

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 7, 2025

The Wayne City Council met in regular session at City Hall on January 7, 2025, 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 Austyn Houser, Dwaine Spieker, Brittany Webber, Clayton Bratcher, Jason Karsky, and Jill Brodersen; City Administrator Wes Blecke; City Clerk Betty McGuire; and City Attorney Amy Miller. Absent: Councilmember 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 Spieker, to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 17, 2024, and to waive the reading thereof. 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 and the Minutes approved.

The following claims were presented to Council for their approval:

VARIOUS FUNDS: ACES, SE, 1161.39; AERO-MOD, INC, SU, 1560.01; AMERICAN POP CORN COMPANY, SU, 275.60; AMERITAS, SE, 142.20; AMERITAS, SE, 35.00; AMERITAS, SE, 184.72; AMERITAS, 72.00; AMERITAS, SE, 3789.38; APPEARA, SE, 141.94; APPEARA, SE, 54.87; ART

KATHOL APPLIANCE, RE, 1000.00; ASCAP, FE, 500.00; BERNAL, GEORGINA, SE, 165.00; BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD, SE, 54812.90; BSN SPORTS, SU, 163.98; CASILLAS, GRICELDA, RE, 200.00; CERTIFIED TESTING SERVICES, SE, 64.00; CINTAS, SU, 845.40; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 635.60; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 560.31; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 85.60; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 363.15; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 188.00; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 2037.34; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 4.76; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 120.90; CITY OF WAYNE, PY, 119785.19; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 1775.63; COLONIAL RESEARCH, SU, 167.90; COPY WRITE PUBLISHING, SE, 348.49; CORE & MAIN LP, SU, 2646.12; CORNHUSKER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS, SE, 997.46; DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE, SE, 537.60; DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, SE, 82.56; DEMCO, SU, 796.12; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, SE, 139.52; ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT, SU, 21.00; FASTWYRE BROADBAND, SE, 865.86; FIN FOLK, SE, 15492.00; FIRST CONCORD GROUP, SE, 4294.72; FIRST CONCORD GROUP, FE, 400.00; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 263.89; GLOBAL PAYMENTS INTEGRATED, SE, 1305.88; GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, SU, 39034.24; HARTINGTON TREE, SU, 2250.00; HEITHOLD, MARY, RE, 150.00; HERNANDEZ, ERIKA, RE, 150.00; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 95.23; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 192.09; ICMA, SE, 10757.68; ICMA, SE, 163.96; ICMA, SE, 202.78; ICMA, SE, 138.72; ICMA, SE, 533.56; ICMA, SE, 261.52; ICMA, SE, 75.00; ICMA, SE, 152.88; ICMA, SE, 1237.50; ICMA, SE, 803.82; IRS, TX, 4721.84; IRS, TX, 20190.24; IRS, TX, 14772.59; JEO CONSULTING GROUP, SE, 7809.00; JOHN'S WELDING AND TOOL, SU, 52.50; KELLY SUPPLY COMPANY, SE, 452.24; MAIN STREET GARAGE, SE, 135.00; MAIN STREET GARAGE, SU, 357.30; MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, SE, 287.95; MERCHANT JOB TRAINING, SU, 1300.00; MERCHANT SERVICES, SE, 223.29; MERCHANT SERVICES, SE, 6706.59; MERCHANT SERVICES, SE, 1544.74; MILLER LAW, SE, 6343.75; MUTUAL OF OMAHA, SE, 361.80; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, 6198.96; NE DEPT OF REVENUE-COMPLIANCE DIV, RE, 365.29; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB, SE, 648.00; NORTHEAST POWER, SE, 27387.63; NORTHEAST POWER, SE, 5324.00; NORTHWEST ELECTRIC, SU, 1334.46; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, SE, 34.32; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 153.43; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 3.99; PAC N SAVE, SU, 865.88; PAC N SAVE, SU, 1075.26; PCAN, FE, 200.00; POSTMASTER, SU, 1222.31; QUADIENT FINANCE USA, SU, 1000.00; QUADIENT LEASING USA, SE, 655.38; QUALITY FOOD CENTER, SU, 21.23; REC SUPPLY, SU, 6098.90; SALTZMAN, MATT, SE, 550.00; SCHEFFLER, AARON, RE, 150.00; SOOLAND BOBCAT, SE, 619.87; STADIUM SPORTING GOODS, SE, 192.00; STAN HOUSTON EQUIPMENT, SU, 439.99; STAPLES, SU, 173.65; STAPLES, SU, 251.56; UTILITIES SECTION, FE, 1368.00; VERIZON, SE, 594.81; WAYNE SENIOR CENTER, RE, 284.61; WAPA, SE, 26257.54; WISNER WEST, SU, 456.69; Y & Y LAWN SERVICE, SE, 921.50; APPEARA, SE, 241.42; APX, INC -9551, FE, 1050.26; BIGGERSTAFF, SIDNEY, RE, 500.00; BROWN, DEVANEY, RE, 10.00; CARLSON WEST POVONDRA ARCHITECTS, SE, 2956.70; CINTAS, SU, 604.54; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 96.98; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 185.57; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 1164.68; COTTONWOOD WIND PROJECT, SE, 14817.53; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 1010.77; JOHNSON FITNESS & WELLNESS, SE, 5731.08; KL, LLC, RE, 500.00; LUTT OIL, SE, 6121.50; MAIN STREET GARAGE, SE, 2164.25; MARCO, SE, 175.92; MIDWEST LABORATORIES, SE, 292.57; NPPD, SE, 8250.24; OPTK NETWORKS, SE, 408.54; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 83.55; OTOCAST, SU, 1375.00; PEERLESS WIPING CLOTH, SU, 480.00; PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL, SE, 39.44; POSTMASTER, FE, 188.00; ROBERT WOHLER & SONS, RE, 1000.00; SOOLAND BOBCAT, SU, 239.67; STADIUM SPORTING GOODS, SE, 48.00; STAPLES, SU, 310.81; STATE NEBRASKA BANK & TRUST, SE, 65.68; STATE NEBRASKA BANK-PETTY CASH, RE, 105.93; WASTE CONNECTIONS, SE, 35.50; WAYNE COUNTY CLERK, SE, 26.00; WAYNE COUNTY CLERK, SE, 5723.34; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 1397.00; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 556.51; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 190.00; WOHLER, MARCI, RE, 1000.00

Councilmember Brodersen made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Webber, to approve the claims. 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.

Brett Kramer with Northeast Nebraska Insurance Agency presented the 2025 Property and Casualty Insurance Package. A change this year for the buildings (other than the Power Plant), is that any building that is insured for less than \$750,000 will have a \$25,000 wind/hail deductible. Any building that is insured over \$750,000 will have a 2% wind/hail deductible. The Power Plant has a \$50,000 deductible. Mr. Kramer is asking the company to see what premiums might be if we would increase the deductibles.

After discussion, Councilmember Webber made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, approving the 2025 Property & Casualty Insurance Package for a total amount of \$596,502. 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.

Mark Lenihan, Superintendent of Wayne Community Schools, and Courtney Maas, 2nd Grade Principal, were present to request restricted parking (Midnight to 7:00 a.m.) on the north side of the Elementary School (diagonal parking spots). The purpose of the request is to ensure adequate and accessible parking for school faculty and staff, as well as to facilitate snow removal and maintenance during early morning hours.

After discussion, Councilmember Spieker made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, directing staff to notify surrounding residents of an upcoming public hearing on a potential ordinance to restrict parking (Midnight to 7:00 a.m.) on the north side of the Elementary School on W. 4th Street (diagonal parking spots). 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 would approve the mutual aid agreement between the City of Wayne and the Northeast Nebraska Mutual Aid District (NNMAD). The NNMAD includes the communities and rural fire districts of Allen, Bancroft, Concord, Dakota City, Dixon, Emerson, Homer, Laurel, Martinsburg, Newcastle, Pender, Ponca, Rosalie, South Sioux City, Thurston, Wakefield, Walthill and Winnebago, who agree to respond to other members' emergency fire calls if there is a fire or disaster too big for the local firefighters to control.

Councilmember Houser introduced Resolution 2025-1, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Bratcher seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAYNE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE NORTHEAST NEBRASKA MUTUAL AID DISTRICT.

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.

Casey Junck, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, received a proposal from the Sid Dillon Fleet & Commercial Dealership for a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado work truck through the State bid process. The amount for said truck is \$43,730. Staff budgeted \$60,000 for this work truck.

Councilmember Brodersen introduced Resolution 2025-2, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Bolte seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2025 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 3500HD 4WD REG CAB WORK TRUCK, AS PER THE STATE BID PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM THE SID DILLON FLEET & COMMERCIAL DEALERSHIP — WATER/WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT (\$43,730).

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.

Clayton Dredge, Electric Distribution Superintendent, stated he received two quotes for an Altec Digger Derrick. The first quote of \$188,850 is for a 2022 truck they have had as a demo since November. It has 15,241 miles and 914 engine hours on it. That is the price purchased “as is.” The second quote of \$274,082 is for a new truck. If they would order a new truck, the delivery date would be sometime in 2026. Staff had no issues with purchasing the demo truck.

Councilmember Houser introduced Resolution 2025-3, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Bolte seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A DIGGER DERRICK (2022) AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AS PER THE BID PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC., (\$188,850.00) THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING PROGRAM.

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 County has budgeted \$200,000 to go towards the new dispatch and communication center at the new City Hall/Police Department location. The interlocal agreement acknowledges the County's support and their monthly payments from January, 2025 – June, 2025.

Marlen Chinn, Police Chief, was present to answer questions.

Councilmember Houser introduced Resolution 2025-4, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Bratcher seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY REGARDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE NEW DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATION CENTER BEING CONSTRUCTED AT THE NEW CITY HALL/POLICE DEPARTMENT LOCATION.

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.

Bob Soukup, on behalf of Carlson West Povondra Architects, presented Application and Certificate of Payment No. 14 from Otte Construction Company, LLC, in the amount of \$238,961.00 for the “Wayne City Hall and Police Relocation Project.” He also updated the Council on the project.

Keith Moje, representing Otte Construction Company, LLC, was present and updated Council on the project.

Councilmember Brodersen made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Houser, approving Application and Certificate of Payment No. 14 in the amount of \$238,961.00 to Otte Construction Company, LLC, for the “Wayne City Hall and Police Relocation Project.” 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.

Bob Soukup, on behalf of Carlson West Povondra Architects, then presented Application and Certificate of Payment No. 4 from Otte Construction Company, LLC, in the amount of \$144,357.00 for the “Wayne Parks & Rec Maintenance Building Project.”

Keith Moje, representing Otte Construction Company, LLC, was present and updated Council on the project.

Councilmember Houser made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, approving Application and Certificate of Payment No. 4 in the amount of \$144,357.00 to Otte Construction Company, LLC, for the “Wayne Parks & Rec Maintenance Building Project.” 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.

Council then recessed for their mini-retreat. Discussion items were:

- Electric Project updates
- Downtown landscaping
- Appointment of a Council representative to the Wayne America Board – three Councilmembers showed interest in being appointed to this Board – Austyn Houser, Brittany Webber and Clayton Bratcher. Mayor Giese was going to visit with each one of them before making a decision on an appointment.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mayor Giese declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.