

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 7, 2025

The Wayne City Council met in regular session at City Hall on July 7, 2025, at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

Council President Matt Eischeid 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, and Dallas Dorey; City Administrator Wes Blecke; City Clerk Betty McGuire; and City Attorney Amy Miller. Absent: Mayor Jill Brodersen.

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.

Council President Eischeid 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, 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 Houser made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bratcher, to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 17, 2025, and to waive the reading thereof. Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried and the Minutes approved.

The following claims were presented to Council for their approval:

VARIOUS FUNDS: APPEARA, SE, 218.89; BEIERMANN ELECTRIC, SE, 5994.35; BLACKBURN MANUFACTURING, SE, 566.58; BOMGAARS, SU, 117.26; BSN SPORTS, SU, 183.58; CENGAGE LEARNING, SU, 209.22; CHEMQUEST, SE, 695.00; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 166.47; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 4200.00; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 469.08; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 8400.00; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 1819.82; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 400.00; DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE, SE, 537.60;

DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, SE, 30.96; DEMCO, SU, 874.82; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, SE, 165.78; ECHO GROUP, SU, 511.31; ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT, SU, 4950.00; ELKINS PORTABLE RESTROOMS, SE, 240.00; ELLIS HOME SERVICES, SE, 4939.98; FASTWYRE BROADBAND, SE, 922.64; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 2538.52; GERHOLD CONCRETE, SU, 2619.39; GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, SU, 146.00; HOMETOWN LEASING, SE, 375.26; ISLAND SPRINKLER SUPPLY, SU, 304.77; JEO CONSULTING GROUP, SE, 20809.98; JOHNSON HARDWARE, SU, 1938.00; LINCOLN WINWATER WORKS, SU, 8321.00; LUTT TRUCKING, SE, 375.00; MARCO, SE, 198.02; MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, SE, 184.50; MEYER, SU, 1750.00; MOMAR INCORPORATED, SU, 283.87; NE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, FE, 90.00; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB, SE, 864.00; NE STATE HISTORICAL, SU, 35.00; NORTHEAST POWER, SE, 30712.14; OLSSON, SE, 47540.00; PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL, SE, 120.00; PREMIER BIOTECH, SE, 72.18; SARGENT DRILLING, SE, 1350.00; SEBADE CONSTRUCTION, SE, 1550.00; SECURITY FENCE, SE, 1850.00; SEILER INSTRUMENT & MFG CO, SE, 970.00; STADIUM SPORTING GOODS, SU, 1762.00; STAN HOUSTON EQUIPMENT, SU, 665.25; THOMSEN, ALAN, RE, 500.00; VAN DIEST SUPPLY, SU, 473.53; VERIZON, SE, 634.82; WISNER WEST, SU, 66.77; ACE HARDWARE & HOME, SU, 1088.94; ACES, SE, 1161.39; ALLEMANN, AMANDA, RE, 150.00; AMERITAS, SE, 72.00; AMERITAS, SE, 35.00; AMERITAS, SE, 240.27; AMERITAS, SE, 3556.76; APPEARA, SE, 91.38; APX, INC -9551, FE, 61.10; ARCADIAN MARKSMANSHIP CLUB, FE, 125.00; BLADES GROUP, SU, 2064.00; BOMGAARS, SU, 3556.17; BRAUN, DAVID, RE, 1000.00; CARHART LUMBER COMPANY, SU, 808.24; CASILLAS, GRICELDA, RE, 200.00; CHASE PAYMENTECH, FE, 59.64; CHASE PAYMENTECH, FE, 4864.73; CHASE PAYMENTECH, FE, 527.44; CINTAS, SU, 429.03; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 890.58; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 150.88; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 1137.84; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 21.29; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 80.83; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 155.90; CITY EMPLOYEE, 699.40; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 4.76; CITY OF WAYNE, PY, 154467.34; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 1772.70; COPY WRITE PUBLISHING, SE, 227.40; DAVIS FORD, SE, 104.61; DUTTON-LAINSON, SU, 4923.50; FAST PIK, SU, 6562.63; FEHRINGER, MICHAEL, RE, 50.00; FEHRINGER, SHELLY, RE, 500.00; FIREMAN, RE, 1009.82; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 44.20; FRAUENDORFER UNLIMITED, RE, 500.00; GLOBAL PAYMENTS INTEGRATED, SE, 2452.32; GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, SU, 846.78; HAWKINS, SU, 3266.36; HELENA AGRI-ENTERPRISES, SU, 373.00; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 90.12; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 146.97; HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT, SU, 22.55; ICMA, SE, 11526.50; ICMA, SE, 584.44; ICMA, SE, 272.00; ICMA, SE, 170.50; ICMA, SE, 214.81; ICMA, SE, 369.23; ICMA, SE, 270.84; ICMA, SE, 158.98; ICMA, SE, 623.47; ICMA, SE, 1300.04; ICMA, SE, 148.60; IRS, TX, 5871.58; IRS, TX, 25105.94; IRS, TX, 16321.46; IRS, TX, 119.57; IRS, TX, 27.96; LIFE LINE SCREENING, RE, 200.00; LOVE SIGNS, SE, 12190.73; MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, SU, 1105.00; MCKINNIS ROOFING, SE, 92954.24; MIDWEST LABORATORIES, SE, 294.07; MILLER LAW, SE, 6343.75; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, SU, 2843.16; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, 7663.06; NPPD, SE, 8066.24; NORTHEAST NE INS AGENCY, SE, 149125.50; NORTHEAST POWER, SE, 7645.00; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, SE, 88.75; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 268.69; OVERHEAD DOOR, SE, 168.75; PAC N SAVE, SU, 1395.81; PEARSON, HILDA, RE, 500.00; POSTMASTER, SU, 1192.18; QUADIENT LEASING USA, SE, 655.38; QUALITY FOOD CENTER, SU, 34.87; SKARSHAUG TESTING LAB, SE, 313.43; STADIUM SPORTING GOODS, SE, 36.00; STAPLES, SU, 322.67; STATE NEBRASKA BANK & TRUST, SE, 73.84; STATE NEBRASKA BANK-PETTY CASH, RE, 106.03; T & R ELECTRIC, SU, 3823.50; TODD, JADIN, RE, 35.00; TR HARRIS CONSTRUCTION, SE, 42652.15; VAN DIEST SUPPLY, SU, 228.75; WASTE CONNECTIONS, SE, 291.50; WAYNE AMERICA, RE, 200.00; WAYNE AMERICA, RE, 2000.00; WAYNE AUTO PARTS, SU, 54.59; WESCO, SU, 1527.96; WAPA, SE, 24990.45

Councilmember Bolte made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Houser, to approve the claims. Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

City Clerk McGuire received a “Manager Change Amendment Application” from the Liquor Commission to make a recommendation on Layne Beza being the new manager for the Eagles. He will replace Chad Hoepfner, who is stepping down from the position.

Layne Beza was present to answer questions

Councilmember Houser made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, approving the Manager Change Amendment Application for Layne Beza for the Eagles. Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Administrator Blecke stated the following Resolution will amend the Interlocal Agreement between the School District and the City of Wayne regarding the School Resource Officer position. This Interlocal Agreement has been amended for the 2025-2026 school year. The hours remain the same at 21, and the hourly amount has increased from \$44.00 to \$48.52 based on 21 hours per week for 40 weeks out of the year.

Marlen Chinn, Police Chief, was present to answer questions.

Councilmember Spieker stated this has been a very positive thing at the school.

Councilmember Houser introduced Resolution No. 2025-39 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Spieker seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-39

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO SHARE LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAYNE AND WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #90-0017.

Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Roger Protzman, representing JEO Consulting Group, Inc., (via zoom) presented Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$6,440.00 to Gehring Construction and Ready Mix Co., Inc., for the “Wayne 7th Street Trail Project.” The changes represent upsizing some water pipe (30” to 36”) and relocating the Korth waterline. Mr. Protzman anticipates two more change orders, of which one involves a manhole and the

other street lighting for the western part of the project. Consensus was for the engineer to bring each change order to them as it happens, rather than waiting until the end of the project.

After discussion, Councilmember Spieker made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Karsky, approving Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$6,440.00 to Gehring Construction and Ready Mix, Co., Inc., for the “Wayne 7th Street Trail Project.” Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Roger Protzman, again, representing JEO Consulting Group, Inc., presented Contractor’s Application for Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$132, 909.23 to Gehring Construction and Ready Mix Co., Inc., for the “Wayne 7th Street Trail Project.”

Councilmember Karsky made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Houser, approving Contractor’s Application for Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$132,909.23 to Gehring Construction and Ready Mix Co., Inc., for the “Wayne 7th Street Trail Project.” Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Bob Soukup, representing Carlson West Povondra Architects (via zoom), was present to update the Council on the “Wayne Parks & Rec Maintenance Building Project.” Because there are some issues still needing to be resolved, the engineer, along with City staff and the contractor, will conduct a walk-through and establish a punch list before submitting a pay application. Therefore, Pay Application No. 10 was pulled from the agenda until after the walk-through is completed.

Keith Moje, representing Otte Construction Company, LLC, was also present to answer questions regarding the project. The remedy of the saw cuts in the concrete floor will be discussed at next week’s meeting.

The following Resolution would approve the goals recently established/completed from the last three retreats.

Councilmember Houser made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-40 and to strike “auditorium apartment renovation” from the long-term goals so that it is no longer on the list.

Administrator Blecke stated he did not feel this was appropriate at this meeting because Mayor Brodersen was not present. This is one of her goals and he thought she should be present so she can express her feelings. In addition, this resolution does not need to be passed at this meeting. The same can be tabled until another meeting.

After discussion, Councilmember Houser made a motion to table action on Resolution No. 2025-40 until the next meeting; Councilmember Spieker seconded. Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Jordan Utesch, Engineer representing Olsson, was present to review the plans and specifications for the “Wayne Prairie Park – Phase 4B (Concrete) Project.” The estimated costs for this project are as follows: Roundabout - \$173,904.48; paved roundabout - \$284,010.00; and Parks and Rec Paving - \$226,299.17.

Administrator Blecke stated this would be paid for by RCRP. This is the \$1.37 million dollar grant the City received. Phase 4C, which would be the ballpark they are still working on, would be paid for with the remaining RCRP funds.

Councilmember Bolte introduced Resolution 2025-41, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Houser seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-41

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE “WAYNE PRAIRIE PARK – PHASE 4B (CONCRETE) PROJECT” AS PREPARED BY THE CITY’S ENGINEER AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS.

Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Because the first Council meeting in September falls on the Labor Day holiday, Council needed to decide when to reschedule the same. Their options were the Friday before or the Tuesday or Wednesday after the holiday.

After discussion, Councilmember Spieker made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Webber, to set the first Council meeting in September to Tuesday, September 2nd. Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Council President Eischeid requested Council consideration to reappointing Mollie Young to the Library Board.

Councilmember Webber made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Houser approving the reappointment of Mollie Young to the Library Board. Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmember Spieker who abstained, Council President Eischeid declared the motion carried.

Council President Eischeid requested Council consideration to appointing Councilmember Spieker to the "Public Art Committee."

Councilmember Webber made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Houser, approving Councilmember Spieker to the "Public Art Committee." Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Council President Eischeid declared the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.