

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

Department head reports provided. Lawver reported they would be starting Story Time as their first back to in person activity in March. Stuhr reported grubbing and removal work is being done at Hackberry Park for the anticipated improvements this summer. The Civic Center hosted a vaccine clinic and will likely be continuing to do this. Anderson reported the EMS staff is assisting SMC where they can in the vaccination clinics. Jansa offered thanks to the utility department employees that assisted in the recent snow removal efforts. Ferrell reported the Police Department is currently working on two large cases. Harrell reported on recent conversations with SE Community College on a potential training program in public works. She indicated there are continued conversations with a potential developer for a new housing development. The League Midwinter Virtual Conferences were ongoing and several attending the sessions. She also reported she had received information from NE DHHS on the safe drinking water program and their extension of 0% loans with potential partial forgiveness that the BPW would be discussing.

Committee reports – No Council committee reports; JEO project progress report was reviewed

A motion was made by Krejci, seconded by Rappl to approve the consent agenda, including: 1) Minutes of the January 28, 2021 Council meeting; and 2) minutes of January 20, 2021 Board of Public Works Meeting. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Rappl, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; and Nagle, yes. Absent and not voting: Boop. Motion carried.

The Energy Code remains tabled.

Jon Mooberry of JEO reported on the bid received from M E Collins Contracting for 2021 intersection and curb ramps. Motion by Krejci, seconded by Nagle, to accept the bid from M E Collins Contracting and authorize entering into an agreement for the project. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; and Rappl, yes. Absent and not voting: Boop. Motion carried.

Construction Engineering agreement with JEO for 2021 intersection and curb ramp project was reviewed by Mooberry and discussed by the Council. Motion by Ideus, seconded by Rappl, to approve the construction engineering agreement with JEO for 2021 intersection and curb ramp project, and authorize the Mayor to sign agreement. Roll call vote: Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; and Warford, yes . Absent and not voting: Boop. Motion carried.

Jon Mooberry was present to also discuss the Construction Engineering agreement with JEO for Safe Routes to School project. This project is through NDOT and thus all negotiation on the terms of the agreement were handled by NDOT, who has already approved the agreement. The following resolution, Resolution No. 2021-01, was introduced by Krejci, who moved for its approval, seconded by Warford:

“WHEREAS, City of Wahoo is developing a transportation project for which it intends to obtain Federal funds;

WHEREAS, City of Wahoo as a sub-recipient of Federal-aid funding is charged with the responsibility of expending said funds in accordance with Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project;

WHEREAS, City of Wahoo and JEO Consulting Group, Inc., wish to enter into a Professional Services Agreement to provide Construction Engineering services for the Federal-aid project;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Wahoo that:

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor of the City of Wahoo, is hereby authorized to sign the attached Construction Engineering Services agreement between City of Wahoo, Nebraska and JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

NDOT Project Number – SRTS-78(33); NDOT Control Number: 13291; NDOT Project Description: Wahoo Elementary Safe Routes To School.”

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

Harrell reviewed the financial report for the Chestnut Street Project and reported it would be appropriate to reimburse the City Utilities funds a portion of the total borrowed amount of \$2,500,000. Motion by Warford, seconded by Krejci, to authorize pay refunding \$1,000,000 of borrowed balance to Wahoo Utilities, and accumulated interest from January 1, 2021. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Ideus, yes; and Rapple, yes. Absent and not voting: Boop. Motion carried.

Plans and specifications for a new ambulance for Wahoo EMS Department were reviewed. Anderson was present to explain the need which is being driven by the upward trend in maintenance expenses for the 2009 E450 Ambulance. He further explained the typical expected time to build the vehicle as specified is about one year. The EMS Department currently uses contracts vetted and negotiated by Savvik Buying Group for purchasing medical items, and the specified ambulance is available through this buying group. Motion by Nagle, seconded by Rappl, to approve plans and specifications for new ambulances, and authorize securing pricing from Savvik Buying Group. Roll call vote: Nagle, yes; Rappl, yes; Krejci, yes; Warford, yes; and Ideus, yes. Absent and not voting: Boop. Motion carried.

Request for a curb cut/driveway for property at 153 West 6th Street was submitted for discussion. The property is in C-1 zoning district. There are marked parking spaces along the curb in front of the property, and parking area is in the back of the property accessible from the alley. Beavers reported that approval of this would result in loss of downtown parking spaces, but that if approved he requested it be limited to one stall. Beavers also indicated the property lines would need to be identified prior to construction if approval was granted. Kevin Haynes, property owner, was also present to answer questions about why the back of the property would not work for parking (due to fencing). Lausterer reminded the Council this home was a non-conforming use for the C-2 Downtown Zoning District. Motion by Rappl, seconded by Ideus, to approve the request for a curb cut/driveway, provided only one downtown parallel stall is eliminated and the property lines are identified before construction. Roll call vote: Rappl, yes; Ideus, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; and Warford, yes. Absent and not voting: Boop. Motion carried.

Municipal Code amendment regarding vehicles with multiple unpaid parking tickets, which would allow the City to tow and impound vehicles was discussed.

Ordinance No. 2365 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE VII: TRAFFIC CODE, SECTION 70.04, was introduced by Krejci. The Mayor then

instructed the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2365 of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska. The Clerk thereupon read the aforesaid Ordinance No. 2365 by title.

Council Member Krejci moved that the statutory rules in regard to the passage and adoption of ordinances be suspended so the said ordinance might be introduced, read by title, and then moved for final passage at the same meeting. Council Member Rappl 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: Krejci, yes; Rappl, yes; Warford, no; Nagle, no; and Ideus, yes. Absent and not voting: Boop. Motion failed.

The Mayor then instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the vote on first reading of Ordinance No. 2365 and the following was the vote on this motion: Krejci, yes; Rappl, yes; Warford, yes; Nagle, yes; and Ideus, yes. Absent and not voting: Boop. Motion carried.

Harrell presented the annual Keno compliance report for FY 2019/2020 to the Council. Motion by Warford, seconded by Rappl, to approve the annual Keno Compliance report. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Rappl, yes; Ideas, yes; Nagle, yes; and Krejci, yes. Absent and not voting: Boop. Motion carried.

Proposed residential downtown parking was provided by Harrell, and discussed. Krejci asked for the Wahoo Chamber of Commerce to have discussions with downtown business and property owners so their position would be available for consideration by the Council. A preliminary response is asked for in 30 days.

The next meeting date is Thursday, February 25, 2021.

Motion by Ideus seconded by Warford, to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Approved:

Melissa Harrell, City Administrator

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor