

**Wheatland City Council Proceedings
February 11, 2007**

Mayor Bopp called the regular meeting of the Wheatland City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. with council members Prachar, Rohling, Patterson and Denahy present. Schnede was absent. 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 January 14th and January 23rd meetings along with the following payables and revenues:

Bills paid prior to February Meeting:

Petty Cash	
FICA	2,564.61
IPERS	921.07
State of Iowa	352.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield – Matt Cavey Health Insurance	599.90

Accounts Payable for February Meeting:

Acco, liquid chlorine & potassium	624.20
Alliant Energy, utilities	5,099.89
Alltest, drug testing	20.00
Baker & Taylor , Books	269.07
Jayson Cavey, cell phone & clothing allowance	25.00
Matt Cavey, cell phone & clothing allowance	25.00
Cedar Rapids Welding & Supply, compressed air	75.00
Clinton County Fire Chief Assn., dues	30.00
Clinton County Sheriff's Dept.	1,038.24
Conoco – Phillips Fleet, City & Fire truck fuel	1,001.99
Command Business Systems, copier repair	365.91
Farm Plan, misc. maint. dept.	297.67
F & B Communications, telephone	279.34
First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment	1,288.85
Harry's Farm Tire, tire repair	11.50
Iowa Codification, update ordinances	45.00
Iowa League of Cities, annual service fee	30.00
Iowa Fireman's Association, dues	220.00
Iowa State University, fire school	684.82
John Peavey, court attendance	75.00
Krieger's, snow plow repair	40.13
Micro Marketing, books	176.80
MSA Professionals, engineer fees WWTF	1,501.50
MVTL Laboratories, testing fees	295.50
Observer, publishing	339.58
Dana Pelley, fire school reimbursement	96.00
Quad City Times, subscription	24.95
MVTL Laboratories, testing fees	295.50
R & K Oil, City Hall heating fuel	594.10

St Lukes Drug & Alcohol Testing, testing fees	36.00
Sandry Fire Supply, equipment	403.40
Valley Bank, refund water deposit	100.00
WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee	2,227.00
Wheatland Repair, fire truck repairs	277.55

Gross Wages:

\$ 9,476.75

Revenues:

General Fund	10,161.78	Water	5,315.56
Road Use	6,381.92	Sewer	14,295.76
Debt Service	239.84	Garbage	3,095.83
Employee Benefits	0.00	Recycle	1,008.74

Total Revenue \$40,499.43

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 75.28 hours in the City of Wheatland from December 26, 2007 through January 25, 2008 while on patrol they issued 4 citations, handled 5 incidents and answered 16 calls. Ganzer inquired if the City could put parking stickers on vehicles that are out of compliance with the parking ordinance or if the Sheriff's Department had to handle the situations. The Deputy present informed Ganzer that the City could issue the stickers. Ganzer was instructed to contact Lt. Paarmann to get assistance in purchasing the stickers so that the City could have vehicles moved in a timely manner. Prachar noted that the suspicious vehicle call was her vehicle that was called in while she was following up on a City matter. The caller knew the vehicle belonged to Prachar. Prachar noted that she felt it was a shame that the Sheriff's Department's time was wasted in such a manner.

During the **update on the wastewater treatment facility** Mayor Bopp informed the Council that the finishing work was being taken care of this month. When the sludge removal is complete in the spring the project will be completed. Mayor Bopp also noted that he is working with the Clinton County Emergency Management Director to get information on the chemicals used at the new plant. Virgil Noel noted that Jayson Cavey attended the training for the SCBA sponsored by the Fire Department. Prachar noted that she is in possession of the book that Virgil Noel put together. There are several check lists in the book that she would like to see be part of the protocol written for the plant.

At 6:42 p.m. a motion to **open the public hearing for the amendment of the 2008 budget** was made by Rohling with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

Ganzer noted that the amendments were for \$9,000 to upgrade the park for the Sesquicentennial, \$40,000 for the painting and cleaning of the water tower, \$260,000 were SRF funds for the wastewater treatment facility. No other comments were made.

At 6:45 a motion to **close the public hearing for the amendment of the 2008 budget** was made by Patterson with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

During **public forum** Brenda Kay requested that the welcome sign by the elevator be replaced. Kay Elevator will donate the cost of the new sign if the City will allow the replacement. Kay requested that no more snow be dumped in the creek. If we have a quick spring thaw she feels that it will cause the creek to back up and flood. Kay requested that the red salt that is being used in front of the library be kept to a minimum. It is being tracked into her building by customers and is causing stains on the carpet that will not come out. John Marr requested that the Council take action against citizens that are not clearing snow from sidewalks.

John Marr requested that something be done about the **junk and junk vehicles** that are being allowed to collect in his neighborhood. The nuisance committee will contact the parties involved and request that clean up is handled so that the City will not find it necessary to take action to have the items removed.

Discussion regarding the **empty space adjacent to the library** was tabled.

A motion to approve the **contract with the Clinton County Sheriff's Department** was made by Rohling with a second by Patterson. All ayes.

A motion to **approve the purchase of 8 new inserts for the ordinance books** at a cost of \$40.00 each was made by Rohling with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

A motion to approve the **City Clerk to attend the Clerk's Academy July 23 – 25, 2008** was made by Rohling with a second by Prachar. All ayes.

A motion to approve the **update of the City's investment policy** was made by Prachar with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2008-15 which is for the approval of the 2008 budget amendment** was made by Rohling with a second by Prachar. All ayes.

A motion to **approve resolution 2008-15 which is for setting rates for the municipal infractions** was made by Prachar with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2008-16 which is for the City mileage reimbursement rate** to reflect the federal recommended rate was made by Prachar with a second by Patterson. All ayes.

Resolution 2008-17 which is for changing the pay structure for the City Clerk was tabled.

Resolution 2008-18 which is for updating the employee policy was tabled.

During the **garbage committee update** Prachar informed the Council that Matt and Jayson Cavey came up with the idea to have citizens purchase annual stickers for the size of garbage receptacle they need. Prachar noted that the garbage ordinance needs to be written in such a manner that more than once weekly pick ups for dumpsters and large items are additional fees. Patterson had concerns with the plan, if someone had a week they had excess garbage and did not realize it until Sunday night they would have no where to purchase stickers for extra receptacles. Other issues raised were elderly citizens being able to manage getting cans to the curb. Prachar noted that the point of the proposal is to make the rates fair for all and to eliminate the problem with persons from out of town dumping garbage in town for free pick up. Cavey noted that one of the upsides to the plan is that people will be conscious of the amount of garbage they produce and may start recycling more. Opinions were varied on the proposed plan. The

committee will do more research and review the current ordinance. Mayor Bopp is opposed to the plan.

A motion to approve the **additional \$1,800.00 needed by the maintenance department to put a drain in the concrete floor** that will be poured at the maintenance shed was made by Rohling with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

During **reports** the only item discussed were the lists of properties the Council and Mayor Bopp are compiling to send notices for clean up.

A motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. was made by Denahy with a second by Prachar. All ayes.

Jerry Bopp, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk