

Wheatland City Council Proceedings
March 10, 2008

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

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the February 11th meeting, Despeardos liquor license and the following revenues and payables:

Bills paid prior to March Meeting:

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| Petty Cash | 78.51 |
| FICA | 2,463.00 |
| IPERS | 889.16 |
| State of Iowa | 339.00 |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield – Matt Cavey Health Insurance | 599.90 |
| Auditor of State, audit filing fee | 175.00 |

Accounts Payable for March Meeting:

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| ABC Heating & Air, fire station furnace | 2,503.25 |
| Baker & Taylor , Books | 56.94 |
| Jerry Bopp, mileage | 85.00 |
| Jayson Cavey, cell phone | 25.00 |
| Matt Cavey, cell phone | 25.00 |
| Central States Fire Apparatus, equipment | 199.06 |
| Clinton County Engineer, 2007 street painting | 425.74 |
| Clinton County Sheriff's Dept. | 1,038.24 |
| Conoco – Phillips Fleet, City & Fire truck fuel | 1,143.27 |
| Farm Plan, misc. maint. Dept. | 12.68 |
| F & B Communications, telephone & computer | 2,246.73 |
| First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment | 1,288.85 |
| Follett Software, software renewal for library | 799.00 |
| Graybill Communications, battery | 88.00 |
| Horse & Rider, subscription | 15.95 |
| Iowa Codification, ordinance book inserts | 320.00 |
| IAMU, dues | 249.12 |
| JJJ Enterprises, culvert & water shut off repair | 1,732.20 |
| Koenig Body, snow repair | 72.14 |
| Lowden Plumbing & Heating, parts | 9.80 |
| Micro Marketing, books | 55.90 |
| MSA Professionals, engineer fees WWTF | 2,114.00 |
| MVTL Laboratories, testing fees | 229.40 |
| O'Connor & Brooks, audit fees | 2,400.00 |
| Observer, publishing | 82.17 |
| Perfection Learning, books | 227.88 |
| R & K Oil, City Hall heating fuel | 446.46 |
| Sandry Fire Supply, equipment | 1,345.00 |
| Seifert Electric, switch for generator | 280.00 |
| Sentimental Productions, books | 108.00 |

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| Staples, office supplies & toner | 252.15 |
| Treasurer State of Iowa, sales tax | 1,490.93 |
| Wendling Quarries, gravel | 183.41 |
| WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee | 2,227.00 |
| Wheatland Repair, fire truck repairs | 96.25 |

Gross Wages:

\$ 9,191.13

Revenues:

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| General Fund | 7,741.71 | Water | 6,292.00 |
| Road Use | 5,033.94 | Sewer | 14,492.25 |
| Debt Service | 133.63 | Garbage | 3,083.62 |
| Employee Benefits | 0.00 | Recycle | 992.21 |

Total Revenue \$37,769.36

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

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Department** spent 68.35 hours in the City of Wheatland from January 26, 2008 through February 25, 2008 while on patrol the issued 1 warning and 2 citations, handled 6 incidents and answered 16 calls.

Roger Phelps was present to discuss his views on the future of the Clinton County Sheriff's Department if elected as Sheriff of Clinton County.

At 6:43 p.m. a motion to open the **public hearing for the 2009 budget** was made by Rohling with a second by Prachar. All ayes.

No oral or written comments were made.

At 6:44 p.m. a motion to close the public hearing for the 2009 budget was made by Prachar with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

A motion to **approve resolution 2008-19 which is for the approval of the 2009 budget** was made by Schnede with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

During the **update on the wastewater treatment facility** Mat Saur of MSA Professionals was present to inform the Council that the sludge removal and finishing work for the plant will be completed as soon as the weather allows. Cavey noted he has spoken with a representative of IRWA to assist with writing a safety protocol for the plant. Virgil Noel was present to discuss the safety protocol for the wastewater treatment facility. Mr. Noel would like a permanent written copy of the protocol kept at City Hall, the plant and the fire station so it will be available for future city workers. Mr. Noel reminded the Council that all aspects of the plant need to be taken into consideration when the protocol is written.

During **public forum** John Marr was present to discuss junk and junk vehicles in his neighborhood. Mr. Marr also requested that Mayor Bopp and the Council set a plan to enforce the snow removal ordinance next winter. Mr. Marr wants the City to make citizens clear their sidewalks in a timely manner and keep cars off of Main Street after a snow fall so that the street can be properly cleared.

Tracy Schroeder of ECI Insurance was present to answer questions the Council may have in regards to the **City insurance policy for 2008**. Inventories were done at library and fire station. The 2008 policy added over 1,000,000.00 in coverage. The increase for

2008 was 174.00. Ms. Schroeder presented the Mayor with the dividend check from IAMU for 1,880.00 on the 2007 policy.

John Marr inquired when the Council was going to take action regarding the **barking dog at 204 W. Lincolnway**. Mr. Marr reminded the Council that he has issued several complaints and has seen no improvement with the problem.

Missy Flammang was present to discuss the **drainage problems from 207 E. Jefferson to 213 E. Jefferson** and the holes in Madison Street behind the same properties. The Council informed Ms. Flammang that they would work on a solution when the ground thaws. Ms. Flammang also requested that the water shut off to the main at her house be repaired. She has asked several times to have it repaired and the work has not been completed.

During discussion regarding the **rental space next to the library** the Council determined that a meeting hall is unnecessary and the library is currently not interested in expanding. The Council instructed Ganzer to advertise the space for rent for 400.00 per month for commercial use.

A motion to approve **resolution 2008-18** which is for the update of the Employee policy was made by Rohling with a second by Patterson. All ayes.

A motion to approve the **format for the parking violation stickers** was made by Schnede with a second by Patterson. All ayes.

A motion to approve the **pavement marking contract with Clinton County Engineers** for \$580.06 was made by Schnede with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

After discussion regarding the **garbage rates** it was determined that a town hall meeting will be held on Sunday, April 13, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the commons at Calamus Wheatland High School. The purpose of the meeting will be to get input from the public and help educate everyone on how better to utilize the recycling system.

During **reports** Ganzer requested the sidewalk committee finalize the approval of the sidewalk replacement at Desperados. Cavey reminded the Council that it is time to look at the streets and comprise a list of repairs for the 2008 season. Rohling requested that Cavey begin patching streets as soon as the weather allows. Cavey informed the Council that he saved the receptacle from the generator at the old sewer plant and inquired if the Council would like to have it installed to one of the buildings in town for emergency power outages. Mayor Bopp noted that Lois and Richard Bevan had sent the City a letter expressing their appreciation for Matt and Jayson Cavey's superior job keeping the streets clean this winter.

A motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. was made by Rohling with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

Jerry Bopp, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk