

**Wheatland City Council Proceedings  
February 9, 2009**

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

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the January 12<sup>th</sup> and January 26<sup>th</sup> meetings and the following revenues and payables:

**Bills paid prior to February Meeting:**

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| FICA   | 2,608.29 |
| IPERS  | 987.43   |
| State of Iowa  | 364.00   |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield – Matt Cavey Health Insurance | 735.90   |

**Accounts Payable for February Meeting**

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| Acco, chemicals  | 422.70   |
| AgVantage FS, sidewalk salt                            | 46.72    |
| Jill Backus, books                                     | 24.00    |
| Baker & Taylor, Books                                  | 132.24   |
| Jayson Cavey, cell phone & kerosene                    | 60.60    |
| Matt Cavey, cell phone                                 | 25.00    |
| Clinton County Sheriff's Dept.                         | 1,098.44 |
| Conoco – Phillips Fleet, City & Fire truck fuel        | 603.85   |
| Eastern Iowa Overhead Door, repairs maintenance shed   | 550.00   |
| ECl Insurance, surety bond                             | 271.00   |
| F & B Communications, telephone                        | 254.96   |
| First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment         | 1,270.25 |
| Follett Software, support agreement library software   | 829.00   |
| Iowa Codification, ordinance 140-09 & 141-09           | 80.00    |
| Iowa One Call, locates                                 | 7.20     |
| JJJ Enterprises, water shut off repair                 | 300.00   |
| ISU, fire school                                       | 240.00   |
| Koenig Body, plow repair                               | 1,015.81 |
| Keystone Laboratories, water testing                   | 167.20   |
| Kreiger, repairs to '05 Chevy                          | 344.39   |
| Lowden Plumbing & Heating, parts water shut off repair | 39.50    |
| Micro Marketing, books                                 | 111.88   |
| MVTL Laboratories, testing fees                        | 261.20   |
| Observer, publishing                                   | 169.02   |
| R & K Oil, City Hall heating fuel                      | 390.24   |
| Sandry Fire Supply, equipment                          | 75.60    |
| Pat Steward, fuel                                      | 21.53    |
| WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee                    | 2,237.00 |
| Mike Wiese, ax handle                                  | 9.58     |

**Gross Wages:**

\$ 9,634.00

| <b><u>Fund</u></b> | <b><u>Revenues:</u></b> | <b><u>Expenses:</u></b> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| General Fund       | 11,678.57               | 13,285.95               |
| Road Use           | 4,444.10                | 4,220.64                |
| Debt Service       | 342.73                  | 0.00                    |
| Employee Benefits  | 70.79                   | 824.42                  |
| Water              | 6,534.63                | 2,837.81                |
| Sewer              | 14,990.01               | 4,843.58                |
| Garbage            | 3,252.34                | 3,006.28                |
| Recycle            | 1,032.36                | 769.28                  |
| <b>Totals</b>      | <b>42,345.53</b>        | <b>29,787.96</b>        |

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

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Department** spent 67.08 hours in the city of Wheatland from December 26, 2008 through January 25, 2009 while on patrol they handled 6 incidents and answered 9 calls.

A motion to approve the **annual contract with the Clinton County Sheriff's Department** for 28 hours per month at a rate of \$1,169.00 per month was made by Patterson with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

During discussion on the **wastewater treatment facility** Mayor Bopp stated that he will not sign the final paperwork for the plant until all items are completed no matter how small. The council agreed with the Mayor. No further discussion was held.

Steve Thompson of MSA Professionals was present to discuss the possibility of loans that are available from the IDNR with no interest no payments for 3 years. These funds can be used for identifying, planning and designing future water and wastewater projects. A motion to proceed with an application to identify **water mains that need to be replaced** which will included a feasibility study, design and surveying with a free rate study and was made by Denahy with a second by Patterson. All ayes.

During discussion on the **water system ordinance** being changed to make the water shut offs the responsibility of the homeowners. A motion to leave the water system ordinance unchanged was made by Denahy with a second by Patterson. All ayes. The current ordinance states that the water meters will be paid for by the property owners and installed by the City. Water main shut offs are owned and maintained by the City.

During **public forum** John Marr was present to request that the council start thinking about spring clean up. He would like to see letters sent to everyone with junk on their property requesting that the junk or junk vehicles be removed as soon as possible.

A motion to approve **resolution 2009-15** which is for the approval of Iowa Guide 23 for the grant application for the warning siren was made by Rohling with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

A motion to approve the **purchase of a noon whistle** and manual push button for the warning siren at a cost of approximately \$750.00 was made by Denahy with a second by Rohling. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2009-16** which is for setting the 2010 wages for city employees was made by Rohling with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

A motion to approve the clerk to attend the **Clerk's Academy July 22 – 24, 2009** was made by Patterson with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

Mayor Bopp informed the council and those present that Wheatland is eligible to receive \$ 4,180.62 from the **Disaster Aid Bill**. The council instructed Ganzer to look into using the money to purchase a generator.

During **reports** Mayor Bopp noted that if we have more snow fall this winter any walks that are not cleared within the ordinance time frame will be cleared by the City and the property owner will be billed for the services. No warning letters will be sent.

Shirley Schanze thanked Matt and Jayson Cavey for the good job they have done keeping our streets clear of ice and snow this winter.

Dave Patterson made the council aware of the new **mandatory electrical inspection** law that goes into effect March 1, 2009. All new and remodeling construction in the state of Iowa must be inspected by a licensed electrician.

Ganzer was instructed to contact an exterminator to clear up the asian beetle population in City Hall.

A motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. was made by Rohling with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

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Jerry Bopp, Mayor

Attest:

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Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk