

Regular Council Meeting

April 27, 2022

The Wakefield City Council met in a regular meeting on April 27, 2022 in the Council Chambers at 407 Main Street at 5:30 P.M. with the following present: Also present: Mayor Eaton, City Administrator Litchfield, City Attorney Miner, Utility Foreman Mogus, Administrative Coordinator Decker, and Clerk Vander Veen.

Mayor Eaton opened the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Eaton informed those present of the Nebraska Open meetings Law, and where a copy of such was posted in the Council Chambers for review.

Craig Reinsch, Senior Engineer with Olsson, Inc., was present via Zoom to discuss the funding sources for the new water treatment plant. Currently, the City has been approved for funding with the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) which needs to be reserved by May 15, 2022. This loan is for \$6.5 million with zero-percent interest and 20% forgiveness. Reinsch added that the schedule for the loan states bidding would take place in August 2022 with construction to begin in October 2022. However, there is a possibility of better funding becoming available to the City. If this should happen, and the Council agrees to the new funding sources, the loan with NDEE can be amended as can the schedule. By signing the agreement with NDEE tonight, the \$6.5 million will be held for the City.

Council Member Val Bard moved to introduce and pass Resolution 12-2022 (Amendment 1) to the Loan Agreement between the City of Wakefield and the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy. Council Member Ross Hansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: Absent, Larry Soderberg: aye

Council Member Val Bard moved to introduce and moved to pass Resolution 11-2022 that executes the contract for loan between the City and the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy for Project No. D311657. Council Member Ross Hansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: Absent, Larry Soderberg: aye

Council Member Bard introduced Ordinance 8-2022 to change the computation water rates from per thousand gallons usage basis to a per hundred gallon usage basis.

Council Member Larry Soderberg moved to waive the three readings of Ordinance 8-2022. Council Member Ross Hansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: Absent, Larry Soderberg: aye

Council Member Larry Soderberg Soderberg moved for final passage of Ordinance 8-2022 changing the computation of water rates from a per thousand gallon usage basis to a per hundred gallon usage basis. Council Member Ross Hansen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: Absent, Larry Soderberg: aye

Council Member Val Bard Moved to approve the appointment of Steve Greve to the Park Board. Council Member Larry Soderberg seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: Absent, Larry Soderberg: aye

Discussion was held regarding a six-month review of Clerk/Treasurer. The Mayor would like to see the Council members complete the Clerk/Treasurer's evaluation. Eaton will get a copy of the evaluation form the City of Wayne uses. In the future City Administrator Mackling will take care of the City Staff's evaluations. In the meantime, the Mayor encouraged the council to be thinking about possible pay raises and the effects of inflation on the community.

Council Member Ross Hansen moved to adjourn at 5:45pm. Council Member Val Bard seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Val Bard: aye, Ross Hansen: aye, Scott Hansen: Absent, Larry Soderberg: aye

Paul Eaton, Mayor

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County of Dixon)
City of Wakefield)

I, the undersigned City Clerk of Wakefield, Nebraska, do certify that all the subjects in the attached proceedings, were contained in the agenda for the meeting on April 27, 2022 kept current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours to the meeting, that said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

Pam Vander Veen, City Clerk