

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 17, 2025**

The Wayne City Council met in regular session at City Hall on November 17, 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, Jason Karsky, and Dallas Dorey; City Administrator Wes Blecke; City Clerk Betty McGuire; and City Attorney Amy Miller. Absent: Mayor Jill Brodersen and one vacancy.

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.

Council President Eischeid requested Council consideration of the mayoral appointment of Joe Whitt as Councilmember for Ward 1.

Council President Eischeid made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Webber, approving the mayoral appointment of Joe Whitt as Councilmember for Ward 1. Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Attorney Miller then gave the Oath of Office to Joe Whitt as Councilmember for Ward 1.

Councilmember Spieker made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 3, 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:

APPROVED 11/3/25: GEHRING CONSTRUCTION, SE, 26044.63; OTTE CONSTRUCTION, SE, 30430.35; ROBERT WOEHLE & SONS, SE, 50115.79; SARGENT DRILLING, SE, 176395.54
VARIOUS FUNDS: ACE HARDWARE & HOME, SU, 1006.78; AMERICAN UNDERGROUND SUPPLY, SU, 1426.37; APPEARA, SE, 71.86; APPEARA, SE, 57.35; BICM CONSTRUCTION, RE, 500.00; CERTIFIED TESTING SERVICES, SE, 4144.50; CHASE PAYMENTECH, SE, 6277.86; CHASE PAYMENTECH, SE, 658.29; CHASE PAYMENTECH, SE, 28.21; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 57.42; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 1524.97; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 481.76; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 1650.00; DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, SE, 3398.36; ELECTRIC PUMP, SU, 380.83; FAST PIK, SU, 6762.29; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 266.36; GUARDIAN, SE, 604.27; HELENA AGRICULTURE ENTERPRISES, SU, 326.00; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 106.21; HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT, SU, -64.13; HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT, SU, 64.13; ISLAND SPRINKLER SUPPLY, SU, 164.60; JOHNSON HEALTH TECH RETAIL, SU, 9382.78; MIDWEST LABORATORIES, SE, 174.57; MONAHAN, PHILLIP, RE, 110.39; NPPD, SE, 8168.08; NNEDD, SE, 3823.75; OLSON, DAVE, RE, 15.00; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, SE, 65.32; OPTK NETWORKS, SE, 531.54; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 66.38; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 6.90; QUALITY FOOD CENTER, SU, 76.19; STATE NEBRASKA BANK & TRUST, SE, 78.56; US BANK, SU, 11717.40; US FOODSERVICE, SE, 2508.40; VALMONT COATINGS, SU, 3531.03; WASTE CONNECTIONS, SE, 46.50; WAYNE AUTO PARTS, SU, 197.20; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 789.34; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 190.00; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 896.00; WAYNE VETERINARY CLINIC, SE, 42.00; WESCO, SU, 28829.97; ALLO COMMUNICATIONS, SE, 1592.03; AMERICAN UNDERGROUND SUPPLY, SU, 83.77; AMERITAS, SE, 72.00; AMERITAS, SE, 197.87; AMERITAS, SE, 35.00; AMERITAS, SE, 4779.14; APPEARA, SE, 65.74; ARROWHEAD DEVELOPMENT, RE, 1000.00; BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION, SE, 193199.60; BINSWANGER GLASS, SU, 312.80; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SE, 836.99; BRAUN, DAVID, RE, 500.00; CHESTERMAN, SU, 394.25; CINTAS, SU, 200.96; CITIZENS STATE BANK, RE, 1606.49; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 530.51; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 452.15; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 51.00; CITY OF NORFOLK, SE, 130.48; CITY OF WAYNE, PY, 126492.16; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 244.21; CORE & MAIN, SU, 3210.92; COTTONWOOD WIND PROJECT, SE, 16129.93; DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE, SE, 119.73; DEMCO, SU, 238.31; DWEE-FISCAL SERVICES-IWM, FE, 280.00; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, SE, 81.52; ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT, SU, 460.58; FIRST CONCORD GROUP, SE, 15605.17; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 477.23; GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, RE, 200.00; GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, SU, 490.73; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 157.88; ICMA, SE, 214.81; ICMA, SE, 43.40; ICMA, SE, 272.00; ICMA, SE, 584.44; ICMA, SE, 11244.12; ICMA, SE, 1560.16; ICMA, SE, 148.60; ICMA, SE, 369.23; ICMA, SE, 270.84; ICMA, SE, 158.98; ICMA, SE, 623.47; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES, SU, 1734.57; IRS, TX, 21239.64; IRS, TX, 15416.13; IRS, TX, 4967.34; JACK'S UNIFORMS, SU, 1357.49; JEO CONSULTING GROUP, SE, 1317.81; KTCH, SE, 175.00; LOVE SIGNS, SE, 3646.25; MAIN STREET GARAGE, SE, 100.00; MICHAEL TODD INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, SU, 777.01; MIDWEST TAPE, SU, 256.69; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, 6291.54; NORTHEAST TIRE SERVICE, SE, 410.00; OCLC, SE, 391.11; ODEYS, SE, 4500.00; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 103.18; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 57.23; OVERHEAD DOOR, SE, 180.00; PROGRESSIVE

PROPERTIES, RE, 1025.84; PROGRESSIVE PROPERTIES, RE, 3311.41; PROGRESSIVE PROPERTIES, RE, 2914.45; RETRAC, SU, 2110.00; SARGENT DRILLING, SE, 62523.74; SOOLAND BOBCAT, SU, 115.26; STADIUM SPORTING GOODS, SE, 204.00; STAPLES, SU, 74.87; UTILITY EQUIPMENT, SU, 366.80; WAYNE COUNTY CLERK, SE, 629.92; WAYNE COUNTY CLERK, SE, 10.00; WESCO, SU, 1004.46; WISNER WEST, SU, 226.41; ZACH HEATING & COOLING, SE, 264.83

Councilmember Houser made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, 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.

Tom Sievers, First Asst. Fire Chief, introduced Joshua Doring and requested Council consideration to approving his membership application to the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department. At this time, Joshua serves as a cadet on the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department.

Councilmember Spieker made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Webber, approving the membership application of Joshua Doring to the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department. Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Luke Virgil, Economic Development Director, representing Wayne America, Inc., was present requesting Council consideration to allowing them to close the following street for the “Small Business Saturday Holiday Market” event on Saturday, November 29, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.:

The entire 200 block of Pearl Street, starting at the north end of the 2nd and Pearl Street intersection and ending at the south end of the 3rd and Pearl Street intersection.

The proposed closure would allow east/west traffic through the 2nd and Pearl and 3rd and Pearl Street intersections.

Councilmember Spieker made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, approving the request of Wayne America, Inc., to close the following street for the “Small Business Saturday Holiday Market” event on Saturday, November 29, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.:

The entire 200 block of Pearl Street, starting at the north end of the 2nd and Pearl Street intersection and ending at the south end of the 3rd and Pearl Street intersection.

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

Luke Virgil, Wayne Economic Development Director, was present representing the LB840 Revolving Loan Fund Review Committee. The City of Wayne LB840 Revolving Loan Fund Review Committee met on November 7, 2025, and reviewed a revolving loan fund application to Wayne's Economic Development Program (WEDP) by CG Taylor, LLC (Cara Taylor). The LB840 Revolving Loan Fund Review Committee voted unanimously to recommend the following terms for a loan to CG Taylor, LLC (Cara Taylor):

- Approval of the loan request for \$74,250;
- A loan repayment period of 10 years; and
- An interest rate to be set at one half the rate set by the primary lender. (Primary Lender Rate (SNB&T) – 7%; WEDP Rate: 3.50%)

Cara Taylor was present to answer questions and to request Council consideration to reducing the interest rate to 2%. Her closing date is scheduled for December 1st.

The Architectural Review Committee, consisting of Jill Brodersen, Jason Karsky and Andy Haslit, met, and they are suggesting the following:

- To install an awning; and
- Install panels/fencing/foilage along the east side of the attached house to make it flow better and to distract from the house.

After discussion, Councilmember Webber made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Houser, approving the recommendation of the LB840 Revolving Loan Fund Review Committee for a \$74,250 revolving loan fund loan to CG Taylor, LLC (Cara Taylor), with the following conditions:

- A loan repayment period of 10 years; and
- An interest rate to be set at 2%.

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

City Attorney Miller reviewed the changes she made to Ordinance 2025-18 – Riding Lawn Mowers, Garden Tractors and Skid Loaders, and Ordinance 2025-19 – Golf Cars.

Council President Eischeid approved of the amendments and thought these ordinances would be of benefit to the City.

Police Chief Chinn, when asked, stated he had no issues with the proposed ordinances.

Councilmember Webber introduced Ordinance No. 2025-18, and moved for approval thereof;
Councilmember Spieker seconded.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WAYNE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE VII TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTER 70 GENERAL PROVISIONS – ALL-TERRAIN AND UTILITY-TYPE VEHICLES TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried. The second reading will take place at the next meeting.

Mayor Brodersen (via zoom) advised Council to seek input from their constituents on these ordinances before the next meeting. She was in favor of having to be at least 16 years of age to operate a golf car.

Councilmember Houser introduced Ordinance No. 2025-19, and moved for approval thereof with the following amendment: “§78-400 Sec. 2 (b) – insert the language “Any person operating a golf car vehicle as authorized under this section shall **“be at least 17 years of age and** have a valid Class O operator’s license...;” Councilmember Bolte seconded.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WAYNE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE VII TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTER 70 GENERAL PROVISIONS – ALL-TERRAIN AND UTILITY-TYPE VEHICLES TO ADD A SECTION PERTAINING TO GOLF CARS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council President Eischeid stated even though he is a proponent of 18 years of age, he will vote in the affirmative at this time.

Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried. The second reading will take place at the next meeting.

City Attorney Miller would tweak the ordinances for second reading consideration at the next Council meeting.

The following Resolution and Ordinance pertain to the sale of the small parcel of property legally described as the south part of Lot 9 of Vintage Hill 3rd Addition to the City of Wayne, Wayne County, Nebraska, containing approximately 9,099.4 square feet, to Ivan C. Heise and Kris M. Loberg, for \$4,000.

Councilmember Webber introduced Resolution 2025-64, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Bolte seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-64

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE TO IVAN C. HEISE AND KRIS M. LOBERG, HUSBAND AND WIFE - \$4,000.

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

Councilmember Spieker introduced Ordinance No. 2025-20, and moved for approval thereof; Councilmember Webber seconded.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-20

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE TO IVAN C. HEISE AND KRIS M. LOBERG, HUSBAND AND WIFE – \$4,000.

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

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

Councilmember Spieker made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, to move for final approval of Ordinance No. 2025-20. 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 advised Council that Resolution 2025-65 approving the specifications and authorizing the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD 4WD Reg Cab Work Truck through

the State Bid process – Sid Dillon Fleet & Commercial for \$68,755 – Electric Distribution Department was being tabled until the next meeting.

Annually, the City is required to appoint a Street Superintendent to receive Highway Incentive Payments. This action item is to appoint Joel Hansen as the 2026 Street Superintendent.

Councilmember Bolte made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Houser, appointing Joel Hansen, Class A License Number S-1155, as the City Street Superintendent for calendar year 2026, January 1 thru December 31, 2026, for the purpose of the 2026 calendar year Highway Incentive payment to be issued to the City by the Nebraska Department of Transportation in February 2027. Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

The following Resolution, along with the Year-End Certification Form, must be approved, signed and returned to the Department of Transportation by December 31, 2025. This is an annual requirement for determining the City's calendar year 2025 incentive funds.

Councilmember Webber introduced Resolution 2025-66, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Houser seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-66

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF THE YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT FORM – 2025.

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 would formally appoint JEO Consulting Group, Inc., as the special engineer to be used on various City of Wayne projects in 2026. JEO was formally appointed back in 2019. We have found that we must formally appoint an engineer annually. Doing so eliminates the need to go through the procurement process for engineers on grant projects.

Councilmember Webber introduced Resolution 2025-67, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Bolte seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-67

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC., AS THE SPECIAL ENGINEER TO BE USED ON VARIOUS CITY OF WAYNE PROJECTS IN 2026.

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

The following Resolution would approve the appointment of Amy K. Miller as City Attorney and also approve the Retainer Agreement for her services. The only change to the agreement was increasing her monthly stipend by 2% to \$6,470.62.

Councilmember Houser introduced Resolution 2025-68 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Webber seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-68

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF AMY K. MILLER AS CITY ATTORNEY AND RETAINER AGREEMENT FOR 2026 – MONTHLY STIPEND INCREASED TO \$6,470.62 (TOTAL - \$77,647.44)

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 approving the following appointments:

Betty McGuire, City Clerk
Beth Porter, Finance Director
Joel Hansen, Street and Planning Director
Marlen Chinn, Police Chief
Lowell Heggemeyer, Park and Recreation Director
Diane Bertrand, Senior Center Coordinator
Heather Headley, Library Director
Jeff Triggs, Electric Production Superintendent
Casey Junk, Water/Wastewater Superintendent
Luke Virgil, Economic Development Director

Councilmember Bolte made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Houser, approving the following appointments:

Betty McGuire, City Clerk
Beth Porter, Finance Director
Joel Hansen, Street and Planning Director

Marlen Chinn, Police Chief
Lowell Heggemeyer, Park and Recreation Director
Diane Bertrand, Senior Center Coordinator
Heather Headley, Library Director
Jeff Triggs, Electric Production Superintendent
Casey Junk, Water/Wastewater Superintendent
Luke Virgil, Economic Development Director

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 6:31 p.m.