absent and not voting: Kavan and Warford. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Krejci, seconded by Lawver, to approve the 2020-21 Budget as presented. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Lawver, yes; Nagle, yes; and Boop, yes. Absent and not voting: Kavan and Warford. Motion carried.

Kavan entered the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

The following resolution, **Resolution No. 2020-16**, was introduced by Krejci, who moved for its approval, seconded by Nagle:

“WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the City Council of the City of Wahoo must pass by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law on September 10, 2020 to hear and consider comments from the public concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Wahoo that:

1. The 2020-2021 property tax request shall be set at \$1,676,640.00 and shall be levied as follows for the following funds:

|              | <u>Tax Amount</u>   | <u>Tax Levy</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund | \$1,474,640.00      | 0.486508        |
| Bond Fund    | <u>\$202,000.00</u> | <u>0.066642</u> |
| TOTAL        | \$1,676,640.00      | 0.553150        |

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 5%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$.527947 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. The City of Wahoo proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.553150 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of \$11,584,958.00 of the City of Wahoo will increase from last year's operating budget by 4%.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2020.

|   | <b>2019</b>     | <b>2020</b>     | <b>Change</b> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Operating Budget</b>                                   | \$11,153,353.00 | \$11,584,958.00 | 4%            |
| <b>Property Tax Request</b>                               | \$1,600,249.00  | \$1,676,640.00  | 5%            |
| <b>Valuation</b>  | 288,831,098     | 303,107,696     | 5%            |
| <b>Tax Rate</b>   | \$.554043       | \$0.553150      | 0%            |
| <b>Tax Rate if prior tax request was at current value</b> |                 | \$0.527947      |               |

Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes; Lawver, yes; and Kavan, yes. Absent and not voting: Warford. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nagle, seconded by Lawver, to adjourn the special session at 6:33 p.m.

Approved:

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Lucinda Morrow, Clerk

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Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor