

Wahpeton City Council
June 28, 2022

Present: Mayor Brett Lambrecht, Jason Goltz, Tiana Bohn, David Woods II, Renata Fobb, Kelly McNary, Chad Perdue, and Cory Unruh

Also Present: Darcie Huwe, Dennis Miranowski, Carla Broadland, Chris DeVries, Scott Thorsteinson, Matthew Anderson, Kyle Rogahn, Brittany Hatting, and Cheryl O'Meara. Damon DeVillers, Planning Commission Chair. Miscellaneous members of the public attended to support the newly elected.

Mayor Lambrecht called to order the mandatory organization meeting as required by NDCC 40-08-10 the fourth Tuesday in June of each even numbered year at 5:00 p.m.

Huwe provided an overview on the Election Canvassing Board stating the total number of ballots cast increased from 1,383 to 1,390. The winners of the five city races remain unchanged from the preliminary election results. The Canvassing Board certified the results to the North Dakota Secretary of State on June 27, 2022.

City Attorney Hatting issued the Oath of Office and swore in Mayor Brett Lambrecht.

City Attorney Hatting issued the Oath of Office and swore in City Council Members Tiana Bohn (Ward 3), Chad Perdue (Ward 1), Kelly McNary (At-Large), and Cory Unruh (At-Large). All positions are four-year terms expiring in 2026.

Hatting explained the Wahpeton Home Rule Charter in reference to appointed officers in addition to City Ordinance No. 2-112 regarding filling a council vacancy. The council position must remain vacant for the next 15 days, 5% of the electors in the last general election may file a petition to request a special election, if no such petition is filed the council may fill the vacancy via appointment. Hatting instructed the council to refer interested individuals to contact the city auditor.

Mayor Lambrecht called for nominations for President of the City Council. McNary moved to nominate Goltz Council President. Second by Fobb. After three requests for nominations, there was no further discussion. Motion carried with all voting 'aye.'

Mayor Lambrecht called for nominations for Vice President of the City Council. Goltz moved to nominate McNary Council Vice President. Second by Unruh. After three requests for nominations, there was no further discussion. Motion carried with all voting 'aye.'

Mayor Lambrecht made appointments to the City Council Committees as follows: Finance, Personnel & Economic Development Committee: Tiana Bohn, Chair; Jason Goltz, Vice Chair; Cory Unruh and the vacant at-large position. Public Works Public Safety Committee: Kelly McNary, Chair; David Woods II, Vice Chair; Renata Fobb and Chad Perdue. Lambrecht instructed the council members to contact their respective committee chairs to discuss scheduling preferences for committee meetings.

Mayor Lambrecht then called on Planning Commission Chair Damon DeVillers for a recommendation on appointments to the Planning Commission. DeVillers stated he received four inquiries for appointment and respectfully recommends Bryan Wolfram and Jesse Sedler to fill the current Planning Commission vacancies. **Motion by Goltz, second by Bohn to confirm the appointments of Wolfram and Sedler to the Planning Commission. Motion Carried with all voting 'aye.'**

Mayor Lambrecht stated additional board and commission appointments would be addressed at the July 5th regularly scheduled council meeting.

Motion by Woods, seconded by Goltz, to adjourn at 5:17 p.m. Motion Carried.

Mayor Lambrecht

Darcie Huwe, Finance Director/Auditor