

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 6:00 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: Absent, Carl Warford: Present.

City council member Krejci motioned, and City Council Member Nagle seconded to approve the consent agenda which included acceptance of the excused absent of Shane Sweet, approval of the minutes from the September 8, 2026, minutes of the city council, and approval of the following claims: BLD - Jackson Services \$169.54, K&S Mechanical \$6,400.00, Koranda Lawn Care \$200.00, CEM – ArborVentures \$2,500.00, EDU - League of Nebraska Municipalities \$410.00, Nebraska Mosquito and Vector Control Association \$100.00, EQU – Eakes \$1,035.48, Outdoor Power & Service \$1,076.11, Scholz \$6,000.00, LIB - Association for Rural & Small Libraries \$200.00, Ingram \$300.77, MED – Airgas \$200.80, Bound Tree \$775.42, One Billing Solutions \$6,785.30, MISC - C2 Construction \$500.00, Dorothy, Rick \$500.00, Hancock Construction \$500.00, Millennium Homes \$1,000.00, National Concrete Cutting \$2,137.95, NE Dept of Ag \$378.20, ONCenter Construction \$2,500.00, Tim & Seth Maly Construction \$500.00, Wahoo Public Schools \$4,518.65, Wahoo Utilities \$103,404.45, Woodsmith Builders \$1,000.00, POS – USPS \$410.00, PUB – Lincoln Journal Star \$67.84, STR – Bomgaars \$2,422.91, Central Salt \$5,674.79, Contech \$4,765.20, JF Concrete \$38,305.85, Sherwin-Williams \$1,319.30, Sykes \$646.00, Wahoo Concrete \$381.50, SUP – Quill \$205.65, UTL - AT&T Mobility \$221.16, Butler Public Power District \$36.77, Charter \$886.76, Omaha Public Power District \$43.94, Otte Oil and Propane \$255.02, T Mobile \$22.00, Verizon \$160.04, VEH – Amazon \$1,034.69, Gene Steffy Auto \$42,192.00, Inland Truck Parts \$32.95, North Central Emergency Vehicles \$1,029.07, O'Reilly Auto Parts \$25.36, Pomp's \$208.64, Wahoo Auto Parts \$63.76. Roll call vote Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Sweet, absent and not voting; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Rappl, yes. Motion carried.

A public hearing regarding an application for rezone of a property described as PT SW SW & PT SE SW 34-15-7 commonly known as 1750 N Elm Street from TA – Transitional Ag to R1 – Low Density Residential was opened at 7:02pm. There were no comments from the public. City Council Member Krejci motioned, and City Council Member Warford seconded to close the hearing at 7:03pm. Roll call vote Krejci, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, absent and not voting, Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2511 was introduced by Council Member Krejci entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, NEBRASKA, BY CHANGING THE PRESENT ZONING OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE, TO WIT:

PT SW SW & PT SE SW 34-15-7 SAUNDERS COUNTY

FROM TA – TRANSITIONAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO R1 – LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; THAT THE WAHOO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAHOO, NEBRASKA, AS OF JULY 23, 2010, AS IT PERTAINS TO THE AREA TO BE REZONED, AS AFORENOTED, SHOWS THE FUTURE LAND USE TO BE LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL.

Council Member Krejci moved and Council Member Warford seconded that the statutory rules in regard to the passage and adoption of ordinances be suspended so that the said ordinance might be introduced, read by title, and then moved for final passage at the same meeting. The Mayor put the question and instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the vote thereon. Roll call vote: Roll call vote Krejci, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes. The motion having been carried by the affirmative votes of no less than three-fourths of the members of the Council, the Mayor declared the statutory rules in regard to the passage and approval of ordinance be suspended so that Ordinance No. 2511 may be read by title and moved for final passage in the same meeting.

Council Member Krejci moved and Council Member Warford seconded that Ordinance No. 2511 be approved and passed and its title agreed to. The Mayor instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the vote. Roll call vote: Roll call vote Krejci, yes; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, absent and not voting, Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

City Council Member Krejci motioned, and City Council Member Ideus seconded to approve the 2026-27 Fiscal Year budget as presented. Roll call vote Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, absent and not voting; Warford, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

City Council Member Krejci motioned, and City Council Member Ideus seconded approve Resolution 2026-21 to set the 2026-tax levy rate.

Resolution No. 2026-21
Resolution to Set Property Tax Request

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the City Council of the City of Wahoo must pass by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law on September 22, 2026, to hear and consider comments from the public concerning the property tax request:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Wahoo that:

1. The 2026-2027 property tax request shall be set at \$2,572,265.79 and shall be levied as follows for the following funds:

	<u>Tax Amount</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$2,317,265.79	0.451434
Bond Fund	<u>\$255,000.00</u>	<u>0.051409</u>
TOTAL	\$2,572,265.79	0.502843

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 4.68%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$.485135 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. The City of Wahoo proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.502843 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of \$15,474,607.00 of the City of Wahoo will increase from last year's operating budget by 33%.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026.

	2025	2026	Change
Operating Budget	\$11,621,133.00	\$15,474,607.00	33%
Property Tax Request	\$2,481,684.31	\$2,572,265.79	4%
Valuation	488,676,478	511,544,617	5%
Tax Rate	\$.507838	\$0.502843	-1%
Tax Rate if prior tax request was at current value		\$0.485135	

DATED this 22nd day of September, 2026.

Roll call vote Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, absent and not voting; Warford, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

City Council Member Krejci motioned, and City Council Member Rappl seconded to approve a 3% Cost of Living adjustment for the City of Wahoo and Wahoo Utilities employees for the 2026-27 fiscal year. Roll call vote Krejci, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, abstain; Sweet, absent and not voting; Warford, yes; Ideus, yes. Motion carried.

City Council Member Warford motioned, and City Council Member Krejci seconded to approve the solid waste hauler annual renewal applications from Roadrunner, Waste Connections and S2 Rolloffs. Roll call vote Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, absent and not voting; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

The City Council reviewed the received requests for proposals that had been received regarding a new three year solid waste hauler contract. City Council Member Warford motioned, and City Council Member Krejci seconded to select roadrunner. Roll call vote Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, absent and not voting; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

City Council Member Krejci motioned, and City Council Member Ideus seconded to approve Resolution No 2026-22 the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Works.

Roll call vote Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, absent and not voting; Warford, yes; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

Utilities General Manager Hurst spoke about the need for the establishing of a sanitary sewer extension district. He detailed the costs and the process that the utilities department would follow to take over and repair a currently privet line that connects five properties. City Attorney Lausterer spoke to the legal process the City will need to follow.

City Council Member Rappl motioned, and City Council Member Nagle seconded to introduced and approve the first reading of Ordinance No 2512 – Creating Sanitary Sewer Extension District 2026-01.

City Council Member Krejci motioned, and City Council Member Ideus seconded to introduce resolution No 2026-23, A resolution of Necessity for the Creation of Sanitary Sewer Extension District 2026-01.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-23

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY

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

1. The Mayor and Council hereby find and determine that it is necessary and advisable to construct additions and improvements to the City's Sanitary Sewer System (Sanitary Sewer Extension District No. 2026- 01) consisting of the following:

Construction of three sanitary sewer manholes and one cleanout along an existing private 6-inch sewer line beginning on the northerly side of the intersection of West 9th Street and Locust Street with the installation of a new manhole (MH A) over the existing sanitary sewer main. The sewer line serves five residences in the general area. From that point, the work extends easterly approximately 120 feet to a new manhole (MH B) to be constructed over the existing 6-inch sewer line, then northerly approximately 215 feet to a new manhole (MH C) on the existing 6-inch sewer line. Thence east 134 feet to install of a plastic cleanout to be brought to the surface with lid. The new manholes will be 48-inch-diameter precast concrete manholes with 24-inch cast iron ring-and-cover castings. The manholes (MHA & MH B) will require removal and replacement of existing pavement. The existing sewer line between MH B and MH C will include constructing a cured-in-place liner inside the existing sewer line.

2. The outer boundaries of Sanitary Sewer Extension District No. 2026-01 are as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of Lot 4, Block 7 Remington Addition to the City of Wahoo, Saunders County, Nebraska, thence easterly to the northeast corner of the West 44' of Lot 3 thence due south 124 ½ feet, thence west 28 feet, thence south approximately 44 feet to the southern boundary of Lot 3, thence 16 feet west, thence south along the east line of Lot 1, Block 7 Remington Addition, to the south border of Lot 1, thence west to the ½ lot line of Lot 1, thence north along the west border of the ½ lot line to the north boundary of Lot 1, thence west along the north boundary line of Lot 1 to the west boundary line of Lot 4, then north along the west boundary line of Lot 4 to the point of beginning. Said description may be modified upon production of a suitable survey

3. The size, kind and location and terminal points of sanitary sewer system proposed to be constructed as part of said addition and improvements is as follows:

Construction of three sanitary sewer manholes and one cleanout along an existing private 6-inch sewer line beginning on the northerly side of the intersection of West 9th Street and Locust Street with the installation of a new manhole (MH A) over the existing sanitary sewer main. The sewer line serves five residences in the general

area. From that point, the work extends easterly approximately 120 feet to a new manhole (MH B) to be constructed over the existing 6-inch sewer line, then northerly approximately 215 feet to a new manhole (MH C) on the existing 6-inch sewer line. Thence east 134 feet to install of a plastic cleanout to be brought to the surface with lid. The new manholes will be 48-inch-diameter precast concrete manholes with 24-inch cast iron ring-and-cover castings. The manholes (MHA & MH B) will require removal and replacement of existing pavement. The existing sewer line between MH B and MH C will include constructing a cured-in-place liner inside the existing sewer line.

4. Reference is hereby made to the plans and specifications for said additions and improvements which have been reviewed and approved by JEO Consulting Group, Special Engineers for the City who has been employed for such purpose, and which, together with said Engineer's estimate of total cost for said additions and improvements have been filed with the City Clerk prior to the publication of this Resolution.

5. The Engineer's estimate of total cost for the proposed improvements for said Districts is as follows:

SANITARY SEWER EXTENTION DISTRICT NO. 2026-01

\$33775.28

6. It is hereby found and determined that the Sanitary Sewer Improvements constitute improvements of benefit to all properties located in Remington Addition to the City of Wahoo, and said improvements shall be made at public cost, but special assessments shall be levied against all property benefited thereby. Said sanitary sewer improvements shall be financed by the Wahoo Utilities.

7. There being no petition filed in opposition to this resolution as provided by Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-916, the Mayor and City Council hereby orders the making of the improvements described herein.

The vote for this item will take place at the October 27, 2026 meeting of the City Council after the Council has heard any objections.

City Council Member Rappl motioned, and City Council Member Ideus seconded to approve Resolution No 2026-24 to set a public hearing date to hear objections regarding the creation of the Sanitary Sewer Extension District for November 24, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-24

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

Section 1. That at a meeting of the Mayor and Council held September 22, 2026, there was proposed a Resolution of Necessity for the construction of sanitary sewer improvements within proposed Sanitary Sewer Extension District No. 2026-01 located in the Remington Addition to the City of Wahoo, Nebraska.

Section 2. That a hearing shall be set for the 27th day of October, 2026 for consideration of said Resolution, and that notice be provided for at least two publications in the Lincoln Journal Star Newspaper, which shall contain the entire wording of the Resolution, with the last publication not less than five days nor more than two weeks prior to the time set for hearing of objections to the passage of the

resolution, at which hearing the owners of the property, which might become subject to assessment for the contemplated improvements, may appear and make objections to the proposed improvement.

Section 3. That the Clerk shall cause notice of said hearing and a copy of the proposed resolution to be served upon the property owners affected by the resolution.

Roll call vote Rappl, yes; Ideus, yes; Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Warford, yes; Sweet, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

City Council Member Ideus motioned, and City Council Member Krejci seconded to approve the changes to Library Department job descriptions and adjustments to Library Department pay scales. Roll call vote Ideus, yes; Krejci, yes; Warford, yes; Sweet, absent and not voting; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

City Council Member Ideus motioned, and City Council Member Krejci seconded to approve an amendment to the assessment schedule for the Wilmer Ridge Subdivision. Roll call vote Ideus, yes; Krejci, yes; Warford, yes; Sweet, absent and not voting; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

City Council Member Warford motioned, and City Council Member Krejci seconded to accept the report from the Reviewing Authority regarding the Request for Reasonable Accommodations received regarding the keeping of back yard chickens. Roll call vote Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, absent and not voting; Rappl, yes; Nagle, yes. Motion carried.

City Council Member Rappl motioned, and City Council Member Warford seconded to approve an agreement with Stryker to purchase three cardiac monitor/defibrillators. Roll call vote Rappl, yes; Warford, yes; Krejci, yes; Nagle, yes; Ideus, yes; Sweet, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm

Approved:

Christina Fasel, City Clerk

Gerald D. Johnson, Mayor