

The Council met in regular session in the Wahoo Public Library, 637 N Maple, 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 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: Stuart Krejci, Chris Rappl, Shane Sweet, Patrick Nagle, Ryan Ideus. Council Members absent: Carl Warford.

Denise Lawver, Library Director, presented the new Wahoo Library website.

Council Member Rappl motioned, and Council Member Krejci seconded to approve the consent agenda which included Acceptance of excused absence of Council Member Warford, approval of minutes from the January 10, 2023, City Council meeting, approval of Mayor's appointment of John Virgl to the Airport Authority Board, term to expire December of 2024, and Approval of plumbing, mechanical, electrical, tree and sprinkler contractors. Roll call vote Rappl, yes; Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, yes; Warford, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

A public hearing for approval of Conditional Use Permit to remove an existing 60-foot lattice communications tower and construct a new 120-foot monopole tower facility on property described as Block 4 Original Town Wahoo and the North ½ vacated 4th Street better known as 433 North Chestnut, as filed by Saunders County was opened at 7:29pm, no comments from the public were offered. Council Member Rappl motioned, and Council Member Krejci seconded to close the public meeting at 7:31pm. Roll call vote Rappl, yes; Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes;; Ideus, yes; Sweet, yes; Warford, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Council Member Krejci introduced Ordinance No 2417 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, NEBRASKA, PERTAINING TO THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE, TO WIT: Block 4 Original Town Wahoo & the N ½ vacated 4th street, better known as 433 North Chestnut, Wahoo, Nebraska BY ALLOWING the removal of an existing 60' lattice communications tower and construction of a new 120' monopole tower in the same location, AS PROVIDED IN WAHOO ZONING REGULATIONS SECTION 7.11 Council Member Krejci motioned to approve waiver to a governmental agency and approval of conditional use permit contingent upon FAA approval and the applicant agreeing to indemnify the City relating to the waiver. Council Member Ideus seconded. Roll call vote Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Sweet, yes; Warford, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Council Member Krejci motioned, and Council Member Sweet seconded to approve the annual Certification of the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act for 2022. Krejci, yes; Sweet, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Council Member Krejci motioned, and Council Member Ideus seconded to approve the Audit Waiver for Wahoo Public Building and Grounds for FY ending 12/31/2022. Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Council Member Krejci motioned, and Council Member Rappl seconded to approve the purchase of a wheel loader for the Street Department. Krejci, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, yes; Warford, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Council Member Krejci motioned, and Council Member Sweet seconded to approve the request for special designated liquor licenses submitted by the Knights of Columbus for the following dates: Feb 17, 2023, Feb 24, 2023, March 3, 2023, March 10, 2023, March 17, 2023, and March 24, 2023. Krejci, yes; Sweet, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2416 was introduced by Council Member Krejci entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND TITLE XI: ADMINISTRATION OF THE WAHOO MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 110: BUSINESS LICENSING, SECTION 100.31.

Council Member Krejci moved that the statutory rules in regard to the passage and adoption of ordinances be suspended so that the said ordinance might be introduced, read by title, and then moved for final passage at the same meeting. Council Member Nagel 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: Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Sweet, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Warford, absent and not voting. Motion carried. 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 regard to the passage and approval of ordinance be suspended so that Ordinance No. 2416 may be read by title and moved for final passage in the same meeting.

Council Member Krejci moved that Ordinance No. 2416 be approved and passed and its title agreed to. Council Member Nagel 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; Nagle, yes; Sweet, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Warford, absent and not voting. 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 the Mayor, in the presence of the Council, signed and approved the Ordinance and Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature 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.

Council Member Ideus motioned and Council Member Sweet seconded to enter into closed session for the purpose of protection of public interest at 7:45pm. The Mayor indicated the Council, City Administrator Harrell, and City Attorney Lausterer would be entering into closed session for the protection of public interest. Ideus, yes; Sweet, yes; Krejci, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Council Member Ideus motioned, and Council Member Rappl seconded to return to regular session at 8:07pm. Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes; Sweet, yes; Krejci, yes; Warford, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Council Member Rappl motioned, and Council Member Sweet seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm. Rappl, yes; Sweet, yes; Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Ideus, yes; Warford, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting is February 14, 2023, at 7:00pm at the Wahoo Public Library, 637 N Maple Street.

Approved: February 14, 2023

Christina Fasel, City Clerk

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor