

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 2, 2026**

The Wayne City Council met in regular session at City Hall on February 2, 2026, 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, Brittany Webber, Joe Whitt, Jason Karsky, Dallas Dorey and Matt Eischeid; City Administrator Wes Blecke; City Clerk Betty McGuire; and City Attorney Amy Miller.

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 west wall of the 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.

Mayor Brodersen proclaimed the month of March as "Problem Gambling Month."

Councilmember Houser made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2026, and to waive the reading thereof. Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, 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, 819.84; ACES, SE, 1,196.23; AMERITAS, SE, 72.00; AMERITAS, SE, 35.00; AMERITAS, SE, 4,929.22; AMERITAS, SE, 212.77; APPEARA, SE, 214.22; BERNAL, HERWIN, RE, 500.00; BOMGAARS, SU, 1,879.45; BSN SPORTS, SU, 579.96; BUILDERS RESOURCE, SE, 63.84; CARHART LUMBER COMPANY, SU, 5,525.36; CDW GOVERNMENT, SU, 1,985.40; CENGAGE LEARNING, SU, 106.56; CENTRAL SAND AND GRAVEL, SU, 663.34; CHEMQUEST, SE, 3,142.50; CINTAS, SU, 38.71; CIRBA SOLUTIONS SERVICES, SU, 1,475.00; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 99.82; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 194.82; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 95.00; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 45.88; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 4.70; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 122.06; CITY OF PONCA, RE, 15,464.14; CITY OF WAYNE, PY, 131,648.27; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 589.08; CITY OF WEST POINT, RE, 22,444.18; CITY OF WISNER, RE, 2,338.96; CIVICPLUS, SE, 5,743.27; ;COLONIAL RESEARCH, SU, 45.79; COLORADO LIBRARY CONSORTIUM, FE, 75.00; CORE & MAIN LP, SU, 694.52; DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE, SE, 537.60; DAVIS FORD, SU, 344.99; DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, SE, 75.68; DEMCO, SU, 307.61; DGR & ASSOCIATES, SE, 25,611.00; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY, SU, 852.96; GUARDIAN, SE, 805.60; HILAND DAIRY, SU, 112.51; HOMETOWN LEASING, SE, 375.26; ICMA, SE, 44.70; ICMA, SE, 221.23; ICMA, SE, 611.34; ICMA, SE, 280.16; ICMA, SE, 1,350.60; ICMA, SE, 11,213.99; ICMA, SE, 649.31; ICMA, SE, 245.66; ICMA, SE, 153.04; ICMA, SE, 284.67; ICMA, SE, 369.23; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES, SU, 1,557.06; IRS, TX, 21,752.70; IRS, TX, 13,868.08; IRS, TX, 5,087.22; JACK'S UNIFORMS, SU, 1,573.29; JEO CONSULTING GROUP, SE, 3,016.38; KELLY SUPPLY COMPANY, SU, 284.64; LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALITIES, FE, 565.00; LYLE'S GARAGE DOOR SERVICE, SU, 537.00; MARCO, SE, 224.02; MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, SE, 273.82; MAX R, SU, 3,752.00; MCCORKINDALE, BRAYDN, SE, 80.00; MICHAEL TODD INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, SU, 4,304.95; MIDWEST TAPE, SU, 3,698.67; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, 5,669.29; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB, SE, 201.00; NORTHEAST POWER, SE, 30,397.86; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 6.99; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 303.63; OVERDRIVE, SU, 1,270.07; OVERHEAD DOOR, SU, 140.00; PCAN, FE, 200.00; PEERLESS WIPING CLOTH, SU, 492.20; PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS, SU, 69.99; PONCA RURAL FIRE BOARD, RE, 3,701.82; POSTMASTER, SU, 1,311.69; PREMIER BIOTECH, SE, 360.90; QUADIENT FINANCE USA, SU, 1,000.00; RETHWISCH, RICHARD, SE, 80.00; SILVER SILO DESIGN, SE, 124.74; SKARSHAUG TESTING LAB, SE, 453.24; STADIUM SPORTING GOODS, SE, 40.00; STAPLES, SU, 397.74; STATE NEBRASKA BANK-PETTY CASH, RE, 118.55; THRASHER, RE, 500.00; UTILITY EQUIPMENT, SU, 534.48; VARLEY, MICHAEL, RE, 150.00; VERIZON, SE, 639.84; VILLAGE OF WINSIDE, RE, 4,948.03; WAYNE HIGH SCHOOL, RE, 4,968.00; WAYNE VETERINARY CLINIC, SE, 84.00; WEBBER HOSPITALITY, SE, 5,868.75; WESCO, SU, 10,358.67; WINDOW WORLD OF NORTHEAST NEBRASKA, SE, 3,030.00; WISNER WEST, SU, 36.71; Y & Y LAWN SERVICE, SE, 1,021.25; ALTEC INDUSTRIES, SU, 170.68; AOI CORPORATION, RE, 1,000.00; BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD, SE, 58,289.99; CERTIFIED TESTING SERVICES, SE, 1,912.50; CITY OF PONCA, RE, 10,000.00; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 88.82; CITY OF WEST POINT, RE, 10,000.00; CITY OF WISNER, RE, 10,000.00; DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, SE, 3,531.77; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, SE, 81.52; FARMERS COOPERATIVE, SE, 20.00; GLOBAL PAYMENTS INTEGRATED, SE, 1,165.92; GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, SU, 201.75; GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, SU, 545.18; HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT, SE, 62.62; JAN X EXPERTS IN JANITORIAL SUPPLY, SU, 1,118.42; JEO CONSULTING GROUP, SE, 448.87; KAUP FORAGE & TURF, SU, 227.50; LINCOLN WINWATER WORKS, SU, 67.00; MCCORKINDALE, BRAYDN, SE, 80.00; MILLER LAW, SE, 6,470.62; NORTHEAST POWER, SE, 5,451.00; OLSSON, SE, 1,200.00; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 5.99; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 204.09; PAC N SAVE, SU, 4.77; PAC N SAVE, SU, 1,487.05; PONCA RURAL FIRE BOARD, RE, 10,000.00; PREMIUM FOOD AND BEVERAGE, SU, 102.50; RETHWISCH, RICHARD, SE, 80.00; SKARSHAUG TESTING LAB, SE, 453.36; STAPLES, SU, 203.96; VILLAGE OF WINSIDE, RE, 10,000.00; WAYNE AMERICA, FE, 35.00; WAYNE COUNTY COURT, RE, 500.00; WAYNE COUNTY COURT, RE, 1,000.00; WAPA, SE, 27,197.20; WISNER WEST, SU, 99.79

Councilmember Bolte 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 Webber who abstained on her claim only, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Marcy Luth of AMGL presented the FY24-25 Audit.

Administrator Blecke, on behalf of Roger Protzman of JEO Consulting Group, Inc., presented Contractor's Application for Payment No. 7 in the amount of \$49,966.25 to Gehring Construction and Ready Mix Co., Inc., for the "Wayne 7th Street Trail Project." In addition, he updated the Council on the project.

Councilmember Webber made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Spieker, approving Contractor's Application for Payment No. 7 in the amount of \$49,966.25 to Gehring Construction and Ready Mix Co., Inc., for the "Wayne 7th Street Trail Project." Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Administrator Blecke, on behalf of Roger Protzman of JEO Consulting Group, Inc., presented Contractor's Application for Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$74,757.27 to Sargent Drilling for the "Well House and Municipal Well 2025-1 Project." In addition, he updated the Council on the project.

Councilmember Eischeid made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Webber, approving Contractor's Application for Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$74,757.27 to Sargent Drilling for the "Well House and Municipal Well 2025-1 Project." Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Administrator Blecke, on behalf of Roger Protzman of JEO Consulting Group, Inc., presented Contractor's Application for Payment No. 4 in the amount of \$161,072.37 to Otte Construction for the "Well House and Municipal Well 2025-1 Project."

Keith Moje, representing Otte Construction, was present to update the Council on the project.

Councilmember Houser made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, approving Contractor's Application for Payment No. 4 in the amount of \$161,072.37 to Otte Construction for the

“Well House and Municipal Well 2025-1 Project.” Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Kirby Hall, representing the Wayne High School Post Prom Committee, was present to request Council consideration to allowing them to use the Community Activity Center again this year for their post prom event on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 9:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. on March 22, 2026, and to waive the rental fee.

After discussion, Councilmember Webber made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Spieker, approving the request of Kirby Hall, representing the Wayne High School Post Prom Committee, to use the Community Activity Center for their post prom event on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 9:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. on March 22, 2026, and to waive the rental fee. Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Anthony Cantrell, on behalf of the Wayne High School, and in conjunction with EVERON (Electric Vehicle Energy Research of Nebraska), was present requesting Council consideration to closing off a portion of East 10th Street 200’ east of Angel Avenue to Hillside Drive for an electric vehicle power drive rally (State Championship) on Saturday, May 2nd, from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; use of the parking lot at 1100 E 10th Street; use of the electricity to run the event and charge batteries following the event via the outside electrical outlets; and street sweep 10th Street and the parking lot at 1100 E 10th Street.

Councilmember Spieker made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, approving the request of Anthony Cantrell, on behalf of the Wayne High School, and in conjunction with EVERON (Electric Vehicle Energy Research of Nebraska), to close off East 10th Street 200’ east of Angel Avenue to Hillside Drive for the 2026 Power Drive State Championship on Saturday, May 2nd, from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; use of the parking lot at 1100 E 10th Street; use of the electricity to run the event and charge batteries following the event via the outside electrical outlets; and street sweep 10th Street

and the parking lot at 1100 E 10th Street. Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Brodersen declared the time was at hand for the public hearing on the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program.

Joel Hansen, Street and Planning Director, presented the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program. This is a yearly requirement to receive Highway Allocation Funds from the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Just because a project is in the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan does not mean the project has to be done that year. However, if the City would want to do a project that is not in the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan, another public hearing would have to be held to amend the plan.

Upcoming projects, which include some carry-over projects from previous year(s), include the following:

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Project Year</u>	<u>Improvement</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
M – 617(89)	2026	Fairground Avenue extension and Waters Edge Circle – 700’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer	\$350,000
M – 617(115)	2027	W. 3 rd Street from Oak Dr. to 250’ E. of Oak Dr. – 250’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter	\$ 70,000
M – 617(129)	2028	Fairgrounds Avenue from S. Main to S. Nebraska & from Dead End to Prairie Park – 915’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer	\$800,000
M – 617(131)	2029	E. 21 st Street from Vintage Hill Drive to Centennial Road and Centennial Road from E. 14 th to E. 21 st – 4,500’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer	\$ 1,500,000
M – 617(132)	2029	E. 4 th Street and Thorman Street – 2,300’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer	\$900,000
M – 617(135)	2029	Centennial Road from E. 4 th to E. 14 th Widening – 3,900’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer	\$500,000
C – 90(162)	2029	Bridge #11620 2x4 District 1 – 0.1 Mile	\$900,000

M – 617(107)	2030	Clark Street & S. Pearl Street. – 745’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer	\$350,000
M – 617(114)	2030	W. 2 nd Street from Blaine St. to 360’ E of Blaine St. – 380’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer	\$180,000
M – 617(98)	2030	Sherman Street from W. 5 th St. to W. 6 th St. – 300’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer	\$140,000
M – 617(113)	2030	Sherman Street from W. 3 rd St. to W. 4 th St. – 300’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter	\$140,000

M – 617(127)	2031	Downtown Alleys – 2,880’ Overlay and Concrete Paving	\$500,000
M – 617(130)	2031	W. 11 th Street from Main to Sherman – 1,550’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer	\$850,000
M – 617(120)	2031	Northern Ridge Drive from Highway 15 to W. 21 st St. – 1,800’ Construct Concrete Paving, Curb & Gutter, & Storm Sewer	\$800,000
M – 617(119)	2031	South Windom Street from 232’ S of Folk St. to 333’ S of Folk St. Construct Concrete Paving, Curb and Gutter – 101’	\$25,000
M – 617(133)	2031	E. 10 th Street from Schreiner Drive to east end of Viken Park Reconstruct Concrete Paving, Curb and Gutter – 200’	\$200,000

			\$8,205,000

City Clerk McGuire had not received any comments, either verbal or in writing, for or against this public hearing.

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

Councilmember Spieker introduced Resolution No. 2026-10 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Bolte seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (PROPOSAL WITH PROJECTS FROM 2026 – 2031).

Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Taylor Kube, representing Olsson, was present to review the plans and specifications for the “Wayne Prairie Park – Phase 4C Project.”

This project will consist of the construction of 3 baseball/softball fields along with accompanied grading, paving and utilities and all other associated work described in the plans and specifications. The estimated project cost is \$1,529,094.

Councilmember Bolte introduced Resolution No. 2026-11 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Houser seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE “WAYNE PRAIRIE PARK - PHASE 4C PROJECT” AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS.

Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department (NNPHD) has offered to give the City its existing Kohler generator from its previous Pearl Street location. The City would use it at the old City Hall/PD, as there is still a need for backup power there for the communications equipment. Staff was looking to budget for a replacement generator at 306 Pearl Street next year, as it is showing its age during maintenance. It will still cost about \$20,000 to make all the upgrades with the used generator. Staff assumes a new one would cost about double that, fully installed.

Colleen Hupke, Director of NNPHD, and JJ Jackson, NNPHD Emergency Response Coordinator, were present to answer questions.

Councilmember Webber introduced Resolution 2026-12, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Bolte seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NORTHEAST NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE DONATION OF A GENERATOR LOCATED AT 215 PEARL STREET.

Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

On January 5th, Council approved sending a “Letter of Intent” to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a planning grant to be used to explore opportunities at the 1100 E 10th Street building. This item would approve submitting the full grant application, which is due February 15th. This grant is a 1:1 match. It was reiterated that this grant is for planning purposes only at this point.

Councilmember Houser introduced Resolution No. 2026-13, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Bolte seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL TO SIGN AN APPLICATION FOR CIVIC AND COMMUNITY CENTER FINANCING FUND PLANNING GRANT.

Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Administrator Blecke stated ALLO is planning to discontinue its traditional cable/video product in 2026. They will be replacing it with a superior DIRECTV streaming platform. Since ALLO's access to public ROW within the City was granted through a Cable Franchise Agreement, the City will need to execute a new agreement that is not premised upon ALLO offering traditional cable service. This Master Right-of-Way Agreement will ensure the City's future fee receivable remains consistent, and that all parties maintain their current rights.

Councilmember Houser introduced Ordinance No. 2026-1, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Webber seconded.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A NON-EXCLUSIVE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH ALLO ASSET ENTITY 1, LLC, A NEBRASKA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (“ALLO”), ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

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

Luke Virgil, Economic Development Director, advised the Council that Breland and Jennifer Ridenour (Blends & Boards) are requesting an amendment to their LB840 Loan Agreement to allow for a 12-month payment deferment and an update to their amortization schedule. The deferment request is the result of their decision to close the business due to changes in their personal life.

It was noted that Council has approved amendments for other LB840 Loan recipients, including Wayne Area Events Center (changed to interest-only payments for 3 years and extended repayment term) and Rainbow World Child Care Center (balloon payment changed to 10-year repayment). In addition, during the pandemic, Council offered payment deferments for one year to all LB840 loan recipients.

Jennifer Ridenour was present to answer questions. She thought she would know within 60-90 days what collateral they would have for this loan. The amount to be deferred would be \$6,100. It is a zero percent interest loan.

After some discussion, Councilmember Eischeid made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Karsky, to approve the request of Breland and Jennifer Ridenour (Blends & Boards) to defer their LB840 loan payments for one year and to update their amortization schedule as long as she (Jennifer Ridenour) contacts the City within 60-90 days with the appropriate collateral for the loan. Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mayor Brodersen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.