

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 20, 2025

The Wayne City Council met in regular session at City Hall (513 Main Street) on May 20, 2025, at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

Council President Matt Eischeid 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, and Jason Karsky; City Administrator Wes Blecke; Finance Director Beth Porter; and City Attorney Amy Miller. One vacancy. Absent: Mayor Jill Brodersen and City Clerk Betty McGuire.

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.

Council President Eischeid advised the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the table in 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.

Council President Eischeid requested Council consideration to the Mayoral appointment of Dallas Dorey as Councilmember for Ward 4.

Councilmember Spieker made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Houser, approving the Mayoral appointment of Dallas Dorey as Councilmember for Ward 4. Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Attorney Miller then gave the Oath of Office to Dallas Dorey as Councilmember for Ward 4.

Councilmember Bratcher made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Spieker, to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 6, 2025, and to waive the reading thereof. Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried and the Minutes approved.

The following claims were presented to Council for their approval:

PAID ON 5/6/25: OTTE CONSTRUCTION, SE, 85648.00

VARIOUS FUNDS: ACE HARDWARE & HOME, SU, 128.20; ALCOHOL COUNTERMEASURE SYSTEMS, INC, SU, 179.80; APPEARA, SE, 90.31; APPEARA, SE, 169.91; AUTO ANATOMY ALTERNATIVES, SE, 167.66; AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS, SU, 6469.31; AUTUMN CUSTOM SEEDING, SE, 15600.00; BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS, SU, 825.43; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SE, 1563.22; BOK FINANCIAL, SE, 657,862.50; CARHART LUMBER COMPANY, SU, 282.48; CENGAGE LEARNING, SU, 53.28; CINTAS, SU, 440.04; CIRBA SOLUTIONS SERVICES, SU, 502.00; CIRBA SOLUTIONS SERVICES, SU, 125.50; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 1000.00; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 109.03; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 614.61; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 150.90; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 1017.74; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 235.50; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 62.58; CITY OF NORFOLK, SE, 130.48; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 2513.03; CIVICPLUS, SE, 320.00; COPY WRITE PUBLISHING, SE, 1147.00; CORE & MAIN, SU, 1668.23; CORNERSTONE, RE, 1024.24; COTTONWOOD WIND PROJECT, SE, 16839.22; COUNTRY NURSERY, SU, 600.00; DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE, SE, 74.73; DAVIS FORD, SU, 338.78; DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, SE, 3552.66; DEMCO, SU, 169.30; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, FE, 40.49; ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT, SU, 403.75; ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, SU, 2591.03; ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, SE, 609.00; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 334.70; GERHOLD CONCRETE, SU, 465.78; GERHOLD CONCRETE, SU, 5534.09; GLOBAL PAYMENTS INTEGRATED, SE, 1559.55; GRANBERG, KAREN, RE, 200.00; GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, SE, 146.76; HELENA AGRI-ENTERPRISES, SU, 120.00; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 112.15; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 92.01; HOLMES, JODI, RE, 200.00; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES, SU, 762.68; JASON JORGENSEN, FE, 35.00; JMB CONTRACTING, RE, 1000.00; JOHN'S WELDING AND TOOL, SE, 105.00; KARR, JOHN, RE, 10.00; KONE, SE, 2130.96; KTCH, SE, 1326.00; LIGHT OF THE WORLD GOSPEL MINISTRIES, RE, 150.00; LUTT OIL, SE, 7748.56; LUTT TRUCKING, SE, 375.00; MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, SE, 18512.81; MEADOWVIEW ESTATES, RE, 500.00; MERCHANT SERVICES, SE, 0.30; MEYER, SU, 1250.00; MIDWEST LABORATORIES, SE, 356.07; MIGHTY DUCTS, SE, 5981.30; MILLER LAW, SE, 6343.75; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, SU, 536.98; NEBRASKA GENERATOR SERVICE, SE, 2284.45; NPPD, SE, 8250.24; NIELSEN TREE FARM, SU, 6180.00; NMPP ENERGY, SE, 3000.00; NO SWETT FENCING, SU, 1600.00; NORTHEAST NE INS AGENCY, SE, 314.00; OPTK NETWORKS, SE, 408.54; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 1663.49; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 104.75; PICK TRUCKING, SE, 892.50; PIERSON PAINTING, SE, 1800.00; PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL, SE, 111.95; POSTMASTER, SU, 1217.66; QUALITY FOOD CENTER, SU, 31.76; RIEKES EQUIPMENT, SE, 2484.81; SCHULTZ, EVERETT, RE, 500.00; SCHWARZENBACH, ROBERT, RE, 150.00; STADIUM SPORTING GOODS, SE, 72.00; STAN HOUSTON EQUIPMENT, SE, 85.00; STAPLES, SU, 51.68; STAPLES, SU, 342.32; STUDIO 2B DESIGN, SE, 105.00; SUPERCIRCUITS, SU, 509.00; THRASHER, RE, 500.00; TITAN MACHINERY-SC, SE, 11129.13; TOTAL GRAPHICS, SU, 2386.33; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, SU, 1403.00; US BANK, SU, 17811.62; US FOODSERVICE, SU, 2661.82; UTILITY EQUIPMENT, SU, 2228.12; VAN DIEST SUPPLY, SU, 305.00; VERIZON, SE, 674.83; VOLKMAN PLUMBING & HEAT, SE, 845.20; WAYNE AUTO PARTS, SU, 357.65; WAYNE COUNTY CLERK, SE, 10.00; WAYNE COUNTY CLERK, SE, 22.00; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 174.00; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 2822.70; WAYNE HERALD, SE, 479.00;

WAYNE HERALD, SE, 417.00; WAYNE HIGH SCHOOL, RE, 3347.00; WAYNE VETERINARY CLINIC, SE, 280.00; WESCO, SU, 18630.31; WAPA, SE, 24135.25; WISNER WEST, SU, 44.68; ZACH HEATING & COOLING, SU, 2700.00; ZIMCO SUPPLY, SU, 5210.50; ALLO COMMUNICATIONS, SE, 1278.41; AMERITAS, SE, 116.66; AMERITAS, SE, 72.00; AMERITAS, SE, 3715.30; AMERITAS, SE, 35.00; AMERITAS, SE, 197.87; APPEARA, SE, 126.80; FIREMAN, RE, 50.00; BEBEE, TIMOTHY J. & LESLIE A, RE, 3076.61; BEIERMANN ELECTRIC, SE, 1079.82; BENSCOTER, RE, 7686.85; BENSCOTER, LOUIS, RE, 12097.10; BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION, SE, 136411.48; CARLSON WEST POVONDRA ARCHITECTS, SE, 2039.22; CITIZENS STATE BANK, RE, 2211.26; CITIZENS STATE BANK, RE, 7899.92; CITIZENS STATE BANK, RE, 13279.50; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 188.00; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 17.00; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 1967.62; CITY OF PONCA, RE, 15451.55; CITY OF WAYNE, PY, 132428.91; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 7127.65; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 1043.28; CITY OF WEST POINT, RE, 22425.90; CITY OF WISNER, RE, 2337.05; CORE BANK, RE, 6759.36; CXT INCORPORATED, SE, 260974.62; DGR & ASSOCIATES, SE, 31016.00; DOBIAS, JESSICA, RE, 150.00; ELKINS PORTABLE RESTROOMS, SE, 375.00; FASTWYRE BROADBAND, SE, 926.26; FIREMAN, RE, 50.00; FIRST CONCORD GROUP, SE, 6590.43; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 760.87; GIESE, BRECK, RE, 3692.98; GRAINLAND ESTATES, RE, 9323.16; HALLGREN, AARON, RE, 200.00; HEARTLAND FIRE PROTECTION, SE, 141.00; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 151.22; ICMA, SE, 270.84; ICMA, SE, 158.98; ICMA, SE, 214.81; ICMA, SE, 617.03; ICMA, SE, 148.60; ICMA, SE, 369.23; ICMA, SE, 1300.04; ICMA, SE, 11421.45; ICMA, SE, 572.26; ICMA, SE, 272.00; ICMA, SE, 170.50; IRS, TX, 21912.22; IRS, TX, 5124.66; IRS, TX, 14611.15; IRS, TX, 348.00; IRS, TX, 1488.00; IRS, TX, 3812.31; JE MEURET GRAIN, RE, 3692.99; JORGENSEN, KEN, RE, 4061.74; LEY, DAVID & KATHRYN, RE, 6759.36; MZRB, RE, 3961.17; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, 6759.06; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, 142.04; NELSEN, KYLE, RE, 200.00; NERC, SE, 1274.46; NORTHEAST POWER, SE, 30712.14; PETERSON, CARTER, RE, 1398.46; PLUMBING & HEATING WHOLESALE, SU, 409.70; PONCA RURAL FIRE BOARD, RE, 3698.80; PROGRESSIVE PROPERTIES, RE, 1697.74; PROGRESSIVE PROPERTIES, RE, 1935.02; PROGRESSIVE PROPERTIES, RE, 599.46; REEG, BETTY S. Revocable Trust, RE, 2796.91; FIREMAN, RE, 200.00; RODRIGUEZ, NANCY, SE, 65.00; FIREMAN, RE, 100.00; SEBADE CONSTRUCTION, RE, 1000.00; SEBADE HOUSING, RE, 1012.97; SEBADE HOUSING, RE, 1832.36; SEBADE HOUSING, RE, 463.63; STATE NEBRASKA BANK-PETTY CASH, RE, 374.58; TOMPKINS, RODNEY R. Irrevocable Trust, RE, 2796.91; TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS, SU, 8060.42; TRUJILLO, ENOC, RE, 200.00; USA BLUE BOOK, SU, 353.20; VILLAGE OF WINSIDE, RE, 4944.00; WAYNE HOSPITALITY, RE, 8169.26; WAYNE RENTALS, RE, 2410.94; WESCO, SU, 3220.70

Councilmember Bolte made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Spieker, to approve the claims. Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Phil Monahan was present and advised the Council he was appointed the Fire Chief by the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department for the upcoming year. This is his 15th year serving as Fire Chief.

Councilmember Webber made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, approving the appointment of Phil Monahan as Fire Chief. Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Council President Eischeid stated the time was at hand for the public hearing regarding the application for a Retail Class D Liquor License for Gini, LLC, d/b/a “Fast Pik,” located at 310 S Main Street.

Hemal Patel was present to answer questions.

City Clerk McGuire had not received any comments for or against this public hearing.

There being no further comments, Council President Eischeid closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Spieker introduced Resolution No. 2025-30 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Bratcher seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-30

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A RETAIL CLASS D LIQUOR LICENSE — GINI, LLC, D/B/A “FAST PIK.”

Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Luke Virgil, Economic Development Director, representing Wayne America, Inc., and on behalf of the Chicken Show Committee, was requesting the following streets be closed during the Chicken Show activities:

- Friday, July 11th, from 2:30 p.m. until midnight for the annual Henoween Celebration: Main Street from the north side of Fairgrounds Avenue to the south end of 2nd and Main Street. The committee will secure concrete barriers to be placed at south 2nd and Main as well as North Fairgrounds Avenue and Main. An additional barrier will be placed along the intersection of Main and 1st Streets. There will also be a beer garden north of Wayne Auto Parts. The layout has been discussed with Police Chief Marlen Chinn.
- Saturday, July 12th from 6:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for the Annual Chicken Show celebration in Bressler Park: 10th Street from Lincoln Street to Douglas Street; Lincoln Street from 10th Street to 8th Street; and intersections at 10th and Lincoln Streets, and 9th and Lincoln Streets are requested to be closed. The intersections at 10th and Douglas and 9th and Douglas will be open to allow traffic flow adjacent to the park.
- On behalf of Wayne Kiwanis: to close part of East 2nd Street from 6:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 12th from the intersection of 2nd and Main Streets to the alley for their omelet feed and seating area.
- Saturday, July 12th from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. (or until the end of the parade): Main Street from 1st Street to 10th Street (including intersections) and 10th Street from Main Street to Lincoln Street. Lincoln Street from 10th Street to 7th Street will also be used for the parade.

West 1st Street from Main to Sherman Street and Grainland Road will be closed for the parade line up and monitoring entries via golf cart or ATV.

- Sunday, July 13th, for the Crowing Motors Car Show from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.: 2nd Street from Main Street to Pearl Street and Pearl Street from 2nd - 3rd Street, including the intersection of 2nd and Pearl Street be closed.

Councilmember Bratcher made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, approving the request of the Chicken Show Committee to close the following streets during the Chicken Show activities:

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Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Spieker introduced Resolution No. 2025-31 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Bolte seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-31

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TEMPORARY USE OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM FOR SPECIAL EVENTS.

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

Councilmember Bolte made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Houser, approving the request for a fireworks display on Saturday, July 12, 2025, for the Chicken Show Celebration at the ballfield at Prairie Park. Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Paul Davis, representing DGR, advised the Council that there was one responsive bid received from Harold K. Scholz Company (HKS) of Ralston, Nebraska, for the total purchase price of \$622,000.00 (Base Bid Price \$610,000.00 + Optional Bid Item: Relay and Meter Testing \$12,000.00). HKS' bid included the switchgear, control panel and relay testing. The switchgear breakers are manufactured by Eaton. DGR stated they are familiar with the HKS and Eaton materials and see of no reason why they would not perform well on this project. This bid was below the engineer's estimate (\$750,000). They recommend that Council award the contract to HKS for a total price of \$622,000.00.

Councilmember Houser introduced Resolution 2025-32, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Webber seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-32

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT ON THE 15 kV SWITCHGEAR AND 69 kV CONTROL PANEL FOR THE "NORTHEAST SUBSTATION PROJECT" – HAROLD K. SCHOLZ COMPANY FOR \$622,000.

Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Council President Eischeid stated he and the Mayor Brodersen met with Administrator Blecke to review his contract and go over his evaluation. Three items have been changed in the contract:

1. Reinstated the travel per diem to \$100 per month;
2. Contract is for 17 months rather than 12 months (expires the end of November, 2026); and
3. A salary increase of 7%.

Councilmember Houser made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, to approve the City Administrator's agreement/contract as amended.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-33

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.

Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Spieker introduced Ordinance 2025-8, and moved for approval of the second reading thereof; Councilmember Webber seconded.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-8

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WAYNE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE III ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 31 CITY COUNCIL, SECTION 31.27 REGULAR MEETINGS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried. The third and final reading will take place at the next meeting.

Council President Eischeid requested Council consideration to appointing Parker Bolte to the Wayne America Board (replacing Jill Brodersen).

Councilmember Webber made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bratcher, approving the appointment of Parker Bolte to the Wayne America Board. Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Council President Eischeid requested Council consideration to appointing Lincoln Havranek to the Wayne Housing Authority.

Councilmember Bolte made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Webber, approving the appointment of Lincoln Havranek to the Wayne Housing Authority. Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding the City's Investment Policy and City Checking Account, and whether or not the checking account should go out for bids.

Matt Ley, representing State Nebraska Bank & Trust, spoke against bidding the checking account out.

Administrator Blecke stated the audit committee, which will soon be renamed to “Finance Committee,” can review and discuss the matter in the near future. That committee consists of Mayor Jill Brodersen, and Councilmembers Matt Eischeid and Austyn Houser.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Council President Eischeid declared the meeting adjourned at or about 6:45 p.m.