

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 1, 2025**

The Wayne City Council met in regular session at City Hall on December 1, 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, Joe Whitt, Jason Karsky, and Dallas Dorey; City Administrator Wes Blecke; City Clerk Betty McGuire; and City Attorney Amy Miller. Absent: Mayor Jill Brodersen.

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.

Councilmember Spieker made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Houser, to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 17, 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:

VARIOUS FUNDS: ACES, SE, 1,161.39; AMERITAS, SE, 72.00; AMERITAS, SE, 35.00; AMERITAS, SE, 5,190.26; AMERITAS, SE, 240.27; AMGL, SE, 11,780.00; APPEARA, SE, 143.38; APPEARA, SE, 86.63; ARROWHEAD DEVELOPMENT, RE, 1,000.00; BAUE, COLTON, SE, 43.00; BOK FINANCIAL,

SE, 4,175.00; BOK FINANCIAL, SE, 7,002.50; BOMGAARS, SU, 2,806.15; BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, SU, 674.74; BROWN, SANDY, RE, 60.29; BSN SPORTS, SU, 360.00; CARHART LUMBER COMPANY, SU, 714.43; CENGAGE LEARNING, SU, 131.25; CG TAYLOR, RE, 74,250.00; CHEMQUEST, SE, 695.00; CINTAS, SU, 486.10; CINTAS, SU, 76.63; CITY EMPLOYEE, RE, 117.37; CITY OF WAYNE, PY, 142,417.54; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 773.27; COLONIAL RESEARCH, SU, 187.45; DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE, SE, 537.60; DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE, SE, 75.68; DGR & ASSOCIATES, SE, 19,419.00; DOESCHER REPAIR, SE, 109.00; DWEE-FISCAL SERVICES-IWM., SE, 197,965.87; DWEE-FISCAL SERVICES-IWM, SE, 86,136.52; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, SE, 325.94; ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT. SU, 703.69; ENGEL, ERIN, SE, 105.00; ENGINEERED CONTROLS, SE, 2,760.00; FASTWYRE BROADBAND, SE, 856.65; FASTWYRE BROADBAND, SE, 930.02; GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, RE, 50.00; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 155.34; HILAND DAIRY, SE, 96.04; ICMA, SE, 11,244.12; ICMA, SE, 272.00; ICMA, SE, 214.81; ICMA, SE, 623.47; ICMA, SE, 43.40; ICMA, SE, 584.44; ICMA, SE, 1,324.36; ICMA, SE, 148.60; ICMA, SE, 158.98; ICMA, SE, 270.84; ICMA, SE, 369.23; IRS, TX, 24.46; IRS, TX, 23,543.76; IRS, TX, 5,506.26; IRS, TX, 16,618.75; IRS, TX, 104.62; JACK'S UNIFORMS, SU, 141.20; JACK'S UNIFORMS, SU, 1,401.35; JASON JORGENSEN CONCRETE & CONSTRUCTION, SE, 28,000.00; JEO CONSULTING GROUP, SE, 4,044.61; JEO CONSULTING GROUP, SE, 1,314.56; JEO CONSULTING GROUP, SE, 2,207.56; JOHNSON HEALTH TECH RETAIL, SU, 248.78; JUNCK, CARTER, SE, 43.00; KARSKY, RYAN, SE, 17.00; KEPCO ENGRAVING, SU, 11.70; KOLBECK, BRANDI, RE, 50.00; MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, SU, 166.44; MARCO, SE, 198.02; MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, SE, 184.50; MCQUISTAN, SHARON, RE, 500.00; MIDWEST TAPE, SU, 125.78; MILLER LAW, SE, 165.28; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, 6,788.78; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, 15.66; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB, SE, 835.00; NELSEN, MIA, SE, 300.00; NERC, SE, 1,274.33; NEXIC, SE, 1,379.57; NNEDD, SE, 257.50; NNEDD, SE, -257.50; NORTHEAST NE INS AGENCY, SE, 27.00; NORTHEAST NE INS AGENCY, SE, 257.50; NORTHEAST POWER, SE, 30,397.86; OLSSON, SE, 17,749.94; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 263.96; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 31.98; O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES, SU, 188.76; OVERDRIVE, SU, 1,161.75; PETERS, TRICIA, RE, 50.00; PLANET NEBRASKA, FE, 100.00; POSTMASTER, SU, 1,318.60; QUADIANT FINANCE USA, SU, 1,000.00; SANCHEZ, VICTOR, RE, 150.00; SIEVERS, MADY, SE, 315.00; SILVER SILO DESIGN, SE, 476.22; SKARSHAUG TESTING LAB, SE, 302.26; STADIUM SPORTING GOODS, SE, 72.00; STAN HOUSTON EQUIPMENT, SU, 12,162.48; STAPLES, SU, 362.61; STAPLES, SU, 62.09; STATE NEBRASKA BANK & TRUST, RE, 6,310.00; STATE NEBRASKA BANK-PETTY CASH, RE, 108.99; SUN RIDGE SYSTEMS, SE, 3,703.00; UTILITY EQUIPMENT, SU, 270.00; VERIZON, SE, 639.84; VOLKMAN PLUMBING & HEAT, SE, 553.34; WAYNE SENIOR CENTER, SU, 100.75; WESCO, SU, 722.25; WESCO, SU, 5,617.50; WEST POINT AUTO & TRUCK CENTER, SE, 7,904.74; WINNER'S CIRCLE, SU, 31.59; WISNER WEST, SU, 144.94

Councilmember Houser made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, 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.

Council President Eischeid stated the time was at hand for the public hearing regarding the application for a Retail Class C (on and off sale) Liquor License for The 4th Jug, LLC, d/b/a "The Max Again," located at 109 Main Street.

Hunter Jorgensen, the applicant, 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 Houser introduced Resolution No. 2025-69 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Bolte seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-69

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A RETAIL CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE — THE 4TH JUG, d/b/a “THE MAX AGAIN.”

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

Luke Virgil, WAED Economic Development Director, advised the Council that the Public Art Committee is recommending the adoption of a “Wayne Public Art Policy.” This Policy is intended to provide a process and a framework for the display of public art in the City of Wayne. The policy provides language on the art program objectives and priorities, art committee makeup, artwork and artist selection, and asset management. The “Wayne Public Art Policy” was adapted from the City of Lincoln Public Art Master Plan with permission. Attorney Miller reviewed the Committee’s version of the Policy and provided revisions thereto. On November 17th, the Committee voted to recommend approval of the current version of the Policy and forward the same to Council for their consideration.

Councilmember Webber introduced Resolution No. 2025-70 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Houser seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-70

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC ART POLICY.

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

The following Resolution would approve a “Master Services Agreement” with Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN). MEAN has been providing assistance in preparing U.S. Department of Energy’s Energy Information Administration reports for the City over the past 5+ years (e.g. EIA-860 - Annual Electric Generator Report; Form EIA-861 - Annual Electric Power Industry Report; and EIA-923

- Annual Power Plant Operations Report). MEAN has also been providing assistance with applications and filings required by the Nebraska Department of Water, Environment and Energy (NDWEE), including permit applications/renewals, emissions reporting, records maintenance and more, including the following reports: Certification of Compliance (COC) Report; State and Local Emissions Inventory System (SLEIS) Report; and 750 Semi-Annual Report of Deviations. This Master Services Agreement was last approved and signed by Mayor Giese in 2020. The cost of preparing and submitting the reports is \$750-\$1,000 per report.

Councilmember Karsky introduced Resolution No. 2025-71 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Webber seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-71

A RESOLUTION APPROVING MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NEBRASKA (MEAN) FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO PREPARING AND SUBMITTING VARIOUS UTILITY-RELATED FORMS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WAYNE.

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

Clayton Dredge, Electric Distribution Superintendent, stated he had received two bids for the purchase of a 2026 4WD Reg Cab Work Truck. Both the Ford and the Chevrolet are comparable. This truck will replace a 2010 Chevy that the Parks and Rec Department has been using the last couple of years. The purchase of this truck has been budgeted for the past couple of years (\$70,000). Those bids were as follows:

- Davis Ford - \$66,381
- Sid Dillon Chevrolet - \$68,480

Staff recommendation was to accept the low bid from Davis Ford for \$66,381. In addition, staff had no objection if the vehicle was a 2025 or 2026 truck.

Ryan Davis, owner of Davis Ford, was present to answer questions.

Councilmember Houser introduced Resolution No. 2025-65 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Webber seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-65

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 FORD F-350 REG CAB XL WORK TRUCK RECEIVED FROM DAVIS FORD FOR UP TO \$66,381 — ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT.

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 on both Ordinance No. 2025-18 and 2025-19. Council received an email from a Wayne citizen noting concerns with the passage of the golf car ordinance (e.g. speed limit on sidewalks, the lack of seatbelts, when they can be driven on city streets).

City Attorney Miller noted while not every issue can be addressed in the ordinance, the ordinance can be amended at any time if changes are needed to be made.

Councilmember Webber introduced Ordinance No. 2025-18, and moved for approval of the second reading thereof; Councilmember Houser seconded.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WAYNE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE VII TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTER 70 GENERAL PROVISIONS – ALL-TERRAIN AND UTILITY-TYPE VEHICLES TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE 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.

Councilmember Bolte introduced Ordinance No. 2025-19, and moved for approval of the second reading thereof; Councilmember Webber seconded.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WAYNE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE VII TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTER 70 GENERAL PROVISIONS – ALL-TERRAIN AND UTILITY-TYPE VEHICLES TO ADD A SECTION PERTAINING TO GOLF CARS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE 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.

Administrator Blecke, on behalf of Roger Protzman with JEO Consulting Group, Inc., presented Contractor's Application for Payment No. 5 in the amount of \$78,069.14 to Gehring Construction and Ready Mix Co., Inc., for the "Wayne 7th Street Trail Project." In addition, he updated the Council on the project.

Councilmember Bolte made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Houser, approving Contractor's Application for Payment No. 5 in the amount of \$78,069.14 to Gehring Construction and Ready Mix Co., Inc., for the "Wayne 7th Street Trail Project." Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Jordan Utesch, on behalf of Olsson, presented Change Order No. 1 from T.R. Harris Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$10,490.33 for the "Wayne Prairie Park Phase 4 – Parks & Rec/Roundabout Paving Project." The Change Order represents quantity adjustments.

Councilmember Houser made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, approving Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$10,490.33 to T.R. Harris Construction, Inc., for the "Wayne Prairie Park Phase 4 – Parks & Rec/Roundabout Paving Project." Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

Jordan Utesch, on behalf of Olsson, presented Pay Application No. 2 (Final) from T.R. Harris Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$296,843.08 for the "Wayne Prairie Park Phase 4 – Parks & Rec/Roundabout Paving Project." In addition, he updated the Council on the project.

Councilmember Bolte made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Houser, approving Pay Application No. 2 (Final) in the amount of \$296,843.08 to T.R. Harris Construction, Inc., for the "Wayne Prairie Park Phase 4 – Parks & Rec/Roundabout Paving Project." Council President Eischeid stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Council President declared the motion carried.

The City has received the Annual Renewal Maintenance Agreement from the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT). This is their standard form of renewal agreement. The City will

pay the NDOT \$2,090.00 per lane mile or \$5,977.40 in 2026 for the surface maintenance on 2.86 lane miles of highway through Wayne.

However, due to an increase in cost of materials and equipment, NDOT will begin using a 3-year state average (per lane mile) to create a fair rate for snow removal, system preservation and right-of-way maintenance. Each supplement year after 2026 will show a 3% increase. Following the third supplement, the Department will calculate a new 3-year average for a new base rate set to begin in 2030.

Councilmember Houser made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Bolte, approving the Annual Renewal Maintenance Agreement (2026) with the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation. 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 on the 306 Pearl Street building (former City Hall).

Administrator Blecke suggested using the building as a “business incubator.” You would help a business get started in this “incubator space,” and then they would get out on their own in the free market in a permanent location.

Joel Hansen, Street and Planning Director, had concerns regarding ADA issues with this building and explained what would need to be done to make it ADA compliant. This would vary, depending on the use of the building (e.g. additional bathrooms, functioning elevator).

Attorney Miller noted there are liability issues that need to be addressed before anyone moves into this building. She suggested that she, the interested party, Joel Hansen and Administrator Blecke all meet so that the issues and concerns can be addressed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Council President Eischeid declared the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.