

Wheatland City Council Proceedings
June 17, 2009
Special meeting

Mayor Bopp called the special meeting of the Wheatland City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. at Wheatland City Hall with council members Prachar, Denahy, Schnede and Patterson, present along with city employees Matt Cavey and Laurie Ganzer. Rohling was absent.

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

Rohling joined the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Steve Thompson of MSA Professionals was present to **discuss the recent compliance review for the wastewater treatment facility by the IDNR**. During construction of the WWTF the IDNR contacted MSA Professionals and announced that they were being sued and would be changing the way in which they calculate discharge limits. At the time of construction IDNR was concerned that the new WWTF would not be able to meet the new discharge limits. As construction was underway the IDNR agreed that when the new discharge limits were approved the new limits would constitute a new project allowing the City to apply for further grant funding to meet the discharge limits. During the recent inspection the City was instructed to make adjustments to control the influent and effluent rates. Thompson explained that there are several ways this can be accomplished. The least expensive would be to do smoke testing which will reveal leaks and illegal connections to the sewer system. Other options would be to expand the current plant with an additional pond.

A motion to approve hiring **MSA Professionals** to work with the City maintenance department to do **smoke testing and a house to house inspection** for illegal connections to the wastewater system was made by Schnede with a second by Prachar. All ayes.

It was stated for the record that hooking sump pumps and down spouts directly to the wastewater system is illegal by state law. During a house to house inspection anyone found having an illegal connection will be allowed a very short period of time to correct the problem or face fines and possible disconnection of services.

It is very possible that the discharge limits could be controlled by alleviating the majority of the water run off and illegal connections at a low cost to citizens. The City will aggressively work to control the infiltration by encouraging all citizens to comply with removing illegal connections. The City will repair any City owned infiltration issues that are revealed immediately.

A motion to approve an **application for an interest free loan from SRF** for the planning and design of an expansion was made by Rohling with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

During **public forum** Sharon Werner and Gladys Seifert were present to object to the passing of ordinance 142-09 which was for the installation of four way stop signs on all intersections on Lincolnway and one at Park Road and Toronto Street.

A motion to approve **resolution 2009-20** which is for setting a public hearing on an interest free SRF planning and design loan for the water system was made by Rohling with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

A motion to approve a **bid from Turkle Tree Service to remove 3 city owned trees on Wright Street** which will not exceed \$2,775.00 was made by Schnede with a second by Prachar. All ayes.

A motion to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. was made by Schnede with a second by Prachar. All ayes.

Jerry Bopp, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk