

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, Karen Boop, and Carl Warford. Absent: none.

Department head written reports were provided. Harrell reported on Covid vaccinations for staff. A preliminary plat has been submitted for an 89-lot residential subdivision, which is under review. Harrell and the Mayor reported on recent participation in legislative issues.

Hurst reported on the Board of Public Works special meeting, and decisions made on a method to pass the cost of the gas price spike to Wahoo customers. An information pamphlet is going out to utility customers.

A motion was made by Krejci, seconded by Nagle to approve the consent agenda, including: 1) Minutes of the February 25, 2021 Council meeting; 2) minutes of February 17, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Public Works; 3) Minutes of the March 3, 2021 meeting of the Board of Public Works; and 4) Licenses: Plumbers: Brett Ludin, Prairie Mechanical; Rick Stava RAS Plumbing & Mechanical; Keith Lacy, Simmons Plumbing, Inc; Derek Turner, Bryant Air Conditional & Htg; Brandon Sedlacek, Southeast Trenching & Excavating Inc; Ronald Benes, Ron's Plumbing. HVAC: Josh Kasischke, K & S Mechanical LLS; Brett Ludin, Prairie Mechanical; Dan Johnson, Patriot Plumbing; Rick Stava, RAS Plumbing & Mechanical; Ronald Benes; Ron's Plumbing & Heating. Tree Contractors: Jeff Davis, Ashland Tree LLC. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; and Rappl, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

The Energy Code remains tabled.

Harrell reported on the Chestnut Street Improvement project, the original plans for financing, and analysis of the half cent sales tax revenues designated toward the cost of the project. Cody Wickham of DA Davidson discussed current trends, rates and options for financing once the initial bonds are called.

Motion by Warford, seconded by Nagle, to convert interim financing to permanent financing for the Chestnut Street Project, call Bond Anticipation Notes for Street Improvement District 2018-01 and issue new debt for project costs. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; Ideus, yes; and Rappl, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Cody Wickham of DA Davidson discussed bond options, and offered a 14-year financing option, which Council members agreed upon.

Ordinance No. 2366 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, NEBRASKA AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION VARIOUS PURPOSE BONDS, SERIES 2021, OF THE CITY OF WAHOO IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED FOUR MILLION TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,275,000) TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COSTS (INCLUDING PAYMENT OF \$3,035,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2020, DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE – MARCH 5, 2020, DUE DECEMBER 15, 2022) OF

CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2018-1; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN FINAL TERMS OF THE BONDS TO BE DETERMINED BY AUTHORIZED OFFICERS OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE SAME; AND ORDERING THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM, was introduced by Krejci. The Mayor then instructed the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2366 of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska. The Clerk thereupon read the aforesaid Ordinance No. 2366 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 Nagle 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; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; and Rappl, yes. Absent and not voting: none.

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. 2366 may be read by title and moved for final passage in the same meeting.

Council Member Krejci moved that Ordinance No. 2366 be approved and passed and its title agreed to. Council Member Warford 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; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; and Boop, 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 project bids have been received for one of the owner-occupied rehab projects, and several other projects are being bid. The Housing Committee approved proceeding with Project #003. There are slots available for additional project applications. Motion by Ideus, seconded by Rappl, to approve Project #003 Owner Occupied Housing Rehab project as recommended by Housing Advisory Committee and authorize entering into agreements to complete the work. Roll call vote: Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; and Warford, yes. Absent and not voting: none.

An event permit to block 5th Street for a vendor fair on May 22, 2021 was reviewed; the Police department has no objection, Street Department will provide barricades. Angie Craft stated vendors will use designated parking areas, the center of the street will remain clear if emergency vehicles would need to get through.

Motion by Krejci, seconded by Nagle, to approve the Application for Event Permit to block 5th Street between Broadway and Linden for a vendor fair on May 22, 2021. Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; and Rappl, yes. Absent and not voting: none.

Motion by Warford, seconded by Krejci, to approve the Application for Special Designated License filed

by Karen's Spirits and Smokes, for event on March 26, 2021 at 211 East 2nd Street. Roll call vote: Warford, yes; Krejci, yes, Boop, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Absent and not voting: none.

Beavers reported the parking plan presented for Lot 117 meets the necessary parking stalls for office space and traffic flow; he is working with the contractors to obtain the necessary points under the design standards. Motion by Ideus, seconded by Nagle, to approve the proposed parking plan for project on Lot 117, Wahoo Industries Airpark Addition to Wahoo. Roll call vote: Ideus, yes; Nagle, yes, Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; and Rappl, yes. Absent and not voting: none.

Bids were received through Sourcewell for a generator system to serve City Hall and the Fire Hall. Cost will be shared by the Fire Department, City, and Utilities. Motion by Nagle, seconded by Krejci, to accept bid with Cat to purchase and install backup generator for City Hall and Fire Hall, and authorize entering into an agreement to purchase and install generator. Roll call vote: Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; and Rappl, yes. Absent and not voting: none.

Kevin Stuhr reported on plans for additional lighting for Hackberry Ballfield #5, donations pledged for the project, and additional funding through sales tax revenue and borrowing.

Krejci introduced Resolution No. 2021-02, and moved to approve, seconded by Nagle, as follows:

“WHEREAS, in October 2020 the City of Wahoo entered into a triple net lease agreement with Wahoo Public Building and Grounds Association for the lease of facility improvements to be made at Hackberry Ball Fields, including the addition of two baseball/softball fields (Fields #5 and #6), among other improvements, and

WHEREAS, the plans for improvements included installation of conduit and electrical capacity for the installation of ball field lighting at an undetermined future date, and

WHEREAS, Wahoo Community Foundation has committed an initial donation of \$50,000 for the purchase of ball field lighting for Ball Field #5 to help facilitate the purchase of lighting, with an additional commitment of \$10,000 per year over the next five (5) years, for a total donation of \$100,000 for the project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wahoo has a committed revenue source in the ½ cent local option sales tax for capital projects that is available for use for this project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Wahoo that:

1. The City Council approves the ball field lighting for Ball Field #5 at Hackberry Ball Field as an acceptable project to be funded by the City's ½ cent local option sales tax for capital improvements.
2. The City Council authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Musco Lighting for \$192,570.00 for materials for the project and an agreement with Ensley Electrical Services for \$57,430.00 for installation of the lighting, for a total project cost of \$247,345.00.

The City Council acknowledges the donation from the Wahoo Community Foundation, totaling \$100,000 over the next five years, and agrees the additional funds of \$147,345.00 will be provided from the ½ cent local option sales tax capital improvement fund.”

Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Rappl, yes; Ideus, yes; Warford, yes; and Boop, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Nagle introduced Resolution No. 2021-03, and moved to approve, seconded by Rappl, as follows:

“WHEREAS, the City of Wahoo, Nebraska has entered into agreements for Ball Field Lighting and Installation for Hackberry Ball Field #5; and

WHEREAS, the financing of the purchase of said lighting through traditional bond financing would be impractical; and

WHEREAS, the financing of the purchase of said lighting through direct borrowing would generate taxpayer savings over traditional bond financing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska has published notice that a resolution authorizing direct borrowing from a financial institution will appear on the agenda of the City Council meeting for March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of indebtedness from direct borrowing shall not exceed \$200,000.00, said amount being exceedingly less than twenty percent of the municipal budget of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska and for a duration of less than seven (7) years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wahoo, Nebraska has considered, to the extent possible, proposals from multiple financial institutions; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing, the City of Wahoo, Nebraska may borrow directly for the purchase of Ball Field Lighting and Installation for Hackberry Ball Field #5, pursuant to Neb Rev. Stat. §18-201; and

WHEREAS, the borrowing is for the purchase of personal property to be incorporated into construction improvements as permitted under Neb Rev. Stat. §18-201(2)(a-b);

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wahoo as follows:

1. That the City of Wahoo, Nebraska is hereby authorized to contract for financing with First Bank of Nebraska. The loan amount shall not exceed \$200,000.00 for a term of 5 years at an interest rate of 1.22%.
2. That Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor, is hereby directed and authorized, on behalf of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska to execute all necessary documents.”

Roll call vote: Nagle, yes; Rappl, yes; Warford, yes; Boop, yes; Krejci, abstained; Ideus, abstained. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Amendment of the Master Fee Resolution was discussed; the changes reflect addition of the mobile food vendor licenses to Attachment 1 and changes to police fees in Attachment 2.

Resolution No. 2021-04 was introduced by Rappl, who moved for approval, seconded by Ideus, as follows:

“WHEREAS, it is necessary for the staff of the City of Wahoo to provide services, materials and products, permits, and facilities for use by the public, that will be reimbursed by said members of the public, and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wahoo to establish and adopt, by resolution, a schedule of appropriate fees and charges as are necessary to recover City costs in providing City services, materials, permits, and products,

WHEREAS, it is desirable to maintain a Master Fee Schedule which provides a compilation of fees and charges assessed by the departments of the City of Wahoo, as attached herein,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Wahoo that the following City of Wahoo Master Fee Resolution as found in Attachments 1 to 9, are hereby adopted and established for the City of Wahoo

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of this Resolution shall be March 11, 2021.”

Roll call vote: Rappl, yes; Ideus, yes; Nagle, yes; Krejci, yes, Boop, yes; and Warford, yes. Absent and not voting: none.

The Waiver Fine Schedule, to set recommended fines for certain violations within the City of Wahoo which may be paid by a waiver plea of guilty or when found guilty when appearing in Court, was discussed.

Resolution No. 2021-05 was introduced by Krejci, who moved for approval, seconded by Boop, as follows:

“WHEREAS, the Wahoo Police Department enforces the Wahoo Municipal Code, Police Violations and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to provide the Police Department and City Prosecutor suggested Waiver Fines for said violations for use in ticketing and prosecution of such matters, as attached herein,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Wahoo that the following City of Wahoo Waiver Fine Schedule as found in Attachments 1 is hereby adopted and established for the City of Wahoo,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of this Resolution shall be March 11, 2021.”

Roll call vote: Krejci, yes, Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Absent and not voting: none.

No audience comments. The next meeting date is Thursday, March 25, 2021.

Motion by Boop seconded by Warford, to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Approved:

Lucinda J. Morrow, Clerk

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor