

**Wheatland City Council Proceedings
March 8, 2010**

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

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the January 18th, February 8th and February 16th meetings. Also included were the liquor licenses for Desperados and the Lion's and the following revenues and expenses:

Bills paid prior to March Meeting:

FICA	2,192.55
IPERS	1,011.19
State of Iowa - withholding	408.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield – Matt Cavey Health Insurance	780.10
Alliant Energy, utilities	4,989.12

Accounts Payable for March Meeting

American Water Works, training	50.00
Baker & Taylor, books	296.35
Bancard, fuel	205.00
Jayson Cavey, cell phone	25.00
Matt Cavey, cell phone	25.00
Clinton County Engineer, 2009 pavement markings	444.49
Clinton County Sheriff's Dept.	1,169.00
Demco, shelves & cataloging supplies	119.89
Farm Plan,	88.79
F & B Communications, telephone	251.99
First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment	1,402.99
Laurie Ganzer, cell phone	25.00
Grit, subscription	16.95
Jim Roman, engraving	35.00
John Peavey, parking ordinance	65.00
IAMU, dues	688.57
MVTL Laboratories, testing fees	261.20
National Geographic Kid's, subscription	19.95
Virgil Noel, mileage	17.68
Northway Well & Pump, well pump control work	1,859.25
Observer, publishing	231.42
Orkin, pest control City Hall	40.00
Penworthy, books	646.20
Upstart, book bags & transfers	53.00
Wendling Quarries, rock	8.67
WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee	2,237.00
Wheatland Repair, fire equipment & ballast for station	161.10

Gross Wages:

\$ 9,896.25

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues:</u>	<u>Expenses:</u>
General Fund	7,715.12	15,235.86
Road Use	6,250.43	2,196.02
Debt Service	135.11	0.00
Employee Benefits	51.54	881.69
Water	5,680.27	9,577.23
Sewer	14,144.01	12,307.92
Garbage	3,177.00	2,981.68
Recycle	1,023.77	860.26
Totals	38,177.25	44,040.66

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

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Department** spent 66.82 hours in the City of Wheatland from January 26, 2010 through February 25, 2010 while on patrol they handled 2 incidents and answered 6 calls.

Paul Loete of MSA Professional Services was present to give an update on the I & I study being done for the **wastewater treatment facility**. A copy is available at City Hall for anyone that wishes to review the report. Mayor Noel formed a committee that will review the data and report back to the Council at the April 12th meeting.

Loete also spoke regarding the **water system improvement project**. Loete informed the council that an I-jobs funding application will be submitted by March 30th. At this point in the project all drawings, specifications and construction permit applications are complete.

Ganzer requested that the council does not proceed any further with this project until the wastewater treatment facility issues are resolved. Ganzer informed the council that the water improvement project could not be completed without raising rates unless full funding is made available. Ganzer advised against placing the City in a position where a construction charge for a water project would need to be added to the rates already being charged for the new wastewater treatment facility.

Bids for the **2010-2011 insurance policy** were submitted by ECI Insurance at a rate of \$17,512.00 and Petersen Insurance at a rate of \$14,635.00. A motion to stay with our current company of ECI Insurance was made by Schnede – no second was made. A motion to purchase the policy from Petersen Insurance was made by Denahy with a second by Patterson. First vote was Schnede – nay, Steele – abstained with out grounds and Patterson and Denahy – ayes. After further discussion the motion was resubmitted and a second vote was all ayes.

At 8:10 p.m. a motion to open the public hearing for the **amendment of the 2010 budget** was made by Schnede with a second by Patterson. All ayes.

No oral or written comments were made.

At 8:11 p.m. a motion to close the public hearing for the amendment of the 2010 budget was made by Schnede with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

A motion to approve resolution 2010-11 which is for the approval of the 2010 budget amendment was made by Schnede with a second by Patterson. All ayes.

At 8:12 p.m. a motion to open the public hearing for the **2011 budget** was made by Schnede with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

No oral or written comments were made.

At 8:13 p.m. a motion to close the public hearing for the 2011 budget was made by Schnede with a second by Patterson. All ayes.

A motion to approve resolution 2010-12 which is for the approval of the 2011 budget was made by Schnede with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

A motion to approve the memorandum of understanding with Clinton County Emergency Management with regards to the maintenance of the new **warning sirens** was made by Schnede with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

Mayor Noel formed a committee of Steele and Denahy to review and revise the **parking ordinance**. The committee will report back to the council at the April 12th meeting.

During discussion regarding **snowmobiles trespassing on private property** Schnede recommended that the city contact the Snowmobile Association with such issues and they will assist in correcting the problem even if the violators are not members of the association.

A motion to approve the **pavement markings with the Clinton County Engineers** for the 2010 season for an amount of \$ 594.27 was made by Schnede with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

No comments were made during **public forum**.

During **reports** Cavey discussed the IDNR water supply sanitary survey. Ganzer reported that a loose dog complaint was taken by the law center. Denahy requested that Cavey contact someone to look at the water standing on East Vine street to see what can be done about the problem. Cavey was asked by Patterson to repair the bridge on the railroad property just off Toronto Street. Mayor Noel has been receiving complaints about alleys needing gravel. Cavey noted that the alleys will be repaired once the ground has thawed. Mayor Noel stated that the fire department received \$4,000.00 from the 911 funds for communication related equipment again this year. The Wheatland Volunteer Fire Department will host a weather spotter class at the station on March 31st at 6:30 p.m. everyone is welcome to attend. A complaint about the wood pile in the boulevard at 100 High Street was discussed. Schnede volunteered to talk to the owners.

A motion to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. was made by Schnede with a second by Patterson. All ayes.

Virgil Noel, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk