

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 20, 2021**

The Wayne City Council met in regular session at City Hall on July 20, 2021, at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

Mayor Cale Giese called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, with the following in attendance: Councilmembers Dwaine Spieker, Terri Buck, Nick Muir, Yasuko Taoka, Chris Woehler, Jason Karsky, Matt Eischeid and Jill Brodersen; Attorney Amy Miller; City Administrator Wes Blecke; and City Clerk Betty McGuire.

Notice of the convening meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wayne Herald, Wayne, Nebraska, the designated method of giving notice, as shown by Affidavit of Publication. In addition, notice was given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council, and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and agenda is on file with the City Clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the Council convened in open session.

Mayor Giese advised the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the southwest wall of the Council Chambers, as well as on the City of Wayne website at cityofwayne.org/8/Government, and was available for public inspection. In addition, he advised the public that the Council may go into closed session to discuss certain agenda items to protect the public interest or to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public hearing.

Councilmember Brodersen made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Eischeid, to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 6, 2021, and to waive the reading thereof. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Minutes approved.

The following claims were presented to Council for their approval:

VARIOUS FUNDS: ACE HARDWARE & HOME, SU, 742.07; ALL HOURS TOWING, SE, 225.00; APPEARA, SE, 181.20; BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS, SU, 684.57; BIG STONE TRANSPORTATION & LANDSCAPE SUPPLY, SU, 1560.00; BROWN SUPPLY, SU, 167.00; CARHART LUMBER COMPANY, SU, 369.12; CARLSON WEST PVONDRA ARCHITECTS, SE, 2019.87; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 3880.00; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 1530.50; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 576.40; CITY

EMPLOYEE, RE, 28.00; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 553.58; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 375.42; CLAUSSEN & SONS IRRIG, SE, 83.90; CLAUSSEN, HEIDI, RE, 30.00; COIT CLEANING AND RESTORATION, SE, 3200.00; COLONIAL RESEARCH, SU, 125.62; COPY WRITE PUBLISHING, SE, 514.55; COTTONWOOD WIND PROJECT, SE, 11676.57; COUNTRY NURSERY, SE, 2797.00; CREATIVE SITES, SU, 32869.00; DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE, SE, 61.04; DAVE'S DRY CLEANING, SE, 54.00; DITCH WITCH UNDERCON, SU, 9.56; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY, SU, 198.50; EASYPERMIT POSTAGE, SU, 876.64; ECHO GROUP, SU, 123.14; EMPLOYERS MUTUAL CASUALTY, RE, 500.00; ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS SOUTH, SE, 630.00; FAITH REGIONAL PHYSICIAN SERV, SE, 444.00; FERNANDEZ-HODGE, JULIAN, SE, 54.00; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 1123.15; GENERAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS, SU, 142.28; GERHOLD CONCRETE, SU, 51.04; GERHOLD CONCRETE, SU, 4307.37; GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, SU, 72.51; HAWKINS, SU, 1317.59; HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE, SE, 4308.46; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 203.74; HOFF, AARON, RE, 30.00; HYDRO OPTIMIZATION, SE, 232.49; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES, SU, 732.85; INNOVATIVE PROTECTIVES, SU, 150.00; INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY, SU, 38.52; IOWA PUMP WORKS, SU, 5376.00; ISLAND SPRINKLER SUPPLY, SU, 384.55; ITRON, SE, 3398.70; J.H. HESPE CO, RE, 500.00; JACK'S UNIFORMS, SU, 1041.18; JENSEN, JESSI, RE, 70.00; JOHN'S WELDING AND TOOL, SE, 190.00; KLUTE TRUCK EQUIPMENT, SE, 8400.00; KRUSE, BROOKLYN, SE, 63.00; KTCH, SE, 150.00; L.G. EVERIST, SU, 171.37; LAMP, MACKENZIE, SE, 900.00; LAWLER FIXTURE, SE, 316.75; LOVE SIGNS, RE, 500.00; LUTT OIL, SU, 6997.27; MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, SU, 128.32; MAERTINS, KEN, SE, 120.00; MAERTINS, KEN, SE, 60.00; MATHESON-LINWELD, SU, 34.25; MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES, SE, 379.75; MIDWEST LABORATORIES, SE, 351.50; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, SU, 2957.32; NDEE-FISCAL SERVICES, FE, 77.00; NE DEPT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, RE, 25000.00; NE DEPT OF REVENUE-CHARITABLE GAME DIVISION, TX, 1557.00; NE LIBRARY ASSOC, FE, 40.00; NE POWER REVIEW BOARD, SE, 991.88; NEBRASKA JOURNAL LEADER, SE, 56.16; NPPD, SE, 38362.82; NIEMAN, JEREMIAH, FE, 250.00; NO SWETT FENCING, SE, 4165.00; NORDBY FENCING, SU, 365.00; NORTHEAST TIRE SERVICE, SE, 20.00; OCC BUILDERS, SE, 73107.00; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 298.66; PIERSANTI, JOSH, RE, 85.75; PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL, SE, 97.34; PREMIER BIOTECH, SE, 153.54; QUADIENT FINANCE USA, SU, 1000.00; QUALITY 1 GRAPHIC, SU, 140.00; QUALITY FOOD CENTER, SU, 200.04; ROBERT WOehler & SONS, SE, 3162.50; RODRIGUEZ, NANCY, SE, 8.75; SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, SE, 116.27; SARGENT DRILLING, SU, 6256.47; SCHULZ, ASHLEIGH, RE, 25.00; SCHULZ, JASON, RE, 250.00; SCHULZ, TRUDY, RE, 30.00; SEBADE HOUSING, RE, 7615.04; SOUTHERN CARLSON, SU, 230.01; STAPLES, SU, 555.61; SUDBECK, LIZ, RE, 211.00; TAYLOR, KYLE, RE, 100.00; THOMPSON, SE, 300.00; TJADEN, JOE, SE, 210.00; TOTAL GRAPHICS, SU, 1142.57; TR HARRIS CONSTRUCTION, SE, 75350.00; US BANK, SU, 8595.90; US FOODSERVICE, SE, 2173.29; UTILITY EQUIPMENT, SU, 1005.72; VAN DIEST SUPPLY, SU, 367.25; VAN DIEST SUPPLY, SU, 225.75; VERIZON, SE, 536.22; WASTE CONNECTIONS, SE, -261.25; WAED, RE, 10000.00; WAYNE COUNTY CLERK, SE, 76.00; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 287.50; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 516.65; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 45.00; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 190.00; WAYNE VETERINARY CLINIC, SE, 123.00; WESCO, SU, 334.05; WILLIAMS FORM ENGINEERS, RE, 100.00; WINNER'S CIRCLE, SU, 268.00; WISNER WEST, SU, 179.07; ZACH HEATING & COOLING, SE, 100.00; AMERITAS, SE, 218.52; AMERITAS, SE, 3024.76; AMERITAS, SE, 72.00; AMERITAS, SE, 95.24; BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION, SE, 246678.44; BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, SU, 116.27; CITY OF WAYNE, PY, 95825.12; CUSTOM FILTRATION, SU, 437.00; ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT, SU, 765.00; GFOA, FE, 170.00; GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, SU, 234.77; HAWKINS, SU, 5604.86; ICMA, SE, 147.00; ICMA, SE, 366.40; ICMA, SE, 1446.86; ICMA, SE, 8372.94; ICMA, SE, 159.20; ICMA, SE, 145.28; ICMA, SE, 372.47; ICMA, SE, 112.52; ICMA, SE, 124.70; IRS, TX, 16210.76; IRS, TX, 11439.91; IRS, TX, 3791.12; JEO CONSULTING GROUP, SE, 20871.00; MAIN STREET GARAGE, SE, 186.37; MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, SE, 200.61; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, 5012.26; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB, SE, 432.00; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 14.54; POLLARD

PUMPING, SE, 1180.00; ROBERT WOehler & SONS, RE, 1275.00; STADIUM SPORTING GOODS, SE, 48.00; STAPLES, SU, 130.28; THOMPSON, LUCAS, RE, 250.00; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, SE, 2493.75; ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE, SU, 194.62

Councilmember Eischeid made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Brodersen, to approve the claims. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmember Woehler who abstained, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mike Powicki, Director of Athletics at Wayne State College, was present requesting Council consideration to allowing them to have a fireworks display at the College after the “Family Day” football game on Saturday, September 18, 2021.

Councilmember Spieker made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Karsky, approving the request of Mike Powicki, Director of Athletics at Wayne State College, to have a fireworks display at the College after the “Family Day” football game on Saturday, September 18, 2021. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Brian Kesting, on behalf of Grace Lutheran Church, was present requesting Council consideration to allowing them to close off a one-block section of 10th Street from Main Street to Logan Street on Sunday, August 15, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a “Sunday School Rally Day Festival.” They will provide the necessary Certificate of Insurance with \$1,000,000 liability coverage and naming the City as an additional insured.

Councilmember Eischeid made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Muir, approving the request of Grace Lutheran Church to close off a one-block section of 10th Street from Main Street to Logan Street (along the Willow Bowl) on Sunday, August 15, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a “Sunday School Rally Day Festival.” Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Seth Liston, on behalf of the Wayne Senior Baseball Association, was requesting Council consideration to closing Windom Street between 3rd and 4th Streets on Friday, July 23rd through Wednesday, July 28th, for the District Baseball Tournament. Intersections would remain open, and

barricades will be staggered for local traffic to get through. Mr. Liston will visit with the property owners affected by the closure.

After discussion, Councilmember Karsky made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Brodersen, approving the request to close Windom Street between 3rd and 4th Streets on Friday, July 23rd through Wednesday, July 28th, for the District Baseball Tournament. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Jason Karsky, Chair of the “Stool to Cool” Taskforce updated the Council on the survey recently taken. The amenities commented on most was a community lake, campground, and more ballfields. There will be a discussion during the budget work session regarding a lake feasibility study.

Administrator Blecke stated we have been having intermittent leaking from the CAC roof (over the gym space) for a few years, sometimes from storms, gentle rains, and even snow melt. It is a pitched roof, so staff is baffled by the issue. Multiple contractors and staff members have been on the roof and tried different things to stop the leaking. The roof is not in bad shape; we just have to figure out where the water is getting in. Northeast Nebraska Energy Systems recommended doing a spray foam over the entire roof, which he was not in favor of. He contacted JR Roofing out of LeMars, IA. They are a commercial/industrial contractor and do not do residential. A representative met with staff today and got on the roof. He thought some of the screws were not tight, so he tightened those and marked the same. He then he took an epoxy and went over the seam on both sides and filled it. He thought that was where the water was getting in. He said if we were still having trouble to call him. He also thought the roof looked to be in good shape.

Once the roof is repaired, Administrator Blecke would like to redo the floor, but that cannot be done until the water issues have been taken care of.

The budget work session then took place.

In the General Fund Budget, there is \$100,000 left that is unallocated. This will be addressed during the Capital Projects discussion.

Staff is assuming there will be a 3% increase in property valuations; a 2% cost of living increase in wages; and a 20% increase in health insurance premiums.

Last year, property tax valuations came in at 4.5%, so staff is hoping they come in at or more than the 3% assumption that is in the budget. Last year, Council left the levy the same and the remainder was put back into reserves. That amount was approximately \$16,000. The cost of living increases throughout past years has been 2%. That percentage is not based on anything. If the cost of living increase was 3% in lieu of 2% this year, this would be an additional \$34,000.

No major changes were taking place in the Mayor and Council, Attorney, City Administrator, Clerk – Treasurer budgets. In regard to the Police Department budget, personnel costs provide for the Chief, 8 officers, and 5 dispatchers.

The Fire Department budget increased their training costs because of having more EMT's on the department. In addition, the Fire Prevention Program was going to include 4th and 5th grade this year so that was increased. The maintenance building and grounds line item was increased to include new locks on the doors and an upgraded computer system.

The Park Department budgeted for a new pickup truck (this will replace a 30-year old truck). They intend to replace the heat pumps at the pool (two are not working at this time) and purchase a new broom for the skid loader and new drag for the complex.

Councilmember Eischeid suggested adding \$5,000 to both the Rec Baseball and Softball Ground Maintenance line items.

Pool Budget – The intent is to increase lifeguard wages and add an additional lifeguard so they can have 7 scheduled rather than 6.

CAC Budget – right now, staff does not have any monies dedicated for the roof replacement. But there is a CAC reserve fund which currently has \$103,000 in that fund that could be used for the roof project.

Public Buildings – City Hall – staff has budgeted for potential HVAC repairs, repairs to the front steps (we currently have an estimate of \$13,000 to repair the front steps), and a sound system for Council Chambers.

City Sales Tax/Capital Projects: There is \$100,000 that is not allocated in these funds. There is \$50,000 for auditorium repairs (replace windows) – open up windows on the north side and purchase automatic blinds; \$150,000 is in park improvements – this is for the shelter house at the old pool park. It was noted that the outdoor equipment talked about at retreat is not eligible for the grant for the shelter house.

The “Nebraska Street Park” was discussed. Per the agreement made with Wayne State College in 2017, they are to do all mowing, weeding, and basic lawn clean-up on the three lots, one of which is the property of the City. This agreement is in effect until June 30, 2027. After discussion, Administrator Blecke was directed to contact Kyle Nelson at the college.

Additional sales tax capital projects were discussed. It was noted that the Keno fund has approximately \$70,000 in it. Council was directed to think about where they would want to spend the additional \$100,000 in sales tax funds. Mayor Giese state he personally would like to keep the Keno monies intact until we see where the lagoon project area is going.

The Water and Sewer budgets were discussed. There will be approximately \$1,000,000 received from the American Rescue Plan Act. We are limited on what that money can be spent on. The monies must be expended within 5 years. It can be used for water and sewer improvements and broadband extension. Proposed in this budget is a water and sewer study; replacement of 4” water mains; the purchase of new ditch witch vac machine; UV disinfection system upgrades; and replacement of air diffusers in the Aquarius system.

It was noted that at this time, the tax levy should stay about the same as last year.

The remaining department budgets (Senior Center, Library, Streets, Electric) will be reviewed at the next regular council meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mayor Giese declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.