

**Wheatland City Council Proceedings  
January 9, 2012**

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

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and the following revenues and expenses:

**Bills paid prior to Meeting:**

941 - FICA – 2,706.75, IPERS – 1,628.94, State of Iowa, withholding tax – 496.00, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Matt Cavey policy – 1,018.90, Alliant Energy, utilities – 4,764.50 Wright Express, fuel – 260.99, State of Iowa, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter sales tax – 1,648.00

**Accounts Payable for Meeting**

American Girl, subscription – 22.95, Baker & Taylor, books – 116.45, Bancard, utility billing postage – 93.40, recycle trailer repair – 160.62, generator fuel – 162.86, total - 416.88, Clinton County Auditor, election – 1,503.56, Clinton County Sheriff's Office. Contract – 1,232.84 Company One, fire extinguisher bracket – 53.15, Determann Asphalt, cold patch – 85.50 Eagle Chemical, bag-o-bugs – 426.80, F & B Communications, telephone & internet – 309.08 First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment - 1,402.99, Hach, chlorine – 309.15, Harry's Farm Tire, recycling trailer repair – 152.46, IDNR, chlorine application permit feed – 100.00 Iowa Fire Fighters Assn, dues – 253.00, IMFOA, dues – 30.00, Fire Service traing Bureau, training – 50.00, Jayson Cavey, cell phone - 25.00, Jill Bachus, DVD's & books – 57.52 Jim Roman, engraving – 147.00, J & R Supply, safety gear – 30.00, Keystone Labs, testing – 123.80, Kreiger's, recycle trailer repair – 245.52, Laurie Ganzer, cell phone – 33.94 Lowden Plumbing & Heating, heater repair at pump house – 295.95, Matt Cavey, cell phone – 25.00, Matt Parrott, checks & minutes book – 334.23, MES - Midam, fire equipment – 153.95 Micro Marketing, books on tape – 155.97, Movie Licensing USA, annual license – 125.00 MSA Professional Services, WWTF improvement – 13,645.00, MVTL Laboratories, testing fees – 261.20, Observer, publications – 81.28, Orkin, pest control annual contract, City Hall – 475.20 Paul Stankee, charger – 42.74, RCC, microphone – 44.00, RC Systems, timer for siren – 162.42, RPJ Enterprises, recycling trailer repair – 82.13, Sandry Fire Supply, fire equipment – 2,066.25, Wheatland Repair, service on fire truck – 44.75, Winkel, Parker & Foster, audit – 1,625.00, Wendling Quarries, rock – 36.59, WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee - 2,625.00

**Gross Wages:**

\$ 13,736.01

**Revenues:**

General Fund – 11,084.30, Employee Benefits – 309.46, Road Use – 6,269.60, Debt Service – 477.05, Water – 5,303.15, Sewer – 15,565.60 Garbage – 3,450.44, Recycling – 992.80

**Total Revenues – 43,452.40**

**Expenses:**

General Fund – 14,402.00, Employee Benefits – 1,258.39, Road Use – 2,219.87 Debt Service – 0.00 Water – 8,903.53, Sewer – 9,469.06, Garbage – 3,283.34, Recycling – 1,046.37

**Total Expenses – 40,582.56**

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

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Office** spent 53.40 hours in the city of Wheatland from November 26, 2011 through December 25, 2011 while on patrol they issued 2 warnings, handled 4 incidents and answered 16 calls.

A motion to approve **the bid from Dakota Supply Group** for the Badger ORION Radio Starter Kit, 6 meters with radio readers and 6 radio readers for the meters already on hand in the amount of \$15,196.80 was made by Schnede with a second by Stankee. All ayes.

**WWTF update** – plans & grant applications have been submitted. The anti degradation analysis comment period will be published this week. The permit for the WWTF for the new discharges has been approved by the IDNR.

Mayor Noel discussed the need to get more answers from the engineers and the IDNR before rushing ahead with both projects at this time. MSA will be in Wheatland on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. to meet with the Mayor, the Clerk, Cavey and Woolard to answer questions and address concerns. Ganzer suggested that a meeting with the IDNR would be something the Council and Mayor should consider so that they understand the situation directly from them since they are placing the restrictions on the WWTF.

During **public forum** Andrea Werner was present to discuss wages for city employees. Werner felt that the City has given out several significant wage increases and insurance benefits over the past few years. Werner requested that the City take into consideration that a large portion of the budget is wages and the council could be more diligent in assessing the need for wage increases or the need to pay 100% for insurance policies for some employees. This would be a way to cut spending.

Todd Werner was present to request that the City do something about 402 N. Toronto Street. The house has several holes in it that need boarded up so wild animals are not living in his neighborhood. Werner is discouraged because he has asked several times that something be done to make the building safe and no action has been taken.

Fire Chief Steward inquired if all of the fire hydrants had been repaired. Cavey noted that one still needs to be replaced but that all others are working properly.

A motion to purchase a new **recycling trailer** was tabled. Cavey will obtain bids for the February meeting.

A motion to approve **resolution 2012-06** which is for the approval of a city depository was made by Schnede with a second by Woolard. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2012-07** which is for the approval of a newspaper for publications was made by Schnede with a second by Stankee. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2012-08** which is for allowing the City Clerk to prepay certain bills to avoid finance charges was made by Woolard with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2012-09** which is for approval to certify past due utility account 245000 to the County Auditor for collection was made by Stankee with a second by Schnede. all ayes.

The remainder of the meeting was used for a budget workshop.

A motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. was made by Stankee with a second by Schnede . All ayes.

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Virgil Noel, Mayor

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Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk