

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 30, 2024**

The Wayne City Council met in special session at the Wayne Freedom Park Shelter House on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

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

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 Giese advised the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the north wall of said Shelter House, 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.

RETREAT TOPICS:

Snow Removal: Joel Hansen, Street and Planning Director, updated the Council on the January snow removal events and addressed some concerns. He noted that a lot of salt and sand have been put on the streets thus far, and he was concerned about having enough to finish out the winter season. He would like to find a new location for a larger salt shed or make the current one bigger to allow for more storage of the salt in the future.

Water System Projects: Casey Junck, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, talked about future projects and would like Council to consider thinking about adding another well out north. He noted that ten years

ago, the City had five wells that were usable. The City now has three that are usable. In addition, he thought focus needed to be on another area of town to replace water mains. The last major project was in 2016.

Update on City Projects:

➤ **Community Activity Center**

The Committee continues to meet and hopes to get an estimate on the renovation of the FNBO building soon.

➤ **Prairie Park**

➤ **Financing/Sales Tax**

Administrator Blecke updated the council on the financing of several capital projects. The current sales tax is being used to pay for the new City Hall and Police Relocation project, Prairie Park, and park and rec building.

Beth Porter, Finance Director, prepared a spreadsheets showing what or how the projected financing would be for the following:

1. 1.5% sales tax and a \$10M municipal improvement bond;
2. 1.5% sales tax and a \$10M municipal improvement bond with an additional \$15M municipal improvement bond for the renovation of the CAC; and
3. 2% sales tax with and a \$10M municipal improvement bond and an additional \$15M municipal improvement bond for the renovation of the CAC

Information needs to be taken up to the County Clerk's office by March 1st to put the additional half cent sales tax question on the May ballot. He noted if the additional half cent sales tax does not pass, the City would have to wait 24 months to put the question before the voters again.

Long-Term Planning:

- Start the planning for another well; and
- Consider adjusting water rates to help fund future water projects.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mayor Giese declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.