

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 4, 2025

The Wayne City Council met in regular session at City Hall on August 4, 2025, at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

Mayor Jill Brodersen called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, with the following in attendance: Councilmembers Parker Bolte, Dwaine Spieker, Brittany Webber, Clayton Bratcher, Jason Karsky and Matt Eischeid; City Administrator Wes Blecke; City Clerk Betty McGuire; and City Attorney Amy Miller. Absent: Councilmembers Austyn Houser and Dallas Dorey.

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 Brodersen 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, she 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 Bratcher made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Webber, to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 21, 2025, and to waive the reading thereof. Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Houser and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Minutes approved.

The following claims were presented to Council for their approval:

VARIOUS FUNDS: AMERITAS, SE, 72.00; AMERITAS, SE, 202.58; AMERITAS, SE, 35.00; AMERITAS, SE, 3402.28; APPEARA, SE, 253.54; BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS, SU, 718.98; BIG STONE TRANSPORTATION & LANDSCAPE SUPPLY, SU, 1736.25; BOMGAARS, SU, 3147.79;

BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, SU, 612.47; BOSE, JULIE, RE, 30.00; BROWN, SANDY, RE, 339.97; CARHART LUMBER COMPANY, SU, 258.95; CARLSON WEST POVONDRA ARCHITECTS, SE, 141.75; CDW GOVERNMENT, FE, 2915.31; CENGAGE LEARNING, SU, 106.56; CHAMBERLAIN, LUCIA, RE, 200.00; CHESTERMAN, SU, 1896.95; CINTAS, SU, 197.65; CIRBA SOLUTIONS SERVICES, SU, 878.50; CITY EMPLOYEE, REM 266.54; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 370.24; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 942.44; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 263.05; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 163.66; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 227.86; CITY OF WAYNE, PY, 153087.45; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 2161.60; CONTINENTAL FIRE SPRINKLER, SE, 223.00; DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE, SE, 537.60; ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT, SU, 513.00; ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, SE, 3200.00; FIREMAN, RE, 852.42; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 596.48; GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, SU, 262.78; H.K. SCHOLZ COMPANY, SU, 1730.00; HASEMANN FUNERAL HOME, RE, 200.00; HAUSMANN CONSTRUCTION, RE, 1000.00; HAWKINS, SU, 3690.83; HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE, FE, 6014.18; HILAND DAIRY, SU, 189.81; ICMA, SE, 214.81; ICMA, SE, 272.00; ICMA, SE, 623.47; ICMA, SE, 584.44; ICMA, SE, 11156.23; ICMA, SE, 1300.04; ICMA, SE, 42.62; ICMA, SE, 148.60; ICMA, SE, 270.84; ICMA, SE, 369.23; ICMA, SE, 158.98; IRS, TX, 5802.72; IRS, TX, 15918.98; IRS, TX, 24811.72; J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS, SU, 2142.00; JEO CONSULTING GROUP, SE, 8325.56; KEPSCO ENGRAVING, SU, 11.70; KONE, SE, 3231.00; L.G. EVERIST, SU, 939.60; LUTT TRUCKING, SE, 375.00; MARCO, SE, 224.02; MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, SE, 184.50; MEYER, SU, 1325.00; MIDWEST TAPE, SU, 1964.90; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, 7593.21; NE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC, FE, 75.00; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB, SE, 60.00; NE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, SE, 208.00; NE STATE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC, FE, 820.00; NILES, TYSON, RE, 15.00; NORTHEAST NE INS AGENCY, SE, 9495.00; OLSSON, SE, 5630.00; OVERHEAD DOOR, SE, 293.75; POSTMASTER, SU, 1308.63; PREMIER BIOTECH, SE, 271.54; QC FOUNDATION REPAIR, RE, 500.00; QUADIENT FINANCE, SU, 1000.00; QUALITY 1 GRAPHIC, SE, 30.00; ROBERT WOehler & SONS, SE, 69427.98; RUBENDALL, RACHEAL, RE, 10.00; SCHULTZ, EVERETT, RE, 500.00; SILVER SILO DESIGN, SE, 265.32; STAPLES, SU, 50.52; TENTINGER, CRAIG, RE, 40.00; ULINE, SU, 144.33; WESCO, SU, 4606.35; WISNER WEST, SU, 71.43; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 399.83; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 115.49; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 67.77; DAVIS FORD, SU, 109.60; DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, SE, 75.68; DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, SE, 3498.07; ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT, SE, 622.00; FIRST CONCORD GROUP, SE, 4481.12; GUARANTEE ROOFING, SE, 2100.00; HELENA AGRI-ENTERPRISES, SU, 1978.00; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 119.78; INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM, SU, 101.46; JOHN'S WELDING AND TOOL, SU, 2.44; JOHNSON HEALTH TECH RETAIL, SE, 915.30; LOVE SIGNS, SE, 1852.91; MAIN STREET GARAGE, SU, 278.95; NE LAW ENFORCEMENT, FE, 315.00; NORTHEAST NE INS AGENCY, SE, 8654.00; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 9.99; PLUMBING & ELECTRIC SERVICE, SE, 10741.10; WAHLTEK, SE, 2500.00

Councilmember Bratcher made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Spieker, to approve the claims. Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Houser and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Roger Protzman, representing JEO Consulting Group, Inc., presented (via phone) Contractor's Application for Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$201,445.79 to Gehring Construction and Ready Mix Co., Inc., for the "Wayne 7th Street Trail Project."

An analysis is being done by JEO regarding the discrepancy in storm drainage pipe size that was in the plans and what is actually underground, and an update would be brought to Council once that analysis has been completed.

Councilmember Eischeid made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Spieker, approving Contractor's Application for Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$201,445.79 to Gehring Construction and Ready Mix Co., Inc., for the "Wayne 7th Street Trail Project." Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Houser and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Cody Westerhold, Dean of Students at Wayne State College, submitted a request to close Main Street, between 1st and 11th Streets, on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the WSC Homecoming/Wildcat Days Parade. This is an annual request.

Councilmember Karsky introduced Resolution No. 2025-45 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Spieker seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-45

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

Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Houser and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Spieker made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bratcher, approving the Contract for Services between the City of Wayne and the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges – Wayne State College for the homecoming parade. Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Houser and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Jordan Utesch, representing Olsson, (via phone) reviewed the one bid received on the "Wayne Prairie Park – Phase 4 Roundabout/Parks & Rec Building Paving Project."

The bid was from TR (Tim) Harris who has done most of the paving at Prairie Park so far. This bid was in line with the engineers' estimates, but a little lower on the alternate. The alternate was to "fill in" and pave the entire roundabout (minus the inside where the tree is and the islands). The bids were as follows:

- Bid for Phase 4B - **\$399,246.95** (engineers' estimate - **\$400,203.65**)
- Bid for Phase 4B with alternate - **\$490,012.85** (engineers' estimate - **\$510,309.17**)

Administrator Blecke stated the alternate is very good pricing, but is it something Council wants to do? The project would lose that \$90,000 for additional ballfield work, but we have an anchor area we won't have to maintain with rock and concrete/blacktop in the future. It would be maintenance free, but obviously at a substantial start-up cost. In Mr. Blecke's opinion, if the Council would ever want to concrete this roundabout, this would be the time to do it, especially since the City received the Walter Scott Foundation funds.

Pros and cons were discussed regarding the alternate.

After discussion, Councilmember Eischeid introduced Resolution No. 2025-46 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Karsky seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-46

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT ON THE "WAYNE PRAIRIE PARK – PHASE 4 ROUNDABOUT/PARKS & REC BUILDING PAVING PROJECT" – TR HARRIS CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR \$490,012.85.

Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Houser and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The following Resolution would allocate \$96,105 in property tax to the Wayne Municipal Airport Authority. This is an annual request that the Airport Authority makes to the Council. Last year's allocation was \$83,787.

Beth Porter, Finance Director, was present to answer questions.

Councilmember Eischeid introduced Resolution No. 2025-47 and moved for its approval, Councilmember Webber seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-47

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF PROPERTY TAXES TO THE WAYNE AIRPORT AUTHORITY (\$96,105).

Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Houser and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Wayne Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) is asking Council consideration to approving the request to allocate 2.6 cents per \$100.00 of the taxable value of real property within the City of Wayne to the CRA. This would bring in approximately \$99,950 based upon an estimated 6% increase in valuations, in revenue for the CRA. This levy is made available to the CRA by State Statute.

Councilmember Karsky introduced Resolution No. 2025-48 and moved for its approval, Councilmember Bolte seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-48

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF PROPERTY TAXES TO THE WAYNE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – 2.6 CENTS PER \$100.00 OF THE TAXABLE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF WAYNE.

Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Houser and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried

Councilmember Webber introduced Ordinance No. 2025-12, and moved for approval of the second reading thereof; Councilmember Bolte seconded.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XV LAND USAGE, CHAPTER 152 ZONING, SECTION 152.111 SFP FLOODPLAIN DISTRICT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; AND TO PROVIDE THAT SAID ORDINANCE BE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Houser and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried. The third and final reading will take place at the next meeting.

Luke Virgil, Economic Development Director, presented his semi-annual LB840 program report.

Councilmember Spieker made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Webber, setting the second budget work session for August 18th. Mayor Brodersen stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Houser and Dorey who were absent, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The budget work session then took place in the lower level conference room.

Beth Porter, Finance Director, reviewed the proposed budget.

- There is an assumption of a 6% increase in the current property valuation. Staff reviewed new budget forms changes.
- Keno Funds – there is a balance of approximately \$128,000 in that fund now. Mayor Brodersen wanted to use \$25,000 of said funds for a grant program to be available to any business in Wayne for façade improvements (up to \$5,000 and the business would need to match that amount). Other suggestions for the Keno funds were: topiary or sculpture in the roundabout at Prairie Park and painting the downtown light poles.
- The municipal equalization funds the City receives yearly is being reduced by approximately \$40,000 this year. The State has a new formula being used, and one item pertains to a City's current levy. Since we lowered the levy, we are getting penalized by the State. The thought process is, if you lower your levy, you have more room to increase taxes at the local level. Therefore, if you decide to lower the levy this year, we will probably lose more funds next year.

The following Departments reviewed their budgets with Council:

- Senior Center and Transit
- Fire Department
- Electric Production
- Electric Distribution
- Water/Wastewater
- Economic Development

Public Works, Parks and Rec, Library and Police will review their budgets at the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mayor Brodersen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.