

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 29, 2025**

The Wayne City Council met in special session at the Wayne Fire Hall on Monday, September 29, 2025, at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

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

Notice of the convening meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three places. 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 in the northwest corner of the Fire Hall, 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.

RETREAT TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- City Property:
 - Old City Hall - Flyover Demographics gave a presentation of a preliminary proposal for leasing the building.
 - FNBO – discussion took place on the future of the building; staff was directed to pursue another CCCFF planning grant.

- Safety Issues:
 - Smoke alarm replacement requirement every 10 years – staff was directed to prepare an ordinance for Council consideration, with the requirement for replacing smoke alarms being changed from every 10 years to every 7 years.
 - Golf carts, e-bikes, scooters, & lawn mowers allowed on city streets – the City Attorney was directed to prepare an ordinance similar to that of Randolph's for Council

consideration. Educating the public more on the rules of using these motorized vehicles needed to take place.

- Installing a stop sign (Prairie Park to T Intersection) – staff was directed to install a yield sign at this location.
 - Security cameras – staff was directed to install security cameras at the new Park and Rec building and other locations – staff thought the cost per camera was around \$100-\$150.
- Residential electric and water meter status/update – the Electric Department still has around 17 damaged sockets that need replaced, and the Water Department has around 23 meters that still need replaced. Letters will be sent out again.
- Electric rate update – staff was directed to seek proposals from engineering firms (JEO, Olsson and possibly Tenaska) to undertake a “cost of service study” to determine what the increase should be.
- Personnel update – future staffing needs were discussed.
- Transfer Station – staff would be preparing an RFP for a new lease agreement this spring.
- Ownership – Council wanted to retain ownership
 - Mandatory Curbside Pickup – this could be determined by whoever would get the lease agreement.
- Readdressing Park Closure Times – staff was directed to update the ordinance to include new parks (e.g. Freedom Park and Prairie Park) and let the Council determine if all parks should have a closing time. Staff was also directed to poll other communities as to whether or not they close their parks, and if so, the times the same are closed to the public.
- Long-Term Planning – Comprehensive plan update, need for another hotel, storm water drainage study, as well as a water and sewer study were discussed.

Mayor Brodersen stated there would not be a retreat in December.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mayor Brodersen declared the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.