

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 15, 2025**

The Wayne City Council met in regular session at the new location of City Hall (513 Main Street) on April 15, 2025, at 6:00 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, Parker Bolte, Dwaine Spieker, Brittany Webber, Clayton Bratcher, Jason Karsky, Matt Eischeid, and Jill Brodersen; 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 Giese advised the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the table 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 Bratcher, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 1, 2025, and to waive the reading thereof. Mayor Giese 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:

APPROVED 4/1/25: OTTE CONSTRUCTION, SE, 83798.00; OTTE CONSTRUCTION, SE, 127151.00
VARIOUS FUNDS: ACE HARDWARE & HOME, SE, 1,461.56; AMERITAS, SE, 197.87; AMERITAS, SE, 35.00; AMERITAS, SE, 116.66; AMERITAS, SE, 3706.60; AMERITAS, SE, 72.00; ARDUSAR,

SHARON, RE, -200.00; ARDUSER, SHANNON, RE, 200.00; BENSCOTER CONSTRUCTION, SE, 420.00; BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD, SE, 54292.91; CERTIFIED TESTING SERVICES, SE, 464.00; CHASE PAYMENTECH, FE, 12.42; CHASE PAYMENTECH, FE, 1147.24; CHASE PAYMENTECH, FE, 192.54; CINTAS, SU, 159.83; CIRBA SOLUTIONS SERVICES, SU, 125.50; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 485.54; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 157.75; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 178.79; CITY OF NORFOLK, SE, 130.48; CITY OF WAYNE, PY, 128028.41; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 748.12; COPY WRITE PUBLISHING, SE, 416.15; COPY WRITE PUBLISHING, SE, 11.25; CORE & MAIN, SU, 450.96; COTTONWOOD WIND PROJECT, SE, 18880.16; DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, SE, 3501.99; ECHO GROUP, SU, 222.10; ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT, SU, 1247.20; ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT, SU, 94.08; ESRI, SE, 3070.00; EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, SU, 583.40; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 955.19; GERHOLD CONCRETE, SU, 645.99; GLOBAL PAYMENTS INTEGRATED, FE, 1442.67; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 95.33; HUNDERTMARK CLEANING SYSTEMS, SU, 33.80; ICMA, SE, 1300.04; ICMA, SE, 270.84; ICMA, SE, 369.23; ICMA, SE, 158.98; ICMA, SE, 617.03; ICMA, SE, 214.81; ICMA, SE, 148.60; ICMA, SE, 11421.42; ICMA, SE, 572.26; ICMA, SE, 170.50; ICMA, SE, 272.00; IRS, TX, 4991.40; IRS, TX, 14189.69; IRS, TX, 21342.58; J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS, SU, 1355.36; JEFF'S RPM SERVICE, SU, 2486.65; LUTT OIL, SU, 5309.44; MAAS, COURTNEY, SU, 126.26; MAIN STREET GARAGE, SU, 320.70; MAXNET SECURITY, SE, 2962.50; MERCHANT SERVICES, FE, 6.09; MERCHANT SERVICES, FE, 6811.85; MERCHANT SERVICES, FE, 939.08; MICHAEL TODD INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, SU, 467.11; MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES, SE, 890.50; MIDWEST LABORATORIES, SE, 293.07; MILLER, LOGAN, FE, 150.00; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, 6635.11; NE DEPT OF REVENUE-CHARITABLE GAMING DIV, TX, 1346.00; NE DEPT OF REVENUE-COMPLIANCE DIV, RE, 392.15; NPPD, SE, 8250.24; NORFOLK DAILY NEWS, SE, 45.00; NORTHEAST POWER, SE, 6474.00; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, SE, 44.86; OPTK NETWORKS, SE, 408.54; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 134.97; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 241.28; PAC N SAVE, SU, 1439.40; PEARCY, SHAWN, SU, 13.90; QUALITY 1 GRAPHIC, SU, 750.00; QUALITY FOOD CENTER, SU, 31.98; SOOLAND BOBCAT, SU, 920.75; STADIUM SPORTING GOODS, SU, 1050.00; STATE NEBRASKA BANK & TRUST, SE, 67.76; STATE NEBRASKA BANK-PETTY CASH, RE, 108.23; STUDIO 2B DESIGN, SE, 245.00; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, SE, 4468.75; ULINE, SU, 183.69; WASTE CONNECTIONS, SE, 210.50; WAYNE AUTO PARTS, SU, 1028.31; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 285.00; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 1254.72; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 2145.00; WAYNE HIGH POST PROM, RE, 200.00; WAYNE HIGH SCHOOL, RE, 200.00; WAYNE STATE WRESTLING, RE, 150.00; WAYNE VETERINARY CLINIC, SE, 112.00; WAPA, SE, 25371.85; WESTERN IOWA TECH, FE, 475.00; WISNER WEST, SU, 106.52; ALL HOURS TOWING, SE, 225.00; ALLO COMMUNICATIONS, SE, 1270.58; APPEARA, SE, 264.27; BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS, SU, 1034.09; BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION, SE, 153014.35; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SE, 2729.60; CARLSON WEST POVONDRA ARCHITECTS, SE, 283.50; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 571.88; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 171.87; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 3117.96; COMPRESSOR WORLD, SU, 16047.88; DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE, SE, 74.73; DAVIS FORD, SE, 340.45; DEMCO, SU, 276.46; DUTTON-LAINSON, SU, 12465.60; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, SE, 1454.44; ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, SU, 28057.02; EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, SU, 123.09; FIRST CONCORD GROUP, SE, 4428.62; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 385.83; GRAINLAND ESTATES, RE, 1399.49; GRAPHIC CONTROLS ACQUISITION CORP, SU, 122.14; HILAND DAIRY, SU, 235.93; HYDRO OPTIMIZATION, FE, 500.00; ICMA, FE, 858.66; IIMC, FE, 195.00; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES, SU, 756.04; JOHNSON SERVICE, SE, 4500.00; KTCH, SE, 170.00; LESEBERG, LISA, RE, 150.00; MOMAR INCORPORATED, SU, 224.22; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, SU, 1312.02; NE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, FE, 40.00; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 330.28; OVERDRIVE, SU, 1563.91; PER MAR SECURITY SERVICES, SE, 6249.96; PLUMBING & HEATING WHOLESALE, SE, 9347.37; QUADIENT LEASING USA, SE, 3397.26; STANLEY STEEMER-CONCORD, SE, 1500.00; STAPLES, SU, 87.44; THE PENDER TIMES, SU, 52.00; THE WAKEFIELD REPUBLICAN, SU, 52.00; ULINE, SU, 356.09; US BANK, SU, 14540.52; US FOODSERVICE, SU, 2422.51; UTILITY EQUIPMENT, SU, 346.73; WAYNE AMERICA, FE, 20.00; WESCO, SU, 2457.79; ZIMCO SUPPLY, SU, 830.00

Councilmember Brodersen made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Houser, to approve the claims. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Courtney Birth, representing the Cruise Main in Wayne Committee, was present, to request Council consideration to allowing food trucks to park/operate on/at the former Riley's property for Cruise Main in Wayne on the following dates: May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, August 15th, and September 19th. This is the same request as last year.

After discussion, Councilmember Karsky made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, to approve the request of the Cruise Main in Wayne Committee to allow food trucks to park/operate on/at the former Riley's property for Cruise Main in Wayne on the following dates: May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, August 15th, and September 19th. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

In addition, Courtney Birth, on behalf of the Cruise Main in Wayne Committee, made a request to allow 5th Street, from Main Street to the alley, to be closed on Friday, June 20, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. until midnight. This date will be included in the Wayne America special events policy. They intend to have a band that will play from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Councilmember Bolte made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Houser, approving the request of the Cruise Main in Wayne Committee to allow 5th Street, from Main Street to the alley, to be closed on Friday, June 20, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. until midnight. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Giese declared the time was at hand for the public hearing to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding the Final Plat for the "Sawyer Addition."

The applicant is Mitch Sawyer. The Planning Commission met on April 7, 2025, and is recommending approval of the Final Plat, with the "Findings of Fact" being consistency with the current and future land use maps and the Comprehensive Plan and staff's recommendation.

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

Isaac Kreikemeier, Design Engineer with JEO Consulting Group, and Mitch Sawyer were present to answer questions.

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

Councilmember Eischeid introduced Resolution 2025-22, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Karsky seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-22

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE “SAWYER ADDITION,” CITY OF WAYNE, WAYNE COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

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

The following Resolution would approve the Subdivision Agreement for the “Sawyer Addition.”

Councilmember Eischeid introduced Resolution 2025-23, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Webber seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-23

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE “SAWYER ADDITION” SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT.

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

Councilmember Karsky introduced Ordinance No. 2025-6 and moved for approval of the third and final reading thereof; Councilmember Webber seconded.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-6

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF REAL ESTATE FROM I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND MANUFACTURING DISTRICT TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

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

Administrator Blecke stated the following Resolution would approve a Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Wayne Fire Department and the Elkhorn Valley Mutual Aid Association.

Councilmember Spieker introduced Resolution No. 2025-24, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Houser seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-24

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAYNE AND THE ELKHORN VALLEY MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION.

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

Roger Protzman, representing JEO Consulting Group, Inc., stated four bids were received on April 10, 2025, for Group A – Test Well and Water Supply Well, and six bids were received for Group B – Well Building and Transmission Main for the “Wayne Well House and Municipal Well 2025-1 Project.” After review of the same, JEO Consulting Group, Inc., is recommending the projects be awarded to the following low bidders:

- Group A – Test Well & Water Supply Well: Sargent Drilling, Geneva NE - \$299,474.38; and
- Group B – Well Building & Transmission Main: Otte Construction, Wayne NE - \$989,986.40.

Councilmember Brodersen introduced Resolution No. 2025-25, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Bolte seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-25

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT ON THE “WAYNE WELL HOUSE AND MUNICIPAL WELL 2025-1 PROJECT.”

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

Administrator Blecke stated DGR has prepared plans and specs for both a switchgear and control panel for the “Northeast Substation Project.” The cost estimate is \$750,000. If approved, the City Clerk will begin advertising for bids.

Clayton Dredge, Electric Distribution Superintendent, was present to answer questions.

Councilmember Eischeid introduced Resolution No. 2025-26, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Houser seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-26

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR A 15 kV SWITCHGEAR AND 69 kV CONTROL PANEL FOR THE NORTHEAST SUBSTATION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS.

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

Administrator Blecke advised the Council that the plans and specs for the “Prairie Park Phase 4-A Project” were not ready for this meeting, so action on the same will be postponed until the May 6th Council meeting.

Councilmember Eischeid made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Spieker, to set the Mini-Retreat date for Tuesday, April 29th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Wayne Fire Hall. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Giese advised the Council that he submitted his resignation which will be effective April 28, 2025.

Councilmember Spieker made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Webber, to accept the resignation of Mayor Cale Giese effective April 28, 2025. Mayor Giese stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmember Houser who voted Nay, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mayor Giese declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.