

**Wheatland City Council Proceedings  
March 12, 2012**

Mayor Noel called the regular meeting of the Wheatland City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. with council members Schnede, Woolard, Stankee and Rohling present. Steele was absent. Also present were city employees Laurie Ganzer and Matt Cavey.

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and the following revenues and expenses:

**Bills paid prior to Meeting:**

941 - FICA – 2,028.28, IPERS – 1,256.94, State of Iowa, withholding tax – 374.00, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Matt Cavey policy – 1,018.90, Data Technologies, meter reader software – 750.00

**Accounts Payable for Meeting**

ABC Heating & Air, fire station heater – 2,175.00, Alliant Energy, utilities – 4085.21, Auditor of State, filing fee for 2011 audit – 100.00, Jill Bachus, Mileage – 16.16, Baker & Taylor, books – 185.86, Clinton County Sheriff's Office. Contract – 1,232.84, Consumer Report, subscription – 12.00, Crime Stoppers, dues – 100.00, Dakota Supply Group, gaskets – 44.82, F & B Communications, telephone & internet – 310.21, First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment - 1,402.99, Grainger, sewer plant parts – 271.68, Iowa Codification, ordinance update – 90.00 Iowa One Call, locates – 20.70, John Hoker, jeep parts – 20.65, Fire Service Training, 5 firefighters training – 250.00, IAMU, dues & research assessment – 680.57, JJJ Enterprises, water main repair – 887.50, Jayson Cavey, cell phone - 25.00, John Deere Financial, misc supplies – 48.35, Laurie Ganzer, cell phone & office supplies – 65.35, Lowden Plumbing, heater @ sewer plant – 75.00, Matt Cavey, cell phone – 25.00, MES, air pack testing & repairs – 429.80, Micro Marketing, books – 40.99, MVTL Laboratories, testing fees – 202.15, Observer, publications – 282.66, Sports Illustrated, subscription – 20.00, Sports Illustrated Kids, subscription – 19.95, Time magazine, subscription – 49.80, Tipton Electric Motors, pressure washer – 865.00, USA Blue Book, water filters – 356.57, WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee –2,575.00, Wheatland Wire, publication – 25.00, Wendling Quarries, rock – 112.01, Wright Express, fire truck & city truck fuel – 503.54

**Gross Wages:**

\$ 9,600.26

**Revenues:**

General Fund – 14,266.37, Employee Benefits – 0.00, Road Use – 6,751.75, Debt Service – 0.00, Water – 6,700.50, Sewer – 17,292.52 Garbage – 3,649.31, Recycling – 1,070.63

**Total Revenues – 49,731.08**

**Expenses:**

General Fund – 15,494.25, Employee Benefits – 982.48, Road Use – 2,708.71, Water – 5,260.72, Sewer – 8,088.52, Garbage – 3,357.86, Recycling – 858.35

**Total Expenses – 36,750.89**

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

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Office** spent 56.07 hours in the city of Wheatland from January 26, 2012 through February 25, 2012 while on patrol they issued 2 warnings, 1 citation, handled 5 incidents and answered 5 calls.

At 6:32 a motion to open the **public hearing for the 2013 budget** was made by Rohling with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

Rohling stated that she understood that a new tractor was budgeted for but she wanted to make sure a formal vote will be taken regarding the purchase of a new tractor before it is ordered.

Ganzer noted that although the tractor was budgeted for does not mean the purchase will go forward without bids being obtained and voted on by the council.

At 6:35 p.m. a motion to close the public hearing for the 2013 budget was made by Schnede with a second by Stankee. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2012-12** which is for the approval of the 2013 budget was made by Schnede with a second by Rohling. All ayes.

**Wastewater I & I reduction** – CDBG funding awards will be announced March 21, 2012. IDNR will have the construction permit issued before the April meeting.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Polishing Reactor Pond** – Sarah Fosbinder of MSA Professional Services discussed the Council's concern over the cost of the project. She presented a couple other options that the IDNR may be receptive to. The polishing pond project will be put on hold until the I & I project is completed. It is the councils hope that the I & I reduction project will bring the discharge limits down sufficiently.

Barb Schreiber and Cheryl Kastantin were present to request that the council reconsider the purchase of **flowers for the flower pots, City Hall and the park**. Kastantin noted that she has checked with surrounding towns and they commit more than the requested \$150.00 for beautification in their towns. Schnede made the motion that we commit \$150.00 this year and budget for it each year with a second by Woolard. Ayes – Schnede, Stankee, Woolard. Nays – Rohling.

A motion to approve **signs being placed in the city right of way on Toronto Street** noting the effort that is being taken to save the Community Hall from closing was made by Schnede with a second by Stankee. All ayes. Michelle Allers will place the signs after checking with the homeowners to obtain their approval also.

During **public forum** no oral or written comments were made.

A motion to allow the **Clinton Amateur Radio Club to use the city park overnight** on June 23 through June 24, 2012 was made by Rohling with a second by Schnede. Ayes – Rohling, Woolard and Schnede. Abstain – Stankee. Stankee was instructed that if the generators used are excessively noisy they would have to be shut down between midnight and 5 a.m. on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

A motion to approve forgiveness of 6 months city owned utility bill and the City share of the 2012 liquor license for the **Wheatland Community Hall** was made by Woolard with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

**Reports-**Ganzer noted that the Lion's Club will be holding a Memorial Day Program in the park on May 28, 2012 Patty Kalarovich invited the Council to attend and asked if the City would be interested in setting up an informational table at the event.

Woolard attended the CCASWA monthly meeting. The commission is working on their annual budget. No other news to report.

Noel & Rohling attended the E911 meeting. Funds will be made available to the cities this year but the amount has not been determined yet.

A motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. was made by Stankee with a second by Rohling. All ayes.

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Virgil Noel, Mayor

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Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk