

Wheatland City Council Proceedings
April 21, 2008

Mayor Bopp called the regular meeting of the Wheatland City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. with council members Schnede, Prachar, Rohling, Patterson and Denahy present. Also present were City employees Matt Cavey, Jayson Cavey and Laurie Ganzer.

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the March 10th meeting, J R's Place liquor license and the following payables and revenues:

Bills paid prior to April Meeting:

Petty Cash	112.28
FICA	2,331.32
IPERS	857.81
State of Iowa	316.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield – Matt Cavey Health Insurance	657.40
ECl Insurance, annual policy	18,091.00
Alliant Energy, utilities	5,145.60
NVB Playgrounds, basketball hoops	1,279.98
Midwest Contracting & Development, park wiring	4400.00

Accounts Payable for April Meeting

AgVantage, sidewalk salt	90.00
Alliant Energy, utilities	4,726.53
Jill Bachus, books & Mileage	38.13
Baker & Taylor , Books	8.66
Barco Municipal Products., adapter	22.87
Jerry Bopp, mileage	63.63
Jayson Cavey, cell phone	25.00
Matt Cavey, cell phone	25.00
Cedar Rapids Welding, compressed air	75.00
Chem Search, weed killer	461.00
Clinton County Sheriff's Dept.	1,038.24
Conoco – Phillips Fleet, City & Fire truck fuel	607.64
Determann Industries, street patch mix	140.00
City of Delmar, 50% clerk school & notary renewal	135.00
Farm Plan, misc. maint. Dept.	27.90
F & B Communications, telephone & website start up	934.15
First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment	1,288.85
Grit, subscription	32.00
Harry's Farm Tire, tractor tire repair	47.80
ISU, fire school	9.00
IAMU, dues	383.74
Micro Marketing, books	100.89
MSA Professionals, engineer fees WWTF	517.00
Municipal Emergency Services, fire equipment	1,278.50
MVTL Laboratories, testing fees	237.40
Observer, publishing	100.63

R & K Oil, City Hall heating fuel	917.25
Staples, office supplies	77.02
Tires - N – More, tractor tire	114.43
Tri County Implement, tractor repair	364.75
WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee	2,227.00

Gross Wages:

\$ 8,756.51

Revenues:

General Fund	16,202.09	Water	5,076.31
Road Use	6,577.74	Sewer	14,316.73
Debt Service	1,343.97	Garbage	3,094.78
Employee Benefits	0.00	Recycle	997.20

Total Revenue \$47,508.82

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

During **discussion regarding the garbage rates and system**. The majority of citizens present informed the Council that they would rather have rates increase than go to a sticker/bag system. A few citizens wanted to see the city go to some sort of pay for the quantity you dispose.

It was asked if the businesses in town observe the mandatory recycling ordinance. Matt and Jayson Cavey confirmed that they do pick up recycling at businesses. Mayor Bopp noted that after having the garbage truck weighed when the dumpsters were picked up he determined that approximately 40% of the weekly tonnage was for the dumpsters. Ganzer noted that only 17% of the revenue is collected from businesses with dumpsters.

After hearing everyone's opinions regarding the garbage system the Council decided that the current system will stay in place with plans to raise the rates for all garbage pick up by 5%. Dumpster rates may be raised more than 5% at a later date. Some of the businesses that continually over flow their dumpsters each week may be required to purchase additional dumpsters.

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Department** spent 69.02 hours in the City of Wheatland from February 26, 2008 through March 25, 2008 while on patrol they issued 2 citations, handled 7 incidents and answered 9 calls.

During the **update on the wastewater treatment facility** Mat Saur of MSA Professionals addressed the change order requested for additional lighting and a battery charger automatic transfer switch for the transformer. The Council informed Saur that they felt \$26,475.00 was very high. Saur will discuss the change order with Taylor Construction and report back at the May meeting.

Chance Kness from Clinton County Emergency Management was present to discuss the evacuation requirements in the event of a chlorine leak. Mr. Kness stated that the most likely chance of a leak would be when cylinders are changed. Mr. Kness noted after speaking with several experts on liquid chlorine it was determined that due to the location of the wastewater treatment facility and the amount of liquid chlorine on site the evacuation perimeter would basically consist of the actual plant. There could be a situation if the wind was very strong from the south that the convenience store and the

first home on the east side of south Toronto Street may have to be evacuated. Mr. Kness also noted that the only other risk that he felt would be beneficial to mention is the chance that the system could be tampered with. Mr. Kness suggested an alarm be installed on the door with a remote notification system. Virgil Noel commented that other safety issues for City employees are evident at the plant. He wants to see the City complete an entire safety manual for the plant.

During **public forum** Gladys Seifert asked the Council if the east end of Buchanan street will be repaired this year. Matt Cavey informed Ms. Seifert that Buchanan street is on the list for repairs this year. Angi Kauffman inquired if any gravel will be placed in the alley adjacent to her property.

Tammy Flynn and Cheryl Leech of the **skate park committee** informed the Council that the committee has raised \$3,600.00 at this time. Flynn and Leech requested the Council consider a donation to the skate park, without a City pledge the committee can not qualify for a grant. The Council instructed Ganzer to place the item on next month's agenda.

Angi Kauffman was present to request that the Council do something about the **barking dogs at 204 & 208 W. Lincolnway**. The Council agreed that something needed to be done for the dogs at 204 W. Lincolnway. They will continue to monitor 208 W. Lincolnway for further evidence of a problem.

A motion to **approve the bid from JJJ Enterprises** for repairing the drainage problem on East Jefferson Street for \$15,945.00 was made by Schnede with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

A motion to approve **building permit 176** for QC Networks was made by Rohling with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

A motion to **forgive \$251.41 on the sewer portion of utility account 109200** due to pipes breaking was made by Prachar with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

A motion to **appoint Michelle Allers to the park board** for a two year term was made by Prachar with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

A motion to approve **renting the window space at the main street rental property** to Taylor Construction for \$50.00 per month was made by Schnede with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

During **reports** Mayor Bopp noted that clean up letters will be mailed soon. If the letter request is not responded to he will seek to abate the property owners to have the properties cleaned up prior to the Sesquicentennial.

A motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. was made by Denahy with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

Jerry Bopp, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk