

The Council met in regular session in the Wahoo Public Library, 637 N Maple, in compliance with 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 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, Carl Warford, Stuart Krejci, and Chris Rapp, Karen Boop and Patrick Nagle.

Joe Wynn, Head of the Street Department, reported that they had assisted the Parks and Rec Department by grading around Sam Crawford Field to address drainage issues. A new sign for Greenwood Cemetery is being constructed and should be completed soon. He also passed out information regarding the street department equipment, pointing out the age and condition of most of it. He is hoping for an equipment/vehicle budget increase for the next fiscal year to help upgrade some of this, especially the snowplows and tractors used for mowing.

Joe Baulder, Chief of Police reported that they had hired a new officer. He has passed all testing requirements to attend the Law Enforcement Training Academy and will be attending that shortly. Chief Baulder also reported that the Wahoo Police department has passed their state accreditation requirements. And in September they will have National Morning Out. This year this will also include a 5k run to raise money for the Teammates program.

Melissa Harrell, City Administrator reported that the Safe Routes To School project has had some issues with the storm sewer inlets which is why the completion of that project has been held up. She reported that the 2022 Asphalt Overlay project has been running smoothly with the average closure for intersections being 14-18 days and the Chestnut Street Project is finishing up their final punch list items. She also addressed the unauthorized dumping of garbage and large items at the tree pile outside of town and reminded individuals that there should be nothing left there besides yard waste. This is a privilege for Wahoo residents and if unauthorized items continue to be left there may be a need to close it to the public.

Council Member Krejci motioned and Council Member Ideus seconded to approve the following items: Acceptance of excused absence of Mayor or Council member(s), Approval of Minutes of July 12th, 2022, meeting of the City Council, Approval of Minutes of July 7th, 2022, meeting of the Planning Commission, Approval of Mayor's appointment of Eric Baumert and Jessica Pearson to the Planning Commission and reappointment of Andera Brooks (3-year terms), Approval of Mayors appointment of the Council Economic Development Committee as the Council's representation on the TIF committee, Approval of Pay App # 8 to M.E. Collins for North Highlands in the amount of \$141,399.61, Approval of Gary Hannsen as a member of the Wahoo Volunteer Fire Department, Approval of Drawdown #9 for \$12,694.00 and approval of claims for payment from SENDD for \$1,085.00 for Administration and Rooforia for \$11,609.00 for Rehab work for CDBG Housing Rehab Grant Program. Roll call vote Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Rapp, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

Council Member Krejci motioned, and Council Member Boop seconded to approve Resolution No. 2022-11 to authorize participation in the Saunders County Mutual Finance Organization for FY 2022-23, which allocates \$.04 of the city's levy to the Fire Department.

WHEREAS, certain municipalities and fire protection districts located in Saunders County, Nebraska desire to enter into an Interlocal cooperation agreement for the creation of a Mutual Finance Organization pursuant to Legislative Bill 1120, 1998;

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization would be in the best interests of all participating members; and,

WHEREAS, the members desire to enter into a written Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization

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

Section 1. The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization is hereby approved, ratified and accepted, and the Mayor of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the same;

Section 2. The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization shall not establish a separate legal entity, but rather shall be a joint and cooperative undertaking between the members and that a joint board shall be responsible for administering this joint and cooperative undertaking.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed.

Roll call vote Krejci, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Harrell reported that Officer O'Sullivan had worked to compile a list of options for the purchase of new body worn cameras. Chief Boulder explained that the company where the current cameras were purchased from is no longer in business and when cameras fail, they have no way of repairing them. Officer O'Sullivan recommended the Getac BWC solution from Bizco. Council Member Krejci motioned, and Council Member Warford seconded to approve the purchase of body-worn cameras for the Wahoo Police Department. Roll call vote Krejci, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Boop, yes, Rappl, yes; and Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Harrell presented Resolution No. 2022-12 which would allow for recognition of City employees for years of service. This would be awarded every five years, with this first year being awarded retroactively. Council Member Warford motioned and, Council Member Ideus seconded to approve Resolution 2022-12 to approve the City of Wahoo employee's recognition program for years of service awards.

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statutes §13-2203(2)(b)(iii) and, part of the Local Government Miscellaneous Expenditure Act, grants the governing body of a political subdivision the authority to expend public funds as follows:

(3) The expenditure of public funds for plaques, certificates of achievement, or items of value awarded to elected or appointed officials, employees, or volunteers, including persons serving on local government boards or commissions. Before making any such expenditure, the governing body shall, by official action after a public hearing, establish a uniform policy which sets a dollar limit on the value of any plaque, certificate of achievement, or item of value to be awarded. Such policy, following its initial adoption, shall not be amended or altered more than once in any twelve-month period.

WHEREAS, historically there has not been a formal recognition program for City of Wahoo employees to acknowledge years of service by the employee;

WHEREAS, the administration of the City of Wahoo is recommending the City of Wahoo and Wahoo Utilities recognize employees years of service,

WHEREAS, the administration of the City of Wahoo is recommending this program be started for the calendar year of 2022, with awards to be given to employees annually at the employee appreciation banquet, or at the time of retirement or voluntary termination of the employee if before the annual banquet,

WHEREAS, for the purpose of equity, for 2022 only, all current City of Wahoo employees should be retroactively awarded for their years of service with the City of Wahoo at the years of service level last achieved in accordance with the Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council hereby approve and authorize the following be awarded to employees (full-time and regular part-time) based on their years of service, with the award either being an item with a value not to exceed the authorized amount, or a Wahoo Bucks Gift Certificate. For each five (5) year increment of years of service, the employee shall be awarded \$50 (i.e. 5 years - \$50, 10 years - \$100, etc.)

Roll call vote Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Rappl, yes; and Boop, yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Harrell next explained that JEO had approached the City about a blight and substandard study they are asking to be done on their property located south of Casey's. JEO is offering to do this study at no cost to the City. An attorney was consulted about possible conflict of interest. The Attorney felt that there would be no conflict since the requirements for what is considered blight and substandard are explicitly spelled out in statutes. Council Member Krejci motioned and, Council Member Nagle seconded to authorize staff to work with JEO Investments LLC who is offering to perform a blight and substandard study for property located west of Dry Run Creek, south of 15th Street, and east of Hwy 77/92 at no cost to the City of Wahoo. Roll call vote Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Boop, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; and Rappl, yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Gerald Johnson explained the role for the Board of Adjustments to the Council, that going before them is essentially a legal hearing for when a citizen disagrees with the decision of City staff. City Attorney Jovan Lausterer explained that Pastor Rich Vernon had brought an issue before the Board of Adjustments regarding Kennedy Campus East Hall and a small addition that is not in compliance with city setbacks. Vernon wished to have a variance permitted to allow that addition to remain. The Board of Adjustments approved the variance request. The approval would only be applied to the existing encroaching structure on the NE side of the building conditional on repairs to the roof, window, door and brick which must match the existing brick used, to be supervised and approved by the City Building Inspector with completion of the work to be within 180 days following this approval unless an extension is granted by the Board of Adjustments. Council Member Warford motioned and, Council Member Ideus seconded to accept the decision if the Board of Adjustments regarding the application of variance fir

Kennedy College Campus East Hall. Roll call vote Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Rapp, yes; and Boop, yes. Motion carried.

Council Member Warford motioned and, Council Member Ideus seconded to adjourn at 7:58pm.

The next regular meeting is August 9th, 2022, at 7:00pm at the Wahoo Public Library, 637 N. Maple St.

Approved: August 9th, 2022

Christina Fasel, City Clerk

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor