

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 2, 2024

The Wayne City Council met in regular session at City Hall on January 2, 2024, at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

Mayor Cale Giese called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, with the following in attendance: Councilmembers Terri Buck, Nick Muir, Brittany Webber, Clayton Bratcher, Jason Karsky and Jill Brodersen; City Administrator Wes Blecke; City Clerk Betty McGuire; and City Attorney Amy Miller. Absent: Councilmembers Brent Pick and Matt Eischeid.

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 Giese advised the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the southwest wall of 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 Brodersen made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Webber, to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 19, 2023, and to waive the reading thereof. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Pick and Eischeid who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Minutes approved.

The following claims were presented to Council for their approval:

COUNCIL APPROVED 12/19/23: PENRO-PRAIRIE PARK PHASE II UTILITIES - \$117,428.59;
PHILIP CARKOSKI CONST-UV LIGHT IMPROVEMENTS - 74,456.46

VARIOUS FUNDS: ACES, SE, 1127.56; AMERITAS, SE, 168.44; AMERITAS, SE, 35.00; AMERITAS, SE, 130.87; AMERITAS, SE, 72.00; AMERITAS, SE, 3557.84; ARNIE'S FORD, SE, 645.98; CARLSON WEST POVONDRA ARCHITECTS, SE, 3786.83; CASILLAS, GRICELDA, RE, 200.00; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, -2,669.70; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 175.00; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 412.30; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, -265.85; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 772.10; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 265.85; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 2669.70; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 74.82; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 293.40; CITY OF WAYNE, PY, 121958.71; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 892.44; COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, RE, 10000.00; DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE, SE, 537.60; DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, SE, 110.08; DEMCO, SU, 135.63; DYER, ROBERT, RE, 500.00; DYER, ROBERT, RE, 500.00; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, SE, 3025.54; ELLIS HOME SERVICES, SE, 4105.71; HEITHOLD, MARY, RE, 150.00; HERITAGE HOMES, RE, 200.00; ICMA, SE, 1048.60; ICMA, SE, 557.32; ICMA, SE, 17168.46; ICMA, SE, 144.86; ICMA, SE, 70.00; ICMA, SE, 127.36; ICMA, SE, 38.28; ICMA, SE, 69.25; ICMA, SE, 190.37; ICMA, SE, 9272.41; ICMA, SE, 495.46; ICMA, SE, 69.25; IRS, TX, 4305.56; IRS, TX, 18409.82; IRS, TX, 954.50; IRS, TX, 3959.81; IRS, TX, 4081.28; IRS, TX, 11881.76; JEO CONSULTING GROUP, SE, 1757.49; LIBRARY IDEAS, SU, 1138.54; MAIN STREET GARAGE, SE, 700.00; MARCO, SE, 175.92; MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, SE, 323.28; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, 5989.38; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, 1170.63; NORTHEAST POWER, SE, 23826.18; OLSSON, SE, 8867.20; POSTMASTER, SU, 94.38; POSTMASTER, SU, 1096.76; VIAERO, SE, 70.42; APX, SU, 1058.17; BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, SU, 487.92; CERTIFIED TESTING SERVICES, SE, 1882.50; DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE, SE, 106.64; DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE, SE, -106.64; DUTTON-LAINSON, SU, 165.94; FASTWYRE BROADBAND, SE, 1638.66; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 229.30; GIESE, BRECK, RE, -2993.77; GIESE, BRECK, RE, 2993.77; GLOBAL PAYMENTS INTEGRATED, SE, 557.43; GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, SU, 11.31; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 274.22; ISLAND SPRINKLER SUPPLY, SE, 21.47; L.G. EVERIST, SU, 454.48; LINCOLN WINWATER WORKS, SE, 270.63; MERCHANT SERVICES, SE, 227.43; MERCHANT SERVICES, SE, 5082.95; MERCHANT SERVICES, SE, 1348.01; MILLER LAW, SE, 6250.00; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, SU, 1594.28; NORTHEAST POWER, SE, 6731.00; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 23.05; PAC N SAVE, SU, 992.98; POSTMASTER, FE, 186.00; QUADIENT LEASING, SE, 655.38; SKARSHAUG TESTING LAB, SE, 256.21; STAPLES, SU, 75.40; STATE NEBRASKA BANK & TRUST, SE, 61.68; THOMAS, JOSEPH, RE, 185.00; THOMAS, JOSEPH, RE, -185.00; TOM'S BODY & PAINT SHOP, SU, 66.54; TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES, SU, 52.15; WESCO, SU, -299.60; WESCO, SU, -1,480.35; WESCO, SU, 1779.95; WISNER WEST, SU, 269.33; ZACH, MARK, RE, 120.00; ZACH, MARK, RE, -120.00

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

Mayor Giese advised the Council that he has received the resignation of Councilmember Brendon Pick effective immediately. Because the resignation is effective immediately, he requested Council to accept the same and then declare a "Notice of Vacancy" in Ward 2 and authorize the City Clerk to publish notice.

Councilmember Brodersen made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Webber, to accept the resignation of Councilmember Brendon Pick effective immediately and to declare a "Notice of

Vacancy” in Ward 2 and authorize the City Clerk to publish notice. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmember Eischeid who was absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Cap Peterson with Northeast Nebraska Insurance Agency presented the 2024 Property and Casualty Insurance Package. In 2022, the deductible was increased from \$1,000 to \$10,000/\$25,000 for wind and hail, per occurrence on the property portion. In 2023, the deductible per occurrence on the property portion was increased to \$25,000.

For 2024, Mr. Peterson proposed a couple of options:

- \$25,000 deductible, with 1% wind/hail deductible; or
- \$5,000 basic deductible/\$25,000 or 1% wind and hail deductible. This option would increase the premium by \$8,436.

If the property deductible was decreased to \$5,000, the premium will be \$539,500, an increase of \$101,262 over last year’s package (\$438,238). He noted the work comp premium has decreased. In 2023, the City added the new City Hall/Police Department relocation building as well as added several vehicles to the policy.

Mr. Peterson noted he could get a quote on what a \$50,000 deductible on all properties would be. Staff could also look at possibly taking some of the less valuable buildings/properties off the insurance.

After discussion, Councilmember Brodersen made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Webber, approving the 2024 Property & Casualty Insurance Package - Option 2 (property section - \$5,000 basic deductible) for a total amount of \$539,500. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmember Eischeid who was absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The following Resolution was tabled from the last meeting until staff heard back from Northeast Power on whether or not they would reimburse the City for one-third of the cost for the DGR Engineering services to take the next step in the generation process. Northeast Power stated they were interested in co-locating generation with us.

Councilmember Brodersen introduced Resolution No. 2023-90 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Buck seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-90

A RESOLUTION APPROVING TASK ORDER AMENDMENT NO. 5 WITH DGR ENGINEERING FOR THE “PROPOSED GENERATION PLANT PROJECT” - \$13,500.

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

Administrator Blecke updated the Council on the Community Activity Center Relocation Project.

Councilmember Karsky made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Webber, to appoint Brent Pick to the Community Activity Center Relocation Project Committee. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmember Eischeid who was absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Brodersen made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Buck, to set the Mini-Retreat date for Tuesday, January 30th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Wayne Fire Hall. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmember Eischeid who was absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mayor Giese declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.