

Wahoo Public Library**Wahoo, Nebraska****August 25, 2026**

The Council met in Regular session in the Wahoo Public Library, in compliance with the agenda posted at City Hall, Post Office, and First Bank of Nebraska, and the City of Wahoo website, with each Council member being notified of the agenda prior to the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gerald D. Johnson at 7:00 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The public was informed of the location of posting of the Open Meetings Law. Roll call was taken with the following Council members: Ryan Ideus: Present, Stuart Krejci: Present, Patrick Nagle: Present, Chris Rappl: Present, Shane Sweet: Present, Carl Warford: Present.

Street Superintendent Wynn reported on the Street, Storm Water and Cemetery Departments.

City Clerk Fasel read a memo from the General Committee regarding backyard chickens. Their recommendation was not to make changes to the current regulations.

City Council Member Krejci motioned, and City Council Member Warford seconded to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the August 11, 2026, minutes of the City Council and approval of the following claims:

- BLD – Jackson Services \$164.15, Koranda Lawn Care \$120.00, Plunkett's \$439.26
- CEM – Celebrate Life Co \$500.00
- EDU – Benchmark \$68.70, Ne Library Assoc \$300.00, Wonderful Life Project \$451.32
- EQU – Rose Equipment \$143.60
- INS – LARM \$2,665.43
- LIB – Ingram \$245.91, K&S Mechanical \$7,154.00
- MED – Bonta, John \$3,000.00, BoundTree \$275.98, Stryker \$176.73, Teleflex \$1,330.00
- PAR – Mack Bros Sports Construction \$37,387.50
- STR – Bader's Highway & Street \$53,683.00, Valley Corp \$643.00
- UTL – AT&T \$103.66, Charter \$464.98, OPPD \$43.24, Verizon \$580.52
- VEH – O'Reily \$479.59, Sid Dillion \$300.81, Wahoo Auto Parts \$454.57

Roll call vote Ideus: yes, Krejci: yes, Nagle: yes, Rappl: yes, Sweet: yes, Warford: yes. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing regarding the one- and six-year road plan was opened at 7:28pm. Street Superintendent Wynn presented on the plan. There were no comments from the public.

City Council Member Warford motioned, and City Council Member Krejci seconded to close the public hearing at 7:37pm. Roll call vote Ideus: yes, Krejci: yes, Nagle: yes, Rappl: yes, Sweet: yes, Warford: yes. Motion carried.

City Council Member Warford motioned, and City Council Member Sweet seconded to approve the one- and six-year road plan as presented. Roll call vote Ideus: yes, Krejci: yes, Nagle: yes, Rappl: yes, Sweet: yes, Warford: yes. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director Stuhr spoke to the interlocal agreement between the City of Wahoo and Saunders County to allow the City to place a continuation of a ½ cent sales tax question on the next election ballot. This would be a continuation of an existing ½ cent sales tax. It is intended for this sales tax to fund city infrastructure projects.

City Council Member Warford motioned, and City Council Member Nagle seconded to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Wahoo and Saunders County to allow the City of Wahoo to place a 1/2 cent sales tax question on the ballot. Roll call vote Ideus: yes, Krejci: yes, Nagle: yes, Rappl: yes, Sweet: yes, Warford: yes. Motion carried.

City Council Member Krejci motioned, and City Council Member Sweet seconded to approve Resolution No 2026-20 a resolution to authorize calling an election on the question of continuing the 1/2 cent sales tax to pay costs for constructing a civic center for the City of Wahoo for the November 2026 election.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-20

RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF WAHOO, NEBRASKA, ON THE QUESTION OF CONTINUING THE EXISTING SALES AND USE TAX RATE OF 0.5%; USING SUCH SALES AND USE TAX TO PAY THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE CITY; AND RELATED MATTERS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. The Mayor and City Council hereby find and determine as follows:

- a. In order to promote the health and wellness of the citizens of the City, and to promote economic development and growth of the City and surrounding area, it is in the best interests of the City to construct and acquire infrastructure improvements of the City (the **"Projects"**). The Projects may include such infrastructure improvements determined to be necessary or appropriate by the City Council from time to time.
- b. It is necessary and appropriate for the City to seek the continuation of funding for a portion of the cost of the Projects from sources other than property taxes.
- c. The City currently imposes a City Sales and Use Tax in the total amount of 2.0% pursuant to the Local Option Revenue Act, sections 77-27,142, *et seq.* of the Nebraska Statutes (the **"Existing City Sales and Use Tax"**), 0.5% of which was approved by the qualified electors of the City at the election held on May 15, 2018, and which is currently imposed pursuant to Ordinance No. 2281 (the **"Existing 0.5% Sales Tax"**). The Existing 0.5% Sales Tax is authorized to continue until the later of January 1, 2029, or until any bonds for which revenues from such Existing 0.5% Sales Tax have been pledged have been fully repaid.
- d. Section 77-27,142(2) of the Nebraska Statutes allows the City Council to continue to impose the Existing 0.5% Sales Tax for the purpose of funding infrastructure improvements, including the Projects, following an election at which a majority of the qualified electors of the City approve continuation of such Existing 0.5% Sales Tax.
- e. Currently, the City intends to pursue development and construction of a new civic center facility as part of the Projects with a goal of including programming and activity spaces supporting community recreation, health and wellness, aquatic activities, youth programs, and related administrative functions; as well as gymnasium and court space, fitness and wellness areas, an indoor pool, youth program space, group fitness rooms, a walking track, locker rooms, administrative offices, and related improvements, furnishings, equipment, and site work as may be necessary or appropriate for the

facility. The viability of such a civic center depends on the continuation of the Existing 0.5% Sales Tax and the success of finding other funding sources.

- f. No reductions or eliminations of other taxes or fees are expected to result from the continuation of the Existing 0.5% Sales Tax, and no savings or efficiencies are expected to result from the infrastructure improvements, including the Projects. The ballot question herein may be submitted to the electors upon an affirmative vote of at least seventy percent (70%) of all of the members of the City Council. The question of imposing a sales and use tax has not been submitted to the electors of the City during twenty-three (23) months preceding November 3, 2026.

Section 2. At the November 3, 2026, general election, the following proposition regarding continuation of the Existing 0.5% Sales Tax in the form shown below shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City for their approval or disapproval:

CITY OF WAHOO
CONTINUATION OF SALES TAX

Shall the City Council of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska continue to impose the existing sales and use tax of one-half percent (0.5%) upon the same transactions within the City on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax, with all revenues generated by continuation of the one-half percent (0.5%) to be used for public infrastructure projects of the City under the following terms and conditions?

Use of 0.5% Sales Tax. Revenues from continuation of the 0.5% sales and use tax are to be used for public infrastructure projects of the City as described in and permitted by the Local Option Revenue Act (the "Projects"). The Projects may include such infrastructure improvements determined to be necessary or appropriate by the City Council from time to time. If the City identifies appropriate funding sources in addition to continuation of such sales and use tax, the City intends for the Projects to include development and construction of a new civic center facility of the City (the "Civic Center") with features that could include programming and activity spaces supporting community recreation, health and wellness, aquatic activities, youth programs, and related administrative functions; as well as gymnasium and court space, fitness and wellness areas, an indoor pool, youth program space, group fitness rooms, a walking track, locker rooms, administrative offices, and related improvements, furnishings, equipment, and site work as may be necessary or appropriate for the facility.

Interlocal Agreement. The City and Saunders County have entered into an Interlocal Agreement which creates the Wahoo Civic Center Advisory Committee for purposes related to the proposed Civic Center. The Interlocal Agreement contains provisions, including benchmarks, relating to the long-term development of unified governance of a Civic Center. None of the revenue from continuation of such 0.5% sales and use tax will be transferred to the Wahoo Civic Center Advisory Committee, but shall be used by the City for such purposes determined appropriate by City Council.

Term and Expiration of 0.5% Sales Tax. The 0.5% sales and use tax shall commence upon termination of the existing 0.5% sales and use tax approved by the qualified electors of the City at the election held on May 15, 2018, which is scheduled to expire on January 1, 2029, and shall terminate no more than ten years after the effective date of the 0.5% sales and use tax or, if bonds are issued and the local option sales and use tax revenue is pledged for payment of such bonds, upon payment of such bonds and any refunding bonds, whichever date is later.

VOTE FOR or AGAINST

☐ FOR said sales and use tax

☐ AGAINST said sales and use tax

Electors voting in favor of the foregoing proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the word “FOR” following the proposition, and electors voting against such proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the word “AGAINST” following the proposition.

Section 3. Qualified electors desiring to vote in favor of or against the foregoing proposition shall do so on the ballot in the manner specified by the Saunders County Election Commissioner.

Section 4. The general election shall be conducted by the Saunders County Election Commissioner at polling places established by the County Election Commissioner in each of the City’s precincts. The polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. on the day of the general election.

Section 5. A Notice of Election in substantially the form attached to this resolution shall be published in the Lincoln Journal Star, a legal newspaper of general circulation in the City not more than 30 days nor less than 10 days before the date of the election.

Section 6. The City Clerk shall cause a certified copy of this Resolution to be delivered to the Saunders County Election Commissioner on or before September 1, 2026.

Section 7. This Resolution shall become effective following its passage and approval.

Roll call vote Ideus: yes, Krejci: yes, Nagle: yes, Rappl: yes, Sweet: yes, Warford: yes. Motion carried.

City Council Member Krejci motioned, and City Council Member Ideus seconded to approve the Final Reading of Ordinance No 2506 regarding the definition of single family dwelling.

ORDINANCE NO. 2506

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1886, KNOWN, AND CITED, AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, NEBRASKA, ADOPTED JANUARY 27, 2005, BY THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2.03 DEFINITIONS– 2.03.160 DWELLING, SINGLE FAMILY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ANY SECTION, CLAUSE, OR PROVISION OR PORTION FOUND UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR INVALID; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith;

Roll call vote Ideus: yes, Krejci: yes, Nagle: yes, Rappl: yes, Sweet: yes, Warford: yes. Motion carried.

City Council Member Rappl motioned, and City Council Member Krejci seconded to approve a request for encroachment of City Right of Way for the South 10 foot of 16th Street near Chestnut Street for a retaining wall to help with storm water runoff located at the Wahoo Armory building . Roll call vote Ideus: yes, Krejci: yes, Nagle: yes, Rappl: yes, Sweet: yes, Warford: yes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm

Approved:

Christina Fasel, City Clerk

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor