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From left to right: Councilman Brad Jones, Mayor Phil Johnson, Council woman Holly Mead, and Planning & Zoning Commission member Jack Jones all took the oath of office at the December 9th city council meeting.



Mayor Phil Johnson presented a plaque to Jack Jones and thanked him for his years of service on the city council and various committees. Jack served on the council from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019.



Holly Mead will start her new position on the Wahpeton City Council beginning January 1, 2020.

She is very excited to be given the opportunity to serve as a member of the Wahpeton City Council. While she didn't run for office, she did express to several neighbors and friends her interest in city government and a desire to protect and enhance our wonderful village and unique way of life here. She won the November city election with write-in votes.

Both Holly and her husband, David Mead are retired as of 2017. Dave retired from Miller Brewing Co. where he got to forecast beverages, (much easier than weather), and Holly retired from the Sioux City

Community School District after 40 years of teaching and academic coaching. They bought their home in Wahpeton in 2014, and sold their Sioux City home last summer. They are thrilled to be making Wahpeton their full time home.

They are parents to three grown children and two grandsons. They have a mixture of Hawkeyes and Cyclones, so they are equal opportunity sports fans. The whole family loves to boat and golf, so their kids visit often.

Holly is hoping to learn much more about city government from the present council and wonderful employees and to offer a listening ear and fair mindedness in decision sharing. She has a special passion for preserving our water and natural resources, as they are the reason for our great way of life.



City Hall Holiday Hours
Dec. 25th-26th
Closed
Jan. 1st—Closed
Happy Holidays &
Best Wishes for 2020
from everyone
at City Hall

CENSUS 2020 COMING SOON

The census asks questions that provide a snapshot of the nation. Census results affect your voice in government, how much funding your community receives, and how your community plans for the future.



When you fill out the census, you help:

- ◆ Determine how many seats your state gets in Congress.
- ◆ Guide how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year.
- ◆ Create jobs, provide housing, prepare for emergencies, and build schools, roads and hospitals.

Snowbirds and residents with more than one home should complete their census form where they live most of the time. If you go south for a few months during the winter and have not returned to Wahpeton by the April 1st date for the census, you would still use your Wahpeton address as your home. The goal is to count people once, and only once and at the right place.

As a reminder per Chapter 165.02.98 of the Wahpeton Code of Ordinances, residential homes in Wahpeton cannot be rented or leased for any period less than one month. To do so is a municipal infraction punishable by civil penalties, per Chapter 165.16.

Council Clips:

Minutes are published in the Dickinson County News, posted at City Hall & Kazarelli's Restaurant. Complete copies are available from City Hall or on our Website at: www.wahpetonia.govoffice.com

October 14, 2019—Regular Session:

- Council approved Ordinance 176—Amending Chapter 139, Section 139.05 (5) of the Wahpeton City Code Concerning Public Dock Permit regulations.
- Council approved wage increases for employees.
- Council approved concrete bridge maintenance on all 5 bridges.

October 28, 2019 - Special Session:

- Council approved Change order #1 to decrease the Harpen Street Water Main Replacement Project by \$43,158.00 to Hulstein Excavating, Inc.

November 11, 2019— Regular Session:

- Public Hearing and approval of the 2019 Annual Financial Report.
- Council authorized the city attorney to file a municipal infraction to have a dog that bit city employee Jess Radcliffe removed from the city limits.
- Council approved pay request #1 to Hulstein Excavation in the amount of \$259,859.68.
- Council approved change order #2 to Hulstein Excavation from HMA patching to resurfacing Harpen Street from Lakeside Ave to Iowa Ave for an additional cost of \$48,214.00.
- Approved SRF Loan for \$669,000.
- Council voted to have Beck Engineering proceed with the 2020 Lakeside Avenue Water Main Replacement Project.
- Jack Jones was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

December 9, 2019—Regular Session:

- Council approved pay request #2 to Hulstein Construction for \$105,384.45 for the Harpen Street project.
- Council set a public hearing for Monday, January 13th to determine if Lot 53, in the second plat of Manhattan Beach, Wahpeton should be rezoned from "LF" Lakefront Residential to "C" Commercial.
- Oath of office was administered to Mayor Phil Johnson, Council members—Brad Jones and Holly Mead and Planning and Zoning Commission member Jack Jones.

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TURKEY AND DEER



Wild turkeys in an urban setting can become pests as they scratch and forage in flowers and vegetable gardens, leave droppings on sidewalks,

patios and decks, and roost on cars or roof tops. Don't let them become accustomed to your property. Also deer can become accustomed to human activity, especially if they are fed, and can be a nuisance as they browse on trees, shrubs, gardens, and can create a hazard for motorists.



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PLEASE DO NOT FEED DEER AND WILD TURKEYS. Unfortunately, some homeowners can't resist feeding them—that is when trouble begins. A few stray visitors may soon become a flock or herd of permanent residents that have lost their natural fear of humans.

Please ask your neighbors not to feed the deer and wild turkeys. While they may be well intentioned, they are actually doing the wildlife a disservice by congregating them and increasing the chance for disease transmission as well as roadway collisions.

Please contact City Hall at 337-3522 if you notice a street light out.

City of Wahpeton Office Hours:

Mon – Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

City Clerk/Administrator: Bonnie Tielbur

Supt. of Public Works: Doug Hanna

Zoning & Maintenance: Jess Radcliffe

City Council:

2nd Mon. of the month at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor: Phillip Johnson

Council: Brad Jones, Tom Rierson, Harold Prior, LeAnn Blau and Holly Mead

Board of Adjustment:

3rd Tues. of the month at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman: Dick Gauck Members: Jerry Edwards, Doug Westerman, Bob Koerselman & Larry Den Herder.

Planning & Zoning Commission:

2nd Tues. of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman: Donna Harris Members:

Fran Parrish, Mark Foss, Ann Meyer and Jack Jones



Do you have a home repair project coming up? Don't forget to get a building permit before you start! Call City Hall if you have questions.

AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE

The City offers an auto-payment plan for your utility bill. It saves time with fewer checks to write and mail. It saves postage and helps pay your utility bill in a convenient and timely manner. It's easy to sign up for, easy to cancel and you don't have to worry about late charges. You just authorize regularly scheduled quarterly payments to be made from your checking or savings account. Payments will be made automatically on the due date of the bill. There are no extra fees. If you would like to sign up or have any questions, please call City Hall.

Winter is here and with it comes snow removal. Please be sure to keep your automobiles and other items out of the City Right-of-Way. Articles left in the ROW only make the snow removal process more time consuming and dangerous. A reasonable attempt will be made to notify an owner if something is left in the way, however, if reasonable attempts fail the City of Wahpeton is not liable for items left in the City Right-of-Way.

Also, do not push the snow from your driveway or your mailbox into the traveled portion of the road. Not only is this a violation of the City Code (Chapter 135.12), but it creates a hazard to other motorists.

40th Annual University of Okobojo Winter Games
January 23-26, 2020

