

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 6:45 p.m. on **May 13, 2025**, at the 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, Rick Einspahr and Page Johnston. Absent: Crystal Walgren and Kathy Kerchal.

Guests: Arlan Wine (Village Attorney), Wendy Moe (Chase County Clerk), Leanne Klein (Wauneta EMS), Jason Arellano (Wauneta EMS) and Chase County Commissioners: Billie Muehlenkamp, Kurt Bernhardt, and Jacci Brown.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three locations within the Village of Wauneta, a copy of the proof of posting 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.

Billie Muehlenkamp, Kurt Bernhardt and Jacci Brown (Chase County Commissioners) were in attendance to discuss the Wauneta Ambulance building. A new ambulance has been ordered for the Wauneta Emergency Management Service (EMS) but is wider than the current units. The Ambulance building may need some modifications to accommodate the new unit (doors made wider). The Village Board and the Commissioners discussed possible options to address this issue. A committee consisting of one of the County Commissioners, the Village Board and the Wauneta EMS will be formed to further investigate options.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on April 8, 2025. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Kerchal. Motion approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve Treasurer's Report (April 2025) and approve bills (May 2025) as presented. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Kerchal. Motion approved.

Water/Sewer:

SWPPD	Util - well 3	204.68
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – March 2025	328.17
American Agri Labs	Water test fees, sewer sample fees	383.64
BW Telcom	Phone/Internet – SCADA system	145.06
Nebraska Public Health	Water test fees	266.00
Petty Cash	Postage – water samples	132.85
SWPPD	Utilities – new north wells	581.80
Water Loan Reserve Fund	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1,338.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	925.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Supplies, propane – generators	452.58
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	207.12
SWPPD	Util – well 3	175.96

Electric:

Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 4/10	8,563.60
US Dept of Energy	WAPA Power – March 2025	9,239.19
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 4/24	8,798.35
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – March 2025	2,802.61
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fee	518.18
Intuit	Quickbooks renewal & fees	991.52
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HSA	1,998.80
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 5/8	8,625.35
Advance Auto	Repairs	906.52
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	150.00
Bomgaars	Supplies – shop	16.99
Eakes Office	Copies	506.78
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1,415.00
Frenchman Auto	Service – unit #1	164.75
Healthiest You	Teladoc – supplemental insurance	37.80
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	42.25
Imperial NAPA	Supplies – shop	55.08
JK Energy Consulting	Electric rate study	1,000.00
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	124.21
Nebr Public Power District	Power – April 2025	12,646.42
One Call Concepts	Diggers hotline locates	10.19
SWPPD	Subtransmission charge	1,484.48
US Dept of Energy	WAPA power – April 2025	9,758.06
USPS	Postage	280.00
Karen Walgren	Energy efficiency credit	400.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	324.25
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	258.58
Wesco Receivables	Operating supplies	166.14

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Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 4/10	3,352.49
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 4/24	3,550.66
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 4/24	152.90
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HSA	666.26
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 5/8	3,697.25
America Heritage Life	Accident insurance	50.00
BW Telcom	Phone	642.71
Barco Municipal Products	Signs	753.56
Tina Barnard	Cleaning – community building	54.00
Bomgaars	Repairs, supplies	61.97
Center Point Large Print	Books	175.00
Chase County Treasurer	Police service contract	3,040.00
Dan's R Us	Trash – ambulance barn	54.70
Eakes Office Plus	Supplies, copies	129.52
Fanning Farm Repair	Repairs – loader	997.27

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Frenchman Auto	Repairs unit #29	12.75
Gibbon's Tree Service	Tree spraying	1,950.00
Great Plains Communication	Phone	58.40
Harchelroad Motors	Repairs – bushhog	36.06
Hunter Heating & Cooling	Service HVAC unit – comm bldg.	587.50
Imperial Republican	Publishing	206.63
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	34.35
Owens True Value	Repairs, sm tools	202.18
Petty Cash	Postage	17.11
Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00
Evelyn Skelton	Reimb – tires for mower	276.89
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3,105.00
Wauneta Crossroads	LP – fire hall	88.91
Wauneta Crossroads	Repairs, fuel, supplies	900.74
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	1,652.73
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Amanda Ziegler	Conference – mileage, meals	321.03
Keno Fund:		
Petty Cash	Postage	18.65
Pool Fund:		
Lamp Rynearson	Pool Feasibility Study	4,000.00

A PUBLIC HEARING was opened at 7:15 pm to hear comments on recommendations from the Wauneta Planning Commission for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to:

- Add an additional Permitted Conditional Use to allow more than the allowed 4 cargo containers on a commercial lot, on an individual basis; and
- To amend the wording for allowance and setbacks of carports as detached accessory structures

The PUBLIC HEARING was closed at 7:20 pm.

Board member Einspahr introduced Ordinance No. 2025-02, an ordinance to amend the wording for allowance and setbacks for carports as accessory structures; and to add a permitted conditional use standard for cargo containers in the commercial district. Clerk Skelton read the Ordinance by title:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WAUNETA VILLAGE ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WORDING FOR ALLOWANCE AND SETBACKS FOR CARPORTS AS ACCESSORY STRUCTURES; AND TO ADD A PERMITTED CONDITIONAL USE STANDARD FOR CARGO CONTAINERS IN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

Discussion was held on said ordinance. Chairman Johnston closed the public discussion on Ordinance No. 2025-02.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, 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, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Kerchal. Motion Approved.

Skelton read the title of Ordinance No. 2025-02. Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to approve the final passage of Ordinance No. 2025-02. Johnston asked the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2025-02 be passed and adopted?" Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Kerchal. Motion Approved. Johnston declared Ordinance No. 2025-02 duly adopted.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer to accept the proposal from Miller and Associates to complete GIS Mapping of the Village Water System. The proposal is for \$6,955.00 and will be funded 90% by a NDEE Security Grant. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Kerchal. Motion approved.

Kramer reviewed the Nursing Home Financial Reports for March 2025 with the Village Board and gave a report on the Committee meeting held in May 2025.

Motion made Kramer, seconded by Einspahr to approve the update to the "Nursing Home Late Payment Policy – 2% Interest of Accounts". Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Kerchal. Motion approved.

Sheriff's Report (April 2025) was reviewed by the Board.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve the purchase of a new highway sign for the Riverside Cemetery from 5 Star Metal, for an approximate cost of \$600.00. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Kerchal. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to an approve a grant to the Wauneta Economic Development Corp (WEDC) for \$1,150.00. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Kerchal. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve the purchase of a commercial power washer (220V, 3GPM @ 2000PSI) from Industrial Cleaning, LTD for \$6,500.00. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Kerchal. Motion Approved.

Review and approval of the Village Insurance Policy Renewal (HomeTown Agency) was tabled.

Clerk's Report was given by Skelton.

Superintendent's Report was given by Lawless.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Kerchal. Motion approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk