

Village of Wauneta, Nebraska

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wauneta, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 6:35 p.m. on **March 12, 2024**, at the Wauneta Village Office.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Chairman Johnston publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was held.

Present: Beau Kramer, Crystal Walgren, Bob Goings and Page Johnston. Absent: Rick Einspahr.

Guests: Mike Dukes (Chase County Deputy), Beau Licking, Karen Fanning (Fanning Auction), GraCee Goings, RaNae Richardson (WCTC), and Arlan Wine (Village Attorney).

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on March 7, 2024, a copy of the proof of publishing being attached to these Minutes. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to the Chairman and all the Trustees and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of such notice is attached to these Minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice to the Chairman and all the Trustees. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Goings, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on February 13, 2024. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Einspahr. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Walgren, seconded by Goings, to approve Treasurer's Report (February 2024) and approve bills (March 2024) as presented. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Einspahr. Motion Approved.

**Water/Sewer**

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Jan 2024	352.71
SWPPD	Utilities – well 3	309.12
Baltazar Ramirez	Meter deposit refund	50.00
American Agri Labs	Water test fees	57.56
BW Telcom	Phone & Internet for SCADA System	144.24
SWPPD	Utilities – new wells	593.64
Water USDA Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1,338.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	800.00
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	261.59
Core & Main	Water meters	641.21
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Feb 2024	344.78

**Electric**

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Jan 2024	4,147.16
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 2/15	6,264.19
Baltazar Ramirez	Meter deposit refund	100.00
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fee	276.88
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – p/e 2/29	6,061.89
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HSA	1,332.54

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Adams Lumber	Shop – shelving	252.17
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	50.00
Bomgaars	Shop office – shelving	149.99
Border States Industries	Supplies	1,076.97
Dutton-Lainson	Supplies, transformers	10,059.36
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1,260.00
Fastenal Company	Supplies	100.22
Healthiest You	Supplemental Insurance – Teladoc	28.35
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	40.64
Imperial NAPA	Break cleaner	52.68
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	80.79
Nebraska Public Power District	Power – Feb 2024	26,155.66
One Call Concepts	Diggers hotline locates	11.16
SD Myers	Mtnc – transformer inspections	2,561.00
SWPPD	Subtransmission charge	1,600.64
US Dept of Energy	WAPA Power – Feb 2024	8,240.57
Walgren’s Supermarket	Office supplies	23.11
Wauneta Crossroads	Repairs, fuel	331.87
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	462.25
Premier Power LLC	Cap improv – school project	13,635.00
Sinner’s Paint & Body	Windshield – unit #1	795.68
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Feb 2024	3,428.50

**Village Bills**

Village of Wauneta	Payroll – p/e 2/15	2,479.28
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – p/e 2/29	2,178.67
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HSA	666.28
Amazon Capital Services	Books	103.49
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
BW Telcom	Phone, repairs	765.80
Carquest of McCook	Supplies	19.98
Chase County Treasurer	Police service contract	1,833.33
DEMCO	Summer reading program	86.23
Eakes Office	Office supplies	88.98
Fanning Farm Repair	Repairs - #4	382.75
Fyr-Tek	Repairs – city truck	1,133.50
Great Plains Communications	Phone	58.13
Imperial Republican	Publishing	149.20
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	34.35
MWC Inspections	Asbestos inspection	750.00
Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3,035.00
Walgren’s Supermarket	Office supplies	41.36
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, table	239.55
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	2,071.10
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Amanda Ziegler	Books	138.45

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Advanced Auto	Tire repair	18.00
Frenchman Valley Coop	Tire – unit #5	387.90
Sinner’s Paint & Body	Tire repair - #5	100.00

**KENO Account:**

Arnold Pool Company	Pool startup costs	2,268.06
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Chairman Johnston reviewed the Nursing Home’s Financial Reports for January 2024 and the Committee Meeting Report with the Village Board.

RaNae Richardson (WCTC) reported to the Village Board that the Electronic Health Record platform at the Nursing Home will need to be updated. She is waiting on estimates for the update.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Walgren, to approve the request from Fanning Auction - to close Pawnee Street (north of the Community Building) on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to allow more room for an auction being held at the Community Building on May 4. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Einspahr. Motion Approved.

Deputy Mike Dukes reviewed the Sherriff’s Report with the Village Board.

The Board reviewed a letter received from the Chase County Commissioners proposing an increase of fees for the Police Service Contract. Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Walgren, that we propose to the Chase County Commissioners that we revise the Contract for Police Services, to reflect an annual fee of \$36,480.00. Such revised amount to begin October 1, 2024. And to further revise the contract to reflect an annual increase of 3%. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Einspahr. Motion Approved.

Beau Licking was present and addressed the Board. He is interested in purchasing a vacant lot owned by the Village (73 S. Center). No action was taken; this will be put on the agenda for next month’s meeting.

Board member Kramer introduced Ordinance No. 2024-01, an ordinance establishing a schedule of rates to be charged for electric energy usage. Clerk Skelton read the Ordinance by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF WAUNETA, NEBRASKA, ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR ELECTRIC ENERGY BY THE UTILITY SYSTEM; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO DECLARE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Discussion was held on said ordinance. Chairman Johnston closed the public discussion on Ordinance No. 2024-01.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Kramer, that the Statutory Rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended for consideration of said Ordinance. Chairman Johnston asked the question: “Shall the Statutory Rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended?” Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Einspahr. Motion Approved.

Skelton read the title of Ordinance No. 2024-01. Motion made by Walgren, seconded by Goings, to approve the final passage of Ordinance No. 2024-01. Johnston asked the question: “Shall Ordinance No. 2024-01 be passed and adopted?” Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Einspahr. Johnston declared Ordinance No. 2024-01 duly adopted.

The Board discussed the needed repairs for the Municipal Building elevator and possible options to address the repairs. (The original bid for repairs was \$19,000.00).

Superintendent report given by Lawless.

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Motion made by Goings, seconded by Walgren, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Einspahr. Motion Approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Evelyn Skelton, Clerk