

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 29, 2024**

The Wayne City Council met in special session at the Wayne Fire Hall on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

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

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 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, 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.

Don Buryanek, representing the First United Methodist Church, was present requesting Council consideration to allowing the Church to use the parking lot at the corner of East 6th Street and Logan Street, as well as the parking stalls adjacent to the lot, for a "Trunk or Treat" event to be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2024.

Councilmember Brodersen made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bratcher, approving the request of the First United Methodist Church to use the parking lot at the corner of East 6th Street and Logan Street, as well as the parking stalls adjacent to the lot, for a "Trunk or Treat" event to be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2024. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

RETREAT TOPICS:

1. Update on Electric System Improvement Projects

Four proposals were received. Dave Peterson, Engineer with JEO Consulting Group, has reviewed the proposals and presented the same to the Electric Committee. Interviews will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks. More information will be forthcoming in the near future.

2. Utility Rate Adjustments:

- The last rate adjustment for water and sewer was set in the fall of 2018. It was a 3-year adjustment, starting in January 2019, with subsequent adjustments in January 2020 and January 2021. Proposed Resolutions were distributed with the same type of 3-year rate adjustments. The Resolutions will be brought forward for approval at a future meeting.

3. Update on City Owned Properties:

- FNBO – discussion took place on the future of this building
- Old City Hall – discussion took place, as well, on the future of this building
- New City Hall/Police Relocation – focus on getting the Council Chambers ready by January, 2025.

4. Long-Term Planning

- Keno Fund — use some of these funds to repair the fence at the Bark Park and install baby changing tables in the park restrooms

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mayor Giese declared the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.