

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 4, 2025**

The Wayne City Council met in regular session at City Hall on February 4, 2025, 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 Austyn Houser, Parker Bolte, Dwaine Spieker, Brittany Webber, Clayton Bratcher, Jason Karsky, Matt Eischeid and Jill Brodersen; City Administrator Wes Blecke; City Clerk Betty McGuire; and City Attorney Amy Miller.

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 Council Chambers, as well as on the City of Wayne website 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 Spieker made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bratcher, to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2025, 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:

**APPROVED 1/21/25:** COONEY FERTILIZER, SE, 248731.11

**VARIOUS FUNDS:** AERO-MOD, INC, SU, 2271.33; AMERITAS, SE, 3641.36; AMERITAS, SE, 192.12; AMERITAS, SE, 35.00; AMERITAS, SE, 116.66; AMERITAS, SE, 72.00; APPEARA, SE, 175.85;

ARNIE'S FORD, SU, 170.00; BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS, SU, 425.52; BENSCOTER, LOUIS, RE, 1000.00; BERNAL, GEORGINA, SE, 55.00; BOMGAARS, SU, 2267.91; BSN SPORTS, SU, 360.72; CARHART LUMBER COMPANY, SU, 84.42; CARLSON WEST POVONDRA ARCHITECTS, SE, 4106.05; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 4.76; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, -4.76; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 4.76; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 4.76; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 36.06; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 68.68; CITY OF WAYNE, PY, 124856.48; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 356.05; COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, RE, 8000.00; DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE, SE, 537.60; DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, SE, 82.56; EMPLOYERS MUTUAL CASUALTY, SE, 500.00; FIRST CONCORD GROUP, SE, 4656.62; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 633.86; GALE/CENGAGE LEARNING, SU, 53.28; GATEWOOD, GRADY, SE, 60.00; GRADUATE LINCOLN, SE, 714.00; HAWKINS, SU, 3056.83; HAWKINS, SU, 460.00; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 145.20; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 78.44; HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY, SE, 249.90; ICMA, SE, 572.26; ICMA, SE, 210.87; ICMA, SE, 170.50; ICMA, SE, 377.23; ICMA, SE, 158.98; ICMA, SE, 272.00; ICMA, SE, 144.28; ICMA, SE, 11409.43; ICMA, SE, 1286.94; ICMA, SE, 612.21; IRS, TX, 20902.94; IRS, TX, 14264.50; IRS, TX, 4888.68; JEO CONSULTING GROUP, SE, 1795.50; KELLY SUPPLY CO, SU, 455.19; KOEHLMOOS, KLAY, SE, 60.00; KTCH, SE, 2000.00; LINDAU, SHERYL, RE, 100.00; LINDSAY, DARYL, RE, 268.94; LOFFLER, SE, 490.28; MADISON CO COURT, RE, 1000.00; MARCO, SE, 177.89; MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, SE, 180.50; MIDWEST TAPE, SU, 324.08; MIDWEST TAPE, SU, 21.24; MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, SU, 193790.00; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, SU, 253.27; N.E. NEB CLERKS ASSOCIATION, FE, 20.00; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, 6527.08; NE DEPT OF REVENUE-COMPLIANCE DIV, RE, 394.75; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB, SE, 478.00; NORTHEAST NE INS AGENCY, SE, 149125.50; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 35.10; OVERDRIVE, SU, 1393.20; OVERDRIVE, SU, 192.99; OVERHEAD DOOR, SE, 830.95; PEO A TO Z, RE, 150.00; POSTMASTER, SU, 1219.25; R PERRY CONSTRUCTION, RE, 1500.00; RODRIGUEZ, NANCY, SE, 110.00; STADIUM SPORTING GOODS, SU, 163.00; STAPLES, SU, 73.47; STATE NEBRASKA BANK-PETTY CASH, RE, 109.40; THOMPSON SOLUTIONS GROUP, SU, 5169.94; THREE RIVERS LIBRARY SYSTEM, FE, 10.00; TOM'S BODY & PAINT SHOP, SE, 609.98; TOTAL GRAPHICS, SU, 71.25; USA BLUE BOOK, SU, 407.69; VERIZON, SE, 594.81; WAYNE AMERICA, SU, 100.00; WEBBER HOSPITALITY, SE, 4878.75; AMERICAN PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION, FE, 4958.90; ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION, FE, 100.00; BEIERMANN ELECTRIC, SE, 120.00; BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD, SE, 55791.69; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 46.54; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 249.76; CITY OF PONCA, RE, 10000.00; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 406.51; CITY OF WEST POINT, RE, 10000.00; CITY OF WISNER, RE, 10000.00; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 552.88; GLOBAL PAYMENTS INTEGRATED, SE, 825.27; GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, SU, 4.24; HAYDEN, HUNTER, SE, 60.00; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 105.61; HOMETOWN LEASING, SE, 456.78; JEO CONSULTING GROUP, SE, 37132.16; JOHNSON HEALTH TECH RETAIL, SE, 364.50; KOEHLMOOS, KLAY, SE, 60.00; MERCHANT SERVICES, SE, 1441.15; MERCHANT SERVICES, SE, 139.28; MERCHANT SERVICES, SE, 6653.80; MILLER LAW, SE, 6343.75; MUTUAL OF OMAHA, SE, 397.80; NE DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, SE, 4935.00; NORTHEAST NE INS AGENCY, SE, 983.27; NORTHEAST POWER, SE, 5393.00; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, SE, 24.17; PAC N SAVE, SU, 1155.71; PONCA RURAL FIRE BOARD, RE, 10000.00; QUALITY FOOD CENTER, SU, 59.06; SKARSHAUG TESTING LAB, SE, 328.44; SOOLAND BOBCAT, SU, 1802.52; STATE FARM INSURANCE, SE, 563.00; THE MAJESTIC THEATER, SE, 800.00; VILLAGE OF WINSIDE, RE, 10000.00

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

Administrator Blecke, on behalf of Carlson West Povondra Architects, presented Application and Certificate of Payment No. 15 from Otte Construction Company, LLC, in the amount of \$218,267.00 for the “Wayne City Hall and Police Relocation Project.”

Keith Moje, representing Otte Construction Company, LLC, was present and updated Council on the project.

Councilmember Brodersen made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Webber, approving Application and Certificate of Payment No. 15 in the amount of \$218,267.00 to Otte Construction Company, LLC, for the “Wayne City Hall and Police Relocation Project.” Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Administrator Blecke, on behalf of Carlson West Povondra Architects, then presented Application and Certificate of Payment No. 5 from Otte Construction Company, LLC, in the amount of \$54,333.00 for the “Wayne Parks & Rec Maintenance Building Project.”

Keith Moje, representing Otte Construction Company, LLC, was present and updated Council on the project.

Councilmember Karsky made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, approving Application and Certificate of Payment No. 5 in the amount of \$54,333.00 to Otte Construction Company, LLC, for the “Wayne Parks & Rec Maintenance Building Project.” Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Marcy Luth of AMGL presented the FY23-24 Audit.

Joel Hansen, Street and Planning Director, presented the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program. This is a yearly requirement to receive Highway Allocation Funds from the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Just because a project is in the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan does not mean the project has to be done that year. However, if the City would want to do a project that is not in the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan, another public hearing would have to be held to amend the plan.

Upcoming projects, which include some carry-over projects from previous year(s), include the following:

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Project Year</u>	<u>Improvement</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
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M – 617(116)	2025	W. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street from Haas Avenue to Pheasant Run – 1,650’ Storm Sewer & Sidewalk	\$880,000
M – 617(134)	2025	Thomas Drive and Vintage Hill Drive Extensions – 1,175’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer	\$520,000
M – 617(89)	2025	Sawyer Addition – South of Fairgrounds Avenue – 800’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer	\$300,000
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M – 617(115)	2026	W. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street from Oak Dr. to 250’ E. of Oak Dr. – 250’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter	\$ 70,000
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M – 617(129)	2027	Fairgrounds Avenue from S. Main to S. Nebraska & from Dead End to Prairie Park – 915’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer	\$800,000
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M – 617(131)	2028	E. 21 <sup>st</sup> Street from Vintage Hill Drive to Centennial Road and Centennial Road from E. 14 <sup>th</sup> to E. 21 <sup>st</sup> – 4,500’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer	\$ 1,500,000
M – 617(132)	2028	E. 4 <sup>th</sup> Street and Thorman Street – 2,300’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer	\$900,000
M – 617(135)	2028	Centennial Road from E. 4 <sup>th</sup> to E. 14 <sup>th</sup> Widening – 3,900’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer	\$500,000
C – 90(162)	2028	Bridge #11620 2x4 District 1 – 0.1 Mile	\$900,000
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M – 617(107)	2029	Clark Street & S. Pearl Street. – 745’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer	\$350,000
M – 617(114)	2029	W. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street from Blaine St. to 360’ E of Blaine St. – 380’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer	\$180,000
M – 617(98)	2029	Sherman Street from W. 5 <sup>th</sup> St. to W. 6 <sup>th</sup> St. – 300’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer	\$140,000
M – 617(113)	2029	Sherman Street from W. 3 <sup>rd</sup> St. to W. 4 <sup>th</sup> St. – 300’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter	\$140,000
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M – 617(127)	2030	Downtown Alleys – 2,880’ Overlay and Concrete Paving	\$500,000

M – 617(130)	2030	W. 11 <sup>th</sup> Street from Main to Sherman – 1,550’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer	\$850,000
M – 617(120)	2030	Northern Ridge Drive from Highway 15 to W. 21 <sup>st</sup> St. – 1,800’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, & Storm Sewer	\$800,000
M – 617(119)	2030	South Windom Street from 232’ S of Folk St. to 333’ S of Folk St. Construct Concrete Paving, Curb and Gutter – 101’	\$25,000
M – 617(133)	2030	E. 10 <sup>th</sup> Street from Schreiner Drive to east end of Viken Park Reconstruct Concrete Paving, Curb and Gutter – 200’	\$200,000

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City Clerk McGuire had not received any comments, either verbal or in writing, for or against this public hearing.

There being no further comments, Mayor Giese closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Brodersen introduced Resolution 2025-7 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Houser seconded.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2025-7

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (PROPOSAL WITH PROJECTS FROM 2025 – 2030).

Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Administrator Blecke advised the Council that the following extension request agenda item is for the Wayne 7<sup>th</sup> Street Trail Project. The extension became necessary due to design changes of the trail alignment, as well as to the storm sewer system. In addition, the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) review process has taken longer than anticipated, which also has necessitated design changes and additional NDOT reviews.

The Wayne Trail Expansion Project design was initially reviewed by NDOT, which required the City make modifications to the storm sewer system and ditching in the project area. Additionally, changes to how the relocation of highway lighting fixtures were required. These changes are anticipated to reduce construction costs. The current contract end date is April 18, 2025. The requested extension date is April 18, 2026. The City engineer has assured the City that the Wayne Trail Expansion Project will be completed by the new contract end date. No further contract extension dates or additional costs are anticipated.

Councilmember Eischeid introduced Resolution 2025-8, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Spieker seconded.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2025-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAYNE, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO REQUEST AND APPLY TO THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE COMPLETION DATE TO APRIL 18, 2026, FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT NO. 22-PW-008 FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The following Ordinance would amend Wayne Municipal Code Title VII, Traffic and Vehicles; Parking; Section 78-142 Restricted Parking and change the hours from 7:00 a.m. to **8:00** ~~9:00~~ a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to **4:00** ~~5:00~~ p.m., Monday through Friday on certain streets. This is a result of the conversations that took place at the last Council meeting.

Councilmember Brodersen introduced Ordinance 2025-2, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Webber seconded.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND WAYNE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 78, ARTICLE III, PARKING, BY AMENDING SECTION 78-142 RESTRICTED PARKING FROM 7:00 A.M. TO **8:00** ~~9:00~~ A.M. AND FROM 3:00 P.M. TO **4:00** ~~5:00~~ P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Brodersen made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Webber, to suspend the statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read by title on three different days. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Brodersen made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Webber, to move for final approval of Ordinance No. 2025-2. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The following Ordinance would amend Wayne Municipal Code Title VII, Traffic and Vehicles; Parking; Section 78-143 Restricted Parking and change the hours from 7:00 a.m. to **8:00** ~~9:00~~ a.m., Monday through Friday on certain streets. This, again, is a result of the conversations that took place at the last Council meeting.

Councilmember Brodersen introduced Ordinance No. 2025-3, and moved for approval of the second reading thereof; Councilmember Houser seconded.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2025-3

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND WAYNE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 78, ARTICLE III, PARKING, BY AMENDING SECTION 78-143 RESTRICTED PARKING FROM 7:00 A.M. TO **8:00** ~~9:00~~ A.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Brodersen made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Houser, to suspend the statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read by title on three different days. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Brodersen made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Houser, to move for final approval of Ordinance No. 2025-2. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Giese requested Council consideration to appointing Councilmember Houser to the Audit Committee and Councilmember Webber to the Wayne America Board.

Councilmember Brodersen made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Eiseheid, approving the appointment of Councilmember Houser to the Audit Committee and Councilmember Webber to the Wayne America Board. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Brodersen made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Webber, to enter into executive/closed session to protect the financial interests of the City to have an update from Dave

Peterson, JEO Consulting Group, on companies that have submitted proposals for the Southwest Power Pool Market Participant duties, and to allow City Administrator Blecke, City Clerk McGuire, City Attorney Miller, Electric Production Superintendent Jeff Triggs, Electric Distribution Superintendent Clayton Dredge, and Dave Peterson, Engineer with JEO Consulting Group, to be in attendance. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, executive/closed session began at 6:27 p.m.

Mayor Giese again stated the matter to be discussed in executive/closed session pertains to being updated by Dave Peterson, Engineer with JEO Consulting Group, on companies that have submitted proposals for the Southwest Power Pool Market Participant duties.

Councilmember Bratcher made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, to resume open session. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried, and open session resumed at 6:56 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mayor Giese declared the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.