

**Wheatland City Council Proceedings
May 12, 2008**

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

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the April 21st meeting, liquor licenses for Quint Cities Petroleum, Wheatland Community Hall and Lion's Club along with the following revenues and payables:

Bills paid prior to May Meeting:

Petty Cash	112.28
FICA	2,266.08
IPERS	835.72
State of Iowa	307.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield – Matt Cavey Health Insurance	657.40

Accounts Payable for May Meeting

Acco , liquid chlorine	669.20
Alliant Energy, utilities	4,261.63
Jill Bachus, training & Mileage	148.00
Baker & Taylor , Books	27.97
Jerry Bopp, mileage	86.36
Jayson Cavey, cell phone	25.00
Matt Cavey, cell phone	25.00
Clinton County Sheriff's Dept.	1,038.24
Commercial Maintenance, weed killer	616.53
Conoco – Phillips Fleet, City & Fire truck fuel	713.22
Custom Art & Sign, sign removal @ rental	50.00
Demo, library office supplies	105.25
Determann Industries, street patch mix	120.84
Electric Pump, lift station repair	297.02
Farm Plan, misc. maint. Dept.	32.45
F & B Communications, telephone & website start up	247.54
First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment	1,288.85
First Trust & Savings Bank – water note	7,025.00
First Trust & Savings Bank – curb & gutter note	20,638.13
Harry's Farm Tire, tractor tire repair	92.88
Iowa Prison Industries, park signs	67.50
Keystone Laboratories, testing	110.00
King's Material Inc., parking bumpers	378.48
Lowden Plumbing & Heating, water heater fire station	568.31
Menard's, park supplies	9.63
Micro Marketing, books	111.85
Don Mills, misc. supplies for park repairs	563.15
MSA Professionals, engineer fees WWTF	710.50

MVTL Laboratories, testing fees	335.00
National Geographic Kids, subscription	19.95
Observer, publishing & subscription	111.00
Olsen's , park supplies	74.56
Penworthy, books	766.83
Sandry Fire Supply, equipment	885.00
Seventeen, subscription	14.97
Spahn & Rose, park supplies	302.04
Staples, office supplies	174.46
State revolving Fund, WWTF payment	114,805.08
Tri-County Implement, plow parts	24.20
Triple J Gutters, replace fire station north gutter	288.00
Walmart, vacuum cleaner	53.46
Water Tower Paint & Repair, cleaning tower	1,250.00
Witte ready Mix, sidewalk repair	720.75
Wheatland Wire, book sale ad & monthly council info	110.00
WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee	2,227.00
Wheatland Repair, oil	45.74

Gross Wages:

\$ 8,688.75

Revenues:

General Fund	57,413.94	Water	5,224.71
Road Use	4,751.46	Sewer	210,240.71
Debt Service	12,234.30	Garbage	3,075.78
Employee Benefits	0.00	Recycle	984.20

Total Revenue \$294,103.37

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

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Department** spent 55.87 hours in the city of Wheatland from March 26, 2008 through April 25, 2008 while on patrol they handled 3 incidents and answered 16 calls.

Council member Schnede joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

During the **update on the wastewater treatment facility** Steve Thompson and Jim Holz of MSA Professionals were present to inform the council that the wastewater treatment plant is nearly complete. Small projects such as touching up paint, resetting a door lock and similar items are all that are left of the project.

A motion to sign an agreement of substantial completion for the project was made by Prachar with a second by Rohling. All ayes.

A motion to approve change order # 8 which is for the installation of an automatic switch for the generator at a cost of \$16,100.00 was made by Schnede with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

During **public forum** Sharon Werner requested a private drive sign for 312 N. Toronto Street because people are using the driveway as an access to the park. The council informed Ms. Werner that private drive signs can be purchase at a shopping center or hardware store. It is up to the individuals to mark their own driveways.

Angi Kaufmann was present to address the **barking dog issues** in her neighborhood. The council agreed due to the volume of complaints about dog barking in that particular neighborhood, all residents owning a dog will be sent a letter regarding the problem.

Everett Rich was present to discuss drainage problems on his property due to a culvert placed by the railroad on their property. Mr. Rich was informed that the City has no jurisdiction regarding railroad property. When Mr. Rich contacts the railroad the City would be interested in hearing their solution to the problem.

Everett Rich asked when the city will be repairing the street in front of his home. The maintenance department was instructed by the Council to place gravel in the holes until permanent repairs can be done.

A motion to **pledge \$1,000.00 to the skate park** was made by Denahy with a second by Prachar. All ayes. The council congratulated the committee members and children present for their efforts. The committee has raised \$4,300.00. The project will Cost approximately \$43,000.00. The committee hopes that with the city pledge they will now qualify for grant funding.

Don Mills of the **park board was present to ask the council to repair the parking lot adjacent to the city park.** The parking lot is in serious disrepair. The parking lot is to be used for handicap parking during the sesquicentennial in August. Ganzer noted that funds are not readily available for further improvements to the park. Cavey will put the parking lot on the list for bids they are obtaining for street repairs. If the bid for repair is low enough the council will consider finding the funds needed for the repairs. Mr. Mills addressed his concerns about high volumes of vandalism in the park. Mr. Mills would like to have renters sign a contract listing the rules and raise the shelter rental deposit. The council agreed with Mr. Mills that a signed contract and higher deposit would be appropriate. Ganzer will have the item on next month's agenda.

A motion to approve **building permit 177** for First Trust & Savings Bank was made by Schnede with a second by Denahy. Schnede, Rohling, Denahy – ayes. Prachar abstained.

The renters lease for Taylor Construction was tabled.

A motion to approve **resolution 2008-20** which is for the solid waste rates for fiscal year 2009 with an increase of 5% was made by Schnede with a second by Rohling. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2008-21** which is for the water rates for fiscal year 2009 with an increase of 5% was made by Schnede with a second by Denahy. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2008-22** which is for the 2009 wages for City employees fro fiscal year 2009 was made by Prachar with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

During discussion regarding **spring clean up** Ganzer was instructed to send letters to 9 property owners regarding nuisance issues on their property. The letters will include a copy of the junk and junk vehicle ordinance, the nuisance ordinance, details regarding the items needing cleaned up or removed and a completion date.

During **Reports** Cavey noted that there are two trees owned by the city that need to be cut down. The council instructed Cavey to get bids for tree removal. Schnede discussed the damage done by the garbage truck to Desperados dumpster. Prachar will speak with the owners about repairing the dumpster and report back at the next meeting. Prachar noted that the garbage committee held a meeting to review the garbage ordinances. The committee is proposing several changes to the ordinances. Prachar will prepare the changes for review at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. was made by Denahy with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

Jerry Bopp, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk