

Wheatland City Council Proceedings
January 14, 2008

Mayor Bopp called the regular meeting of the Wheatland City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. at Wheatland City Hall with council members Schnede, Prachar, Rohling, Patterson and Denahy present. Also present were city employees Matt Cavey and Laurie Ganzer along with several members of the public.

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the November 12th meeting, Wheatland Grocery liquor license, resolution 2008-11 for approval of a City depository, resolution 2008-12 for the approval of an official newspaper, resolution 2008-13 for approving the City Clerk to pay certain bills prior to a meeting and the following payables and revenues:

Bills paid prior to January Meeting:

Petty Cash – November	234.95
Petty Cash – December	97.22
FICA - November	3,547.61
IPERS - November	1,301.05
State of Iowa – December	484.00
FICA - December	2,351.34
IPERS - December	939.90
State of Iowa – November	362.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Matt Cavey Health Insurance – Nov	599.90
Blue Cross Blue Shield – Matt Cavey Health Insurance - Dec	599.90
WGML, tire purchase	2,000.00
Alliant Energy, utilities	4,070.86
Jill Bachus, books	45.97
Baker & Taylor, books	143.90
Barco municipal Products, safety vests	55.97
Jerry Bopp, mileage	56.24
Jayson Cavey, cell phone	25.00
Matt Cavey, cell phone	25.00
Clinton Humane Society, cat boarding	40.00
Clinton County Sheriff's Dept.	1,038.24
Commercial Maintenance, root destroyer	645.18
Conoco – Phillips Fleet, City & Fire truck fuel	527.61
Demco, cataloging supplies	93.77
Farm Plan, misc supplies	58.20
F & B Communications, telephone	236.23
First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment	1,288.85
Heiman, Inc., fire equipment	275.23
IAMU, dues	249.12
Iowa One Call, locates	23.40
Cheryl Leech, mileage	99.36
Micro Marketing, books on tape	131.86
MSA Professional Service, engineer fees WWTF	2,651.00
MVTL Laboratories, testing fees	225.40
Observer, publishing	132.21
R & K Oil, heating fuel – City Hall	310.49

Aaron Rohwedder, park electrical work	921.00
Sandry Fire Supply, equipment	149.00
Seneca Companies, groundwater monitoring	965.00
Staples, office supplies – fire dept.	127.94
Taylor Construction, WWTF construction	2,280.00
Treasurer Sate of Iowa, sales tax 4 th qtr.	1,487.03
Tri-County Implement, parts – John Deere	105.25
WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee	2,227.00
Wheatland Repair, fire truck maintenance	1,199.08

Gross Wages November:

\$ 13,330.52

Revenues - November:

General Fund	19,217.94	Water	4,919.08
Road Use	5,086.50	Sewer	4,617.08
Debt Service	3,730.27	Garbage	3,156.30
Sewer Replacement	9,440.22	Recycle	998.51

Total November Revenue \$51,165.90

Accounts Payable for the January Meeting:

Acco, liquid chlorine	290.60
Ag Vantage FS, sidewalk salt	210.00
Baker & Taylor, books	230.74
Jerry Bopp, mileage	49.68
Jayson Cavey, cell phone	25.00
Matt Cavey, cell phone	25.00
Clinton County Auditor, election fees	1,281.74
Clinton County Sheriff's Dept.	1,038.24
Conoco – Phillips Fleet, City & Fire truck fuel	923.17
Farm Plan, misc supplies	181.96
F & B Communications, telephone	225.12
First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment	1,288.85
Grainger, parts, water tower	255.11
IMFOA, annual dues	30.00
Iowa Rural Water Association, annual dues	175.00
John Peavey Law Offices, legal fees	42.00
Keystone Laboratories, testing	100.00
Maintenance Engineering, bulbs	346.58
MSA Professional Service, engineer fees WWTF	1,386.00
MVTL Laboratories, testing fees	242.40
R & K Oil, heating fuel – City Hall	556.91
Stamp Fullfillment, envelopes & postage	236.60
WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee	2,287.00

Gross Wages December:

\$ 10,226.13

Revenues - December:

General Fund	10,060.06	Water	5,338.02
Road Use	5,611.50	Sewer	4,942.38
Debt Service	1,100.98	Garbage	3,049.61
Sewer Replacement	100,712.71	Recycle	946.82

Total December Revenue \$131,762.08

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Prachar with a second by Rohling. All ayes.

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Department** spent 57.23 hours in the City of Wheatland from November 26, 2007 through December 15, 2007 while on patrol they issued 2 warnings, handled 1 incident and answered 11 calls.

During the **update on the wastewater treatment facility** Mat Saur of MSA Professionals informed the Council that the electrical issues will be corrected as soon as possible. The completion of the project has been extended to April 30, 2008 primarily due to the sludge removal being put on hold during freezing weather. Lighting issues were discussed. Mayor Bopp will contact Alliant Energy to discuss the possibilities for additional lighting. Virgil Noel discussed his continuing concern regarding the safety issues that have not been addressed. Fire Chief, Pat Steward, informed the Council that OSHA can be contacted to assist in writing the evacuation and safety procedure manual. Noel invited Matt and Jayson Cavey to attend a class the Fire Department will be hosting on SCBA units.

Aaron Horman of F & B Communications presented the Council with the **preliminary website** he has prepared for the City. A motion to make February 1, 2008 the target date for going live with the site was made by Rohling with a second by Patterson. All ayes. Prachar volunteered to work with business owners to keep the listing complete. All other posting requests will go through Ganzer at City Hall.

During **public forum** Shirley Schanze and Madelyn Meier complimented Matt and Jayson Cavey for the good job they have done keeping the streets clear of snow and ice. Angi Kauffmann voiced her concerns regarding a vicious dog in her neighborhood. Kauffmann also requested the Council consider implementing a licensing system for all cats and dogs. Kauffmann noted there is an abundance of stray cats that are being cared for by several residents in her neighborhood. The cats are a nuisance to those that live in her neighborhood. Sharon Werner informed the Council that several citizens have removed the snow from their walks only to have the snowmobile's drive over their sidewalk and drag the snow back onto the walk. Werner did not think that it is fair to fine citizens for not removing snow when the snowmobiles are creating the problem.

A motion to **approve an additional \$6,987.00 in park board funding** for electrical upgrades, repairs, beautification and maintenance for the up coming Sesquicentennial was made by Rohling with a second by Denahy. All ayes. The shelter rent savings of \$1,103.00 will also be used for the project bringing the project total to \$8,090.00.

John Marr was not present to discuss issues he has with parking rules for **Main Street during snow season.**

Paul Stankee was not present to discuss **dog barking complaints** and citations issued.

Bid approval for the **solution of the drainage problem** at 205, 270, 209 & 211 East Jefferson Street was tabled.

No discussion was held regarding **the LL Pelling proposal** for seal coating prices for the 2008 season.

A motion to approve the **third reading of ordinance 139-08** for the update of the municipal infraction rates for lawn mowing and snow removal was made by Schnede with a second by Prachar. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2008-10** for wage disbursement by fund for the maintenance department was made by Prachar with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

A motion to approve the **monthly payment to WGML Refuse Commission** by \$225.00 was made by Schnede with a second by Patterson. All ayes. Prachar requested that she be placed on the garbage committee to investigate garbage problems. Cavey volunteered to help Prachar with the investigation.

A motion to approve the **purchase of the garbage truck tires** with funds raised by selling the old snowplow and dump box from the 1996 Dodge for \$2,000 was made by Rohling with a second by Prachar. All ayes.

Discussion regarding **hiring an attorney to handle abatement issues** was tabled. Discussion will take place during budget workshop.

During **reports** Prachar requested that Ganzer gather the information needed to properly write citations and distribute them to the Council members so they can more easily issue citations when witnessing infractions. Prachar also noted that the Library door has been repaired many times and the Council should be prepared to consider the cost of a new door if it breaks again. Prachar requested that a decision be made regarding the plans to write a safety procedure for the chemicals at the wastewater treatment plant. Rohling inquired if Cavey had made a list of signs that need replaced. Mayor Bopp requested that each Council member bring a list of 5 properties that has nuisance or junk issues to the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. was made by Prachar with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

Jerry Bopp, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk