

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 17, 2025

The Wayne City Council met in regular session at City Hall on June 17, 2025, at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

Mayor Jill Brodersen called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, with the following in attendance: Councilmembers Austyn Houser, Parker Bolte, Dwaine Spieker, Clayton Bratcher, Jason Karsky, and Matt Eischeid; City Administrator Wes Blecke; City Clerk Betty McGuire; and City Attorney Amy Miller. Absent: Councilmembers Brittany Webber and Dallas Dorey.

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 Brodersen advised the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the table in Council Chambers, as well as on the City of Wayne website and was available for public inspection. In addition, she 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 Houser made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bratcher, to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 3, 2025, and to waive the reading thereof. Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Webber and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Minutes approved.

The following claims were presented to Council for their approval:

PAID ON 6/3/25: OTTE CONSTRUCTION, SE, 235883.00; OTTE CONSTRUCTION, SE, 113231.00
VARIOUS FUNDS: ACE HARDWARE & HOME, SU, 1190.51; ADVANCED CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES, SE, 747.92; ALERT 360, SE, 84.24; APPEARA, SE, 190.87; ASSOCIATION FOR RURAL & SMALL LIBRARIES, FE, 50.00; AUTO ANATOMY ALTERNATIVES, SU, 513.00;

BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS, SU, 577.42; BEIERMANN ELECTRIC, SU, 2467.90; CHASE PAYMENTECH, FE, 850.12; CHASE PAYMENTECH, FE, 5357.96; CHASE PAYMENTECH, FE, 42.43; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 145.35; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 62.00; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 866.28; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 160.49; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 191.25; CITY OF NORFOLK, SE, 130.48; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 1203.29; CLAUSSEN, HEIDI, RE, 500.00; COTTONWOOD WIND PROJECT, SE, 12964.57; DAVIS FORD, SE, 2496.26; DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, SE, 3554.24; DUNKLAU, SHARI, RE, 150.00; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY, SU, 465.46; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, SE, 478.76; FAST PIK, SU, 7092.30; FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING, SE, 1125.00; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 631.31; FLORES, MANUEL, RE, 150.00; GLP DEVELOPMENT, RE, 100.00; GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, SU, 226.83; GROUNDWORKS, RE, 500.00; GUARANTEE ROOFING, SE, 176717.00; HAWKINS, SU, 1409.86; HENDRICKSON, DESTYNNI, SE, 400.00; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES, SU, 1481.80; JASON JORGENSEN CONSTRUCTION, SE, 1450.00; JOHN'S WELDING AND TOOL, SU, 1557.82; KTCH, SE, 170.00; LUNDAHL, KATIE, RE, 35.00; LUTT TRUCKING, SE, 375.00; MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, SU, 284.55; MIDWEST LABORATORIES, SE, 240.57; NAEVE, SARAH, RE, 150.00; NATL LEAGUE OF CITIES, FE, 1314.00; NATP, FE, 115.00; NPPD, SE, 8250.24; NNEDD, SE, 900.00; NORTHEAST NE INS AGENCY, SE, 1907.00; NORTHWEST ELECTRIC, SU, 3283.16; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, SE, 110.69; OPTK NETWORKS, SE, 3440.08; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 270.74; OVERDRIVE, SU, 1895.35; PAC N SAVE, SU, 26.01; PLUMBING & ELECTRIC SERVICE, SE, 975.00; PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL, SE, 113.73; QUALITY 1 GRAPHIC, SU, 100.00; QUALITY FOOD CENTER, SU, 25.98; SANFORD STEVEN'S CENTER, SE, 120.00; SARGENT DRILLING, SE, 38976.60; STADIUM SPORTING GOODS, SU, 169.00; STAPLES, SU, 192.31; STATE NEBRASKA BANK & TRUST, RE, 78837.50; TAUBER PLUMBING, RE, 1000.00; US BANK, SU, 33325.42; US FOODSERVICE, SU, 2842.47; VAN DIEST SUPPLY, SU, 900.00; VELDKAMP, JULIA, RE, 80.00; WAYNE AUTO PARTS, SU, 110.60; WAYNE AUTO PARTS, RE, 149005.00; WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER, FE, 1545.56; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 398.00; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 1695.07; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 190.00; WESCO, SU, 2225.60; WAPA, SE, 20509.65; WHEELER WORLD, SE, 6290.32; WISNER WEST, SU, 284.46; WRIGHT, ADAM, RE, 500.00; ALLO COMMUNICATIONS, SE, 1561.98; AMERITAS, SE, 240.27; AMERITAS, SE, 35.00; AMERITAS, SE, 481.97; AMERITAS, SE, 72.00; AMERITAS, SE, 5543.36; APPEARA, SE, 189.62; AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS, SE, 1237.50; BACKUS SAND & GRAVEL, SU, 215.95; BAIRD HOLM, SE, 436.50; BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION, SE, 80061.24; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SE, 803.66; BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, SU, 249.55; BSN SPORTS, SU, 180.00; CITIZENS STATE BANK, RE, 3784.08; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 483.60; CITY OF WAYNE, PY, 157215.33; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 262.64; COLONIAL RESEARCH, SU, 396.70; CORE & MAIN LP, SU, 6,640.69; D'AGOSTA, MOLLY, RE, 200.00; DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE, SE, 74.73; DGR & ASSOCIATES, SE, 20352.50; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY, SU, 1863.40; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, SE, 40.49; ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT, SU, 165.00; ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, SE, 13040.21; FAITH REGIONAL PHYSICIAN SERV, SE, 140.00; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 1361.45; GERHOLD CONCRETE, SU, 299.47; GRAINLAND ESTATES, RE, 3696.13; GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, SU, 60.07; HAWKINS, SU, 4856.95; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 103.77; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 314.04; HYDRO OPTIMIZATION, SE, 175.00; ICMA, SE, 1300.04; ICMA, SE, 11527.00; ICMA, SE, 584.44; ICMA, SE, 270.84; ICMA, SE, 272.00; ICMA, SE, 214.81; ICMA, SE, 369.23; ICMA, SE, 170.50; ICMA, SE, 158.98; ICMA, SE, 617.03; ICMA, SE, 148.60; IRS, TX, 26055.38; IRS, TX, 6093.74; IRS, TX, 18607.21; JOHNSON'S PLUMBING & HEATING, SU, 559.30; KEPCO, SE, 11.70; LG EVERIST, SU, 2051.39; LAWYER, MICHELLE, RE, 50.00; LEWIS, KATHY, RE, 150.00; MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, SU, 681.19; MEYER, SU, 1500.00; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, 8153.40; NORTHWEST ELECTRIC, SU, 105.12; ODEYS, SU, 298.00; OVERHEAD DOOR, SU, 273.75; PLUMBING & ELECTRIC SERVICE, SU, 16261.71; SCHULTZ, EVERETT, RE, 150.00; SCHWARTE, AMBER, RE, 35.00; SEARS AUTO SALES & TOWING, SE, 125.00; SILVER SILO DESIGN, SE, 129.74; STADIUM SPORTING GOODS, SU, 51.00; T & S TRUCKING, SE, 622.49; UNLIMITED LANDSCAPING, SU, 117.00; USA BLUE BOOK, SU, 584.30; UTILITIES SECTION, FE, 4830.00; VAN

DIEST SUPPLY, SU, 692.80; WAYNE COUNTY CLERK, SE, 32.00; WAYNE HOSPITALITY, RE, 14310.78

Councilmember Houser made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bratcher, to approve the claims. Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Webber and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Phil Monahan, Fire Chief, introduced Ethan McBride and requested Council consideration to approving his membership application to the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department.

Councilmember Eischeid made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bratcher, approving the membership application of Ethan McBride to the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Webber and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Administrator Blecke stated the following Resolution would approve an agreement with Certified Testing Services, Inc., for soil testing services on the “7th Street Trail Street Project.” They estimated their range of fees would be approximately \$6,000 to \$9,000 and provided on an on-call basis.

Councilmember Karsky introduced Resolution No. 2025-36 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Houser seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-36

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH CERTIFIED TESTING SERVICES, INC., FOR TESTING SERVICES FOR THE “7TH STREET TRAIL PROJECT.”

Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Webber and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The following Resolution is a requirement by the Nebraska Department of Transportation for Federal and State funding for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to support public transportation services for the Wayne Senior Center.

Councilmember Bolte introduced Resolution No. 2025-37 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Houser seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-37

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF 5311 PROGRAM AGREEMENT.

Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Webber and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The following Resolution would amend the previous Resolution that approved the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado flatbed truck from the Sid Dillon Fleet & Commercial Dealership for \$53,330 for the Parks and Rec Department. The amount for the truck has increased \$1,200 since approval was first given, bringing the purchase price now up to \$54,530.

Lowell Heggemeyer, Parks and Rec Superintendent, was present to answer questions.

Councilmember Spieker introduced Resolution No. 2025-38 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Houser seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-38

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2024-73 PERTAINING TO APPROVING THE SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2025 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 3500HD FLATBED TRUCK, AS PER THE STATE BID PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM THE SID DILLON FLEET & COMMERCIAL DEALERSHIP.

Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Webber and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The following Ordinance comes on for the second reading to amend Sections of the Municipal Code by renaming the “Advisory Audit Committee” to “Finance/Audit Committee” and the “Recreation Leisure Services Commission” to the “Parks and Recreation Board.” Administrator Blecke reviewed the minor changes he made to the ordinance since the last meeting.

After discussion, Councilmember Houser introduced Ordinance 2025-9, and moved for approval of the second reading thereof; Councilmember Karsky seconded.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-9

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WAYNE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE III ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 34 CITY ORGANIZATIONS, SECTION 34.04 RECREATION-LEISURE SERVICES COMMISSION, AND SECTION 34.05 ADVISORY AUDIT COMMITTEE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Webber and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Houser made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, to suspend the statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read by title on three different days. Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Webber and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Houser made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bratcher, to move for final approval of Ordinance No. 2025-9. Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Webber and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The following two ordinances pertain to establishing the franchise fees and then granting/renewing the natural gas franchise with Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC, d/b/a "Black Hills Energy." This is for 25 years, with the franchise payment being made on an annual basis rather than on a quarterly basis.

Jennifer Peters, representing Black Hills Energy, was present to answer question.

Councilmember Karsky introduced Ordinance 2025-10, and moved for approval thereof; Councilmember Houser seconded.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FRANCHISE FEE ON NATURAL GAS COMPANIES OPERATING IN THE CITY OF WAYNE, NEBRASKA.

Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Webber and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Eischeid made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Karsky, to suspend the statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read by title on three different days. Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Webber and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Eischeid made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, to move for final approval of Ordinance No. 2025-10. Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Webber and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Bolte introduced Ordinance 2025-11, and moved for approval thereof; Councilmember Bratcher seconded.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-11

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING BLACK HILLS NEBRASKA GAS, LLC D/B/A BLACK HILLS ENERGY, A DELAWARE CORPORATION, ITS LESSEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE AND THE AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, MAINTAIN, AND EXTEND A NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION PLANT AND SYSTEMS, AND GRANTING THE RIGHT TO USE THE STREETS, ALLEYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE PRESENT OR FUTURE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WAYNE, NEBRASKA.

Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Webber and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Bolte made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bratcher, to suspend the statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read by title on three different days. Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Webber and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Bolte made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bratcher, to move for final approval of Ordinance No. 2025-11. Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Webber and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Joe and Lindsey Whitt were present requesting Council consideration to approving their “Animal Permit Application” to keep 3 chicken (hens) within city limits at their home at 902 Nebraska Street. They have contacted their neighbors and have received approval from all.

City Clerk McGuire sent letters to the Whitt’s neighbors and received positive comments regarding the permit from Catherine Rudin.

A suggestion was to approve the permit for a one-year trial basis. Mr. Whitt admitted he already has the hens at his home, but if the permit is not approved, he has a place outside city limits to take them.

Council requested that future applicants be required to provide covenants, if any, with the permit application, and for City staff to provide the names and telephone numbers of the neighbors to the Mayor and Council to contact should they so want to.

After discussion, Councilmember Bolte made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Houser, approving the Animal Permit Application of Joe and Lindsey Whitt who reside at 902 Nebraska Street to have 3 chickens (hens) inside city limits, with the following conditions:

- They can have no more than 3 chickens (hens) at any one time;
- They must get a clean bill of health from a veterinarian and get any vaccinations the veterinarian may recommend;
- The permit is reviewable and revocable by the Council upon a complaint received from a citizen; and
- Said chickens (hens) must be registered with the City.

Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being one Yea (Bolte) and five Nays (Houser, Spieker, Bratcher, Karsky and Eischeid), the Mayor declared the motion failed.

Mayor Brodersen requested Council consideration to the following mayoral reappointments to the Planning Commission: Mark Sorensen, Jason Schulz and Jessie Piper. If approved, their terms will expire 6/30/28.

Councilmember Eischeid made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Spieker approving the mayoral reappointments of Mark Sorensen, Jason Schulz and Jessie Piper to the Planning

Commission (terms expiring 6/30/28). Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Webber and Dorey who were absent, Mayor Brodersen declared the motion carried.

Mayor Brodersen requested Council consideration to appointing Councilmember Dorey to the “Facilities Committee.”

Councilmember Karsky made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Spieker, approving Councilmember Dorey to the “Facilities Committee.” Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Webber and Dorey who were absent, Mayor Brodersen declared the motion carried.

Mayor Brodersen requested Council consideration to appointing Councilmember Webber to the “Finance/Audit Committee.”

Councilmember Spieker made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bratcher approving Councilmember Webber to the “Finance/Audit Committee.” Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Webber and Dorey who were absent, Mayor Brodersen declared the motion carried.

Lowell Heggemeyer, Parks & Rec Superintendent, gave an update on Prairie Park and the recent ball tournaments that have taken place.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mayor Brodersen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.