

Wahoo Public Library**Wahoo, Nebraska****November 28, 2023**

The Council met in Regular session in the Wahoo Public Library, in compliance with the 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 the agenda prior to the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gerald D. Johnson at 7:00 PM 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: Ryan Ideus: Present, Stuart Krejci: Present, Patrick Nagel: Present, Chris Rappl: Present, Shane Sweet: Present, Carl Warford: Present.

Library Director Denise Lawver presented data collected through the 2022-2023 fiscal year for the Library. She noted that the numbers of individuals that are coming to the Library have increased but are not yet at pre-covid numbers.

Fire Chief Cody Hull reported that they are working on getting final bids for a new engine.

Council Member Carl Warford motioned, and council Member Chris Rappl seconded to approve the consent agenda which included Approval of Minutes of the November 14, 2023, City Council Meeting, Change Order #1 for the Wilmer Ridge Subdivision Project to provide for a \$0 change in contract price and extension of warranty to 3 years for identified areas of paving, and approval of claims. Roll call vote Ideus: yes, Krejci: yes, Nagel: yes, Rappl: yes, Sweet: yes, Warford: yes. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee has met with the city's insurance brokers and reviewed the proposed plans for consideration tonight. Brandon Bender from Inspro reviewed the current plan terms and the renewal options for both Medica and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Council Member Stuart Krejci motioned, and council Member Chris Rappl seconded to approve contracts with Medica and Principal insurance companies for the 2024 year. Roll call vote Ideus: yes, Krejci: yes, Nagel: yes, Rappl: yes, Sweet: yes, Warford: yes. Motion carried.

Eric Hancock requested that he be considered as the agent of record for the City and their dealings with insurance.

Council Member Stuart Krejci motioned, and council Member Carl Warford seconded to verify that there will be three open positions on the council for the 2024 election. Roll call vote Ideus: yes, Krejci: yes, Nagel: yes, Rappl: yes, Sweet: yes, Warford: yes. Motion carried.

Council Member Carl Warford motioned, and council Member Chris Rappl seconded to give building inspector, Travis Beavers, the authority to use general discretion for issuance of waivers regarding trash enclosures for Kennedy Campus South Hall Renovation. Roll call vote Ideus: yes, Krejci: yes, Nagel: yes, Rappl: yes, Sweet: yes, Warford: yes. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Kevin Stuhr reviewed options that had been previously presented to council for southern expansion of the Wahoo trail system. He recommended the course that

would cross Wahoo Creek at Linden Street. Council Carl Warford motioned, and council Member Patrick Nagel seconded to officially select the route that had been recommended by Parks and Recreation Director, Kevin Stuhr, for further development of the Wahoo Trails system. Roll call vote Ideus: yes, Krejci: yes, Nagel: yes, Rappl: yes, Sweet: yes, Warford: yes. Motion carried.

Council Member Carl Warford motioned, and council Member Patrick Nagel seconded to enter into closed session for the purpose of protection of public interest with Attorney Lausterer, City Administrator Harrell, and Utilities General Manager Hurst to remain in chambers. Roll call vote Ideus: yes, Krejci: yes, Nagel: yes, Rappl: yes, Sweet: yes, Warford: yes. Motion carried.

The Mayor indicated that the council, City Attorney, City Administrator, and Utilities General Manager would be entering into closed session for the protection of public interest.

Chris Rappl left the meeting at 9:22pm.

Council Member Carl Warford motioned, and council Member Patrick Nagel seconded to return to open session at 9:36pm. Roll call vote Ideus: yes, Krejci: yes, Nagel: yes, Rappl: yes, Sweet: yes, Warford: yes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm

Approved:

Christina Fasel, City Clerk

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor