

**Wheatland City Council Proceedings
May 12, 2014**

Mayor Schnede called the regular meeting of the Wheatland City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. with council members Rohling, Stankee and Weise present. Woolard and Roman were absent. Also present were city employees Laurie Ganzer and Matt Cavey.

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the April 14th meeting and the following revenues and expenses:

Bills paid prior to Meeting:

941 Tax – 2,473.95, IPERS – 1,565.65, State of Iowa, withholding tax – 433.00, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Matt Cavey policy – 1,267.20, Petersen Insurance, annual policy – 21,588.00, Petty Cash, 80.00 water class, water deposit refund, 73.03, flowers for park, 42.63 – 195.66

Accounts Payable for Meeting

Baker & Taylor, books – 131.45, Bancard, utility bill postage – 109.82, parks maintenance, 22.95, card dues, 60.00, office supplies, 50.75 – 243.52, Calamus Wheatland Schools, diesel – 152.10, Calamus Country Store, fuel – 77.32, Clinton County Sheriff's Office, contract – 1,274.84, Consumer Reports, subscription – 29.00, Determann, cold mix street patch – 314.50 F & B Communications, telephone, internet, library on site service – 434.45, First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment - 1,402.99, Harry's Farm Tire, sample shipping & tire repair – 372.44, Iowa Finance Authority, sewer & I & I note interest & principal – 104,198.87 Iowa Municipal Professionals Academy, Clerk School – 180.00, Jayson Cavey, cell phone – 25.00, Jill Bachus, mileage & books – 112.82, JJJ Enterprises, water main repair 1,225.00, alley tile, 4,099.00 – 5,324.00, John Deere Financial, maintenance, 31.47, vehicle maintenance, 196.32, parks, 92.95 – 320.74, John Peavey, legal fees – 50.00, Keystone Labs, sample testing – 390.60, Laurie Ganzer, cell phone & coffee pot for City Hall – 65.65, Maguire Iron, water tower cleaning – 1,286.00, Matt Cavey, cell phone – 25.00, Observer, publishing – 186.81, Sandry Fire Supply, equipment – 51.42, Staples, office supplies – 112.79, Wendling Quarries, rock – 156.61, WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee – 2,575.00, Wheatland Repair Service, fire truck maintenance – 649.65, Wheatland Wire, publishing – 75.00

Gross Wages:

\$ 10,671.76

Revenues:

General Fund – 15,092.05, Employee Benefits – 372.68, Road Use – 7,168.42, Debt Service – 407.83, Water – 6,149.36, Sewer – 19,355.23, Garbage – 3,524.91, Recycling – 1,015.87

Total Revenues – 53,086.35

Expenses:

General Fund – 45,164.09, Employee Benefits – 1,156.82, Road Use – 2,109.58 Debt Service – 0.00 Water – 5,300.97, Sewer – 6,918.98, Garbage – 5,300.83, Recycling – 828.88 **Total**

Expenses – 66,780.15

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

The City Clerk noted that the NPDES permit from the DNR is in the notification stage and will be issued 45 days after the waiting period as described by Iowa law.

Public forum:

Diane Davis was present to ask the council how to go about getting a cease and desist order for the neighbor to her west to keep them from putting anymore decorative fencing and/or gardens on her property until a survey can be done. The council informed her that the issue was a civil one and she would need to contact her attorney for assistance.

Terry Hagg was present to ask the council what is going to be done about the drain that is sinking by his driveway. He has asked for assistance for approximately 2 years and has had no results. Mr. Hagg was informed that the City would look at the drain to see what can be done to keep it from sinking further.

A motion to issue an **abatement notice to the owners of 402 N. Toronto Street** to either tear down the building or bring it up to code within 90 days was made by Stankee with a second by Wiese. All ayes.

Woolard joined the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

A motion to send a letter to **100 High Street** to notify them to neatly stack the woodpile in their back yard or remove it completely was made by Rohling with a second by Wiese. All ayes.

A dead tree at **102 High Street** will be removed as soon as possible if it is dead. Owners of the property are waiting to see if the tree shows any signs of leaves before they remove it.

A motion to **disqualify Rebecca Lara as a library board member** since she has moved out of the area was made by Stankee with a second by Wiese. All ayes.

The City Clerk was instructed to contact the IDOT to ask for detour signs for the wide loads that are directed through town due to bridge work being done on Highway 30.

During discussion regarding hiring a new **city attorney** the City Clerk was instructed to contact the current attorney to see if associates in the office could assist when the City needed advice to get a more timely response for issues that arise.

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Office** spent 63.22 hours in the city of Wheatland between March 26, 2014 through April 25, 2014 while on patrol they issued 2 warnings, handled 1 incident and answered 8 calls.

Reports:

The water tower needs welding work done. The company will notify us before they arrive to handle the work so citizens and the fire dept. can be notified that the tower will be down for approximately 3 days.

The sidewalk at Washington and Toronto Street on the SW corner needs repaired on the city's right of way.

The owners of 109 W. Lincolnway requested that the City raise the sidewalk that was replaced after sewer main repair as it is too low and will cause a drainage problem during the spring or possible winter thawing and refreezing.

A motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. was made by Stankee with a second by Woolard. All ayes.

Century Schnede, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk