

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 18, 2025**

The Wayne City Council met in regular session at City Hall on August 18, 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, Dwaine Spieker, Brittany Webber, Clayton Bratcher, Jason Karsky, Dallas Dorey and Matt Eischeid; City Administrator Wes Blecke; City Clerk Betty McGuire; and City Attorney Amy Miller. Absent: Councilmember Parker Bolte.

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 Spieker made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bratcher, to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 4, 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 Councilmember Bolte who was absent, 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, 681.74; AMERITAS, SE, 3297.34; AMERITAS, SE, 35.00; AMERITAS, SE, 72.00; AMERITAS, SE, 197.87; APPEARA, SE, 304.29; AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS, SU, 1066.92; BACON & VINTON, SE, 30500.00; BAIRD HOLM, SE, 897.00; BLACK HILLS

ENERGY, SE, 639.87; BLADES GROUP, SU, 2064.00; BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD, SE, 59701.62; BOILLING, JEFF, RE, 500.00; BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, SU, 641.24; BSN SPORTS, SU, 730.41; CALIBRASKA ARTS INITIATIVE, FE, 560.00; CERTIFIED TESTING SERVICES, SE, 4922.00; CHASE PAYMENTECH, SE, 6287.30; CHASE PAYMENTECH, SE, 651.12; CHASE PAYMENTECH, SE, 14.25; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 125.72; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 91.23; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 345.50; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 234.88; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 54.50; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 42.80; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 652.61; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 2897.94; CITY OF WAYNE, PY, 145890.85; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 811.93; CUSIP SERVICE BUREAU, SE, 91.00; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, SE, 122.01; ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT, SE, 2140.00; ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT, SU, 30.00; EGAN SUPPLY, SE, 7471.50; ELECTRIC PUMP, SE, 3658.10; EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, SU, 748.47; FAITH REGIONAL PHYSICIAN SERV, SE, 170.00; FAST PIK, SU, 8735.38; FIREMAN, RE, 50.00; FIRST CONCORD GROUP, SE, 4481.12; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 607.14; FOUNDATION WORKS, RE, 500.00; GACC, FE, 150.00; GEHRING CONSTRUCTION & READY MIX, SE, 201445.79; GERHOLD CONCRETE, SU, 1962.57; GLOBAL PAYMENTS INTEGRATED, SE, 1989.09; GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, SE, 750.00; GUARDIAN, SE, 1783.20; HASEMANN FUNERAL HOME, RE, 200.00; HAWKINS, SU, 4094.56; HOMETOWN LEASING, SE, 375.26; ICMA, SE, 272.00; ICMA, SE, 148.60; ICMA, SE, 584.44; ICMA, SE, 11217.14; ICMA, SE, 2500.04; ICMA, SE, 214.81; ICMA, SE, 42.62; ICMA, SE, 270.84; ICMA, SE, 170.50; ICMA, SE, 158.98; ICMA, SE, 623.47; ICMA, SE, 369.23; ICMA, SE, 170.50; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES, SU, 118.05; IOWA PUMP WORKS, SE, 118.00; IRS, TX, 5624.02; IRS, TX, 24048.16; IRS, TX, 15146.42; JEFF'S RPM SERVICE, SE, 262.50; JEO CONSULTING GROUP, SE, 10345.50; JOHN'S WELDING AND TOOL, SU, 314.60; KAY PARK REC CORP, SU, 4907.80; KTCH, SE, 170.00; LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALITIES, FE, 16323.00; LOVE SIGNS, SE, 522.75; MAJOR REFRIGERATION, SE, 151.25; MICHAEL TODD INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, SU, 409.59; MIDWEST LABORATORIES, SE, 204.57; MIDWEST TAPE, SU, 73.97; MILLER LAW, SE, 6343.75; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, SU, 4397.97; MUTUAL OF OMAHA, SE, -14.40; MUTUAL OF OMAHA, SE, 14.40; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, 7218.14; NE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, FE, 75.00; NPPD, SE, 8250.24; NNEDD, SE, 270.00; NORTHEAST POWER, SE, 7543.00; NORTHWEST ELECTRIC, SU, 76.88; OMAHA WINWATER, SU, 3052.43; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, SE, 86.13; ONE OFFICE SOLUTION, SU, 660.00; OPTK NETWORKS, SE, 488.32; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 367.63; OVERDRIVE, SU, 850.84; OVERHEAD DOOR, SU, 2698.00; PAC N SAVE, SU, 3.49; PAC N SAVE, SU, 1145.64; PATRIOT YOUTH FUND, FE, 50.00; PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL, SE, 120.00; PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL, SE, 118.28; QUADIENT, SU, 217.55; QUALITY FOOD CENTER, SU, 13.69; RECREONICS, SE, 352.50; REHAB SYSTEMS, SE, 24912.60; SIEVERS, TERRAN, RE, 187.22; SKARSHAUG TESTING LAB, SE, 292.01; STADIUM SPORTING GOODS, SU, 40.00; STATE NEBRASKA BANK & TRUST, SE, 74.00; STATE NEBRASKA BANK-PETTY CASH, RE, 95.84; THE MAJESTIC THEATER, FE, 225.00; UL LLC, SE, 3175.00; US BANK, SU, 19100.41; US FOODSERVICE, SU, 3094.22; UTILITIES SECTION, FE, 3918.00; WASTE CONNECTIONS, SE, 46.50; WAYNE AUTO PARTS, SU, 458.99; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 190.00; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 941.00; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 1443.54; WAYNE VETERINARY CLINIC, SE, 126.00; WESCO, SU, 26182.90; WAPA, SE, 26337.10; WISNER WEST, SU, 57.52; ZACH HEATING & COOLING, SE, 548.28; BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS, SU, 688.03; BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION, SE, 295048.83; BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY, SE, 3757.10; CHESTERMAN, SU, 97.25; CITIZENS STATE BANK, RE, 7899.92; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 883.84; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 50.00; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 293.52; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 1111.58; CITY OF NORFOLK, SE, 130.48; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 287.72; COTTONWOOD WIND PROJECT, SE, 11714.98; GEOCOMM, SE, 3598.00; GERHOLD CONCRETE, SU, 1247.33; GRAINLAND ESTATES, RE, 1399.49; HAWKINS, SU, 4162.20; HILAND DAIRY, SU, 26.95; HILAND DAIRY, SU, 100.96; KONE, SE, 3231.00; KTCH, SE, 500.00; MIDWEST TAPE, SU, 34.49; NERC, SE, 1274.44; NNEDD, SE, 2070.00; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 41.88; STAPLES, SU, 89.58; T & R ELECTRIC, SU, 1653.87; WESCO, SU, 30589.16

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

Ivan Heise and Kris Loberg were present regarding their request for Council to consider selling to them the small triangular piece of property (approx. 9,000 sq. ft.) behind their home at 1904 Claycomb Road. They maintain the property now.

Administrator Blecke advised the Council that nothing could be built on that property, and the City would retain an easement for utilities.

After discussion, Councilmember Eischeid made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Webber, directing city staff to establish a purchase price and to have conversations with the property owners on an agreement that is agreeable between all parties. Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmember Bolte who was absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Administrator Blecke, on behalf of Carlson West Povondra Architects, presented Application and Certificate of Payment No. 10 from Otte Construction Company, LLC, in the amount of \$87,239.00 for the “Wayne Parks & Rec Maintenance Building Project.”

Keith Moje, representing Otte Construction Company, LLC, was present and updated Council on the project. He addressed the concern with the concrete floor.

Before the final pay app is requested, Council would like the engineer at the meeting, in person.

After discussion, Councilmember Houser made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bratcher, approving Application and Certificate of Payment No. 10 in the amount of \$87,239.00 to Otte Construction Company, LLC, for the “Wayne Parks & Rec Maintenance Building Project.” Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmember Bolte who was absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Administrator Blecke, on behalf of Olsson, presented Certificate of Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$45,862.67 to Robert Woehler & Sons Construction, Inc., for the “Wayne Prairie Park Phase 4 – East Ditch Storm Sewer Project.” In addition, he updated the Council on the project.

Councilmember Eischeid made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Houser, approving Certificate of Payment No. 2 for \$45,862.67 to Robert Woehler & Sons Construction, Inc., for the “Wayne Prairie Park Phase 4 – East Ditch Storm Sewer Project.” Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmember Bolte who was absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Eischeid introduced Ordinance No. 2025-12, and moved for approval of the third and final reading thereof; Councilmember Webber seconded.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XV LAND USAGE, CHAPTER 152 ZONING, SECTION 152.111 SFP FLOODPLAIN DISTRICT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; AND TO PROVIDE THAT SAID ORDINANCE BE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmember Bolte who was absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Brodersen declared the time was at hand for the public hearing to consider the Planning Commission’s recommendation regarding a request to amend the zoning text, specifically Section 152.046 A-1 Agricultural District (B) Permitted Principal Uses and Structures and Section 152.046 A-1 Agricultural District (D) Exceptions. Rod Lutt is the Applicant.

Joel Hansen, Zoning Administrator, stated the Planning Commission met on July 28th regarding a request from Rod Lutt to consider amending zoning text in Section 152.046 (B) Permitted Principal Uses and Structures and Section 152.046 (D) Exceptions, more specifically to add “transportation warehousing” and “car/truck wash establishments” to (B) and move “repair garages, automobile service stations, and major body repair” from (D) to (B). They approved the request (6-1) with the findings of fact being

consistency with the current and future land use maps, the Comprehensive Plan, and staff's recommendation.

Rod Lutt and Noah Lutt were present to answer questions. They plan on moving Lutt Trucking and Northeast Tire out to a location south on Highway 15. They will have a truck wash to wash out their trucks.

City Clerk McGuire had not received any comments, written or otherwise, for or against this public hearing.

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

Councilmember Spieker introduced Ordinance No. 2025-13 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Webber seconded.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND WAYNE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE XV LAND USAGE, CHAPTER 152 ZONING, SECTION 152.046 — A-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmember Bolte who was absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried. The second reading will take place at the next meeting.

The following Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form 2025 and Resolution replaces the annual filing of the One and Six Year Plan or Program and the former standardized system of annual reporting with the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards. This must be adopted and returned to the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) by October 31, 2025.

Councilmember Eischeid introduced Resolution No. 2025-50 and moved for its approval, Councilmember Karsky seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-50

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF THE MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE FORM 2025.

Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmember Bolte who was absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Joel Hansen, Street and Planning Director, stated the Wayne National Functional Classification Map is a map that is used in obtaining STP funds for projects. Staff is talking about applying for funds to do 4th Street and East 21st Street and Centennial Road. In his discussion with the Nebraska Department of Transportation, they advised him if those streets/roads were higher priority streets like collector and arterial instead of just a local road, you would probably have a better argument for why you needed funding for those projects.

Wayne County has approved this map without any changes. If this Council is in agreement that they would like to see some changes, we will have to go to the County Board and ask them to also approve those changes.

Staff suggestion was for Council to review the map, along with the City's engineer, and if there are certain things they would like to see changed, get the information to Mr. Hansen and then staff will bring this back for your approval, keeping in mind the County will also need to approve the same.

The second budget work session then took place in the lower level conference room.

Administrator Blecke talked first about the 7th Street lighting project. The engineer's lighting analysis shows we need 7 lights along the stretch of the 7th Street trail project. The lights must be alternated on both sides of the highway (per the NDOT). This would be about a \$102,000 project. After discussion, the consensus was to have the engineer prepare a change order for this lighting project.

Beth Porter, Finance Director, updated the Council on the valuation information she received from the County Assessor. The valuations went up 9.34% - \$396,525,712. She presented several different scenarios regarding the levy with the new valuation numbers:

1. Scenario #1- Keep the dollar amount the same as proposed in the initial budget;
2. Scenario #2- Keep the levy amount the same as proposed in the initial budget (this would increase the general fund by approximately \$30,000);
3. Scenario #3A- Keep the general levy the same; Increase debt service ask \$107,500 to account for 25% of the City Hall portion of municipal improvement bond debt payment – \$.43;

4. Scenario #3B- Keep the general levy the same; Increase debt service ask \$215,000 to account for 50% of the City Hall portion of municipal improvement bond debt payment - \$.46; or
5. Scenario #3C- Keep the general levy the same; Increase debt service ask \$322,500 to account for 75% of the City Hall portion of municipal improvement bond debt payment - \$.49.

After discussion, Council consensus was to go with Scenario #3A.

Discussion then took place regarding the request from the Art Committee. They would like to increase their budget from \$20,000 to \$95,000 to be able to get a permanent artwork piece at the Prairie Park roundabout. Mayor Brodersen and Councilmember Spieker were going to take some of Council suggestions back to the Committee (e.g. setting aside Keno funds (1/2 thereof) for a few years for the project.

Mayor Brodersen reiterated her request for \$25,000 from the Keno fund for business façade improvement grants.

Other ideas for Keno/Sales Tax Funds were:

- Security cameras
- Welcome to Wayne signs (one per year)
- Park signs

The following Departments reviewed their budgets with Council:

- Library
- Police
- Parks and Rec
- Public Works

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mayor Brodersen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.