

Wheatland City Council Proceedings
July 14, 2008

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

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the June 9th meeting, the liquor license for Mac's Triangle and the following revenues and expenses:

Bills paid prior to July Meeting:

Petty Cash	233.88
FICA	2,593.62
IPERS	864.82
State of Iowa	334.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield – Matt Cavey Health Insurance	892.90

Accounts Payable for July Meeting

Alliant Energy, utilities	3,934.96
Baker & Taylor, Books	131.76
Clinton County Area Solid Waste, annual assessment	7,720.00
Jayson Cavey, cell phone	25.00
Matt Cavey, cell phone	25.00
Clinton County Sheriff's Dept.	1,098.44
Conoco – Phillips Fleet, City & Fire truck fuel	575.13
Dakota Supply, water meters	990.82
Determann, street patch	169.86
Elliott Equipment, dumpster	435.00
EMP, rubber gloves	97.32
Farm Plan, misc. maint, water & sewer Dept.	248.59
F & B Communications, telephone	276.36
First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment	1,288.85
Graybill, communications equipment – fire dept.	446.00
Hach, chemicals	326.65
Harry's, water sample shipping	8.00
Heiman, Inc., fire equipment	53.40
IDNR, water permit	93.29
Iowa League of Cities, annual dues	481.00
Iowa One Call, locates	23.40
ISU, fire training	50.00
JJJ Enterprises, Jefferson St. drainage	16,355.00
JoAnn Kay, flowers city park & city hall	136.21
Keystone Labs, testing	122.50
Kings Materials, parking bumper	79.94
Lowden Plumbing & Heating, misc. maintenance	7.48
Menard's, park repairs and maintenance	1,928.89
Micro Marketing, books	34.95
MSA Professionals, engineer fees WWTF	273.00

MVTL Laboratories, testing fees	250.90
National Wildlife Federation, Ranger Rick subscription	19.95
Observer, publishing	236.39
Spahn & Rose, park & streets repairs	1,134.70
Staples, office supplies	345.61
State Library of Iowa, subscription fee	48.16
Tri County Implement, mower maintenance	129.09
Wheatland Repair, fire truck maintenance	481.10
Wheatland Emergency Medical, annual taxation	3,820.00
Wheatland Wire, park ads	40.00
Witte ready Mix, rod for parks dept.	27.00
WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee	2,227.00

Gross Wages:

\$ 10,263.48

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues:</u>	<u>Expenses:</u>
General Fund	8,990.29	15,785.53
Road Use	5,556.80	8,794.66
Debt Service	591.05	0.00
Employee Benefits	0.00	882.23
Water	5,945.77	5,844.28
Sewer	14,291.50	4,195.68
Garbage	3,364.78	2,894.70
Recycle	978.53	667.64
Totals	39,718.72	39,064.72

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

Sheriff Lincoln was present to report that the **Clinton County Sheriff's Department** spent 70.73 hours in the city of Wheatland from May 26th through June 25th while on patrol they issued 1 warning, handled 7 incidents and answered 23 calls.

During the update on the **wastewater treatment facility** Mat Saur of MSA Professionals was present to report that the majority of the finishing work is complete. A motion to approve pay request 19 for \$89,800.67 was made by Schnede with a second by Patterson. All ayes. Saur informed the council that the original contract will remain open until the sludge is removed and the generator transfer switch is installed. 30,000.00 has been reserved to cover the cost of those projects.

A motion to approve the Lion's to transfer their **liquor license** to the **Sesquicentennial Committee** from August 8, 2008 through August 10, 2008 was made by Schnede with a second by Rohling. All ayes.

A motion to approve no parking on the **parade route on August 9, 2008** from 9 a.m. until the parade is complete was made by Schnede with a second by Rohling. All ayes. The sesquicentennial committee will send letters to those affected.

During **discussion regarding the parade** many of the people present expressed concern for the parade route. Many present felt the parade should follow the same route it has in years past so that it will go past the nursing home. Further discussion of the

parade brought forth the concern of discrimination by not allowing the skateboard committee to carry their skateboards in the parade. Mayor Bopp appointed council members Schnede and Denahy to go with him to discuss the concerns with the parade committee.

A motion to **approve signing a land lease** and pay legal fees associated with the writing of the lease for parking during the **Sesquicentennial** after approval from the city attorney was made by Schnede with a second by Patterson. All ayes.

During **public forum** Missy Flammang was present to inform the council that the work completed on east Jefferson Street was not handled in the manner that it was presented to her. Schnede will meet with Cavey during the noon hour this week to turn on the fire hydrant and check the flow of the water.

Roy Ganzer was present to inquire why no one had contacted him regarding the drainage problem on Iowa Street. Mr. Ganzer was concerned with the length of time it takes the City Council to act on citizen concerns.

John Marr was present to inform the council that a cover has still not been placed on the drain at the NW corner of Lincolnway and Wright Street. Mr. Marr noted that the pipe marking the drain has been removed. He is concerned that someone may fall in the hole and injure themselves.

Mary Chadwick was present to request the City Council give her an explanation regarding procedures for conducting non-city related business being handled at the library. Ms. Chadwick was concerned with the manner in which an employee reprimand was handled by the Librarian. Ms. Chadwick also requested clarification regarding the library board's authority. Ms. Chadwick wanted clarification regarding library board openings. Ganzer informed Chadwick that vacancies were posted when they are available. After which applicants are reviewed by the library board and a recommendation to fill the vacancy is forwarded to the City Clerk. The item is placed on the next available agenda for the Council to vote on the recommendation. During this discussion the City Clerk cautioned the Council and Ms. Chadwick that is inappropriate to discuss city employees or boards without the persons present to defend themselves and/or request a closed session. Further discussion was halted.

Virgil Noel requested that the city maintenance crew spray for weeds at the fire and ambulance station.

During **discussion regarding dog barking issues** the Council informed those present that recent complaints cannot be considered a nuisance. No citations will be issued at this time.

Virgil Noel of **Wheatland Repair** was present to request the **driveway** into his business be repaired. Cavey will complete the work by July 18th.

Don Mills of the **park board** was present to get clarification regarding renting and/or loaning picnic tables from the city park. The Council informed Mr. Mills that it has been past practice to allow citizens to use the tables in the park as needed.

Mr. Mills expressed his concern about pets defecating in the park and the pet owners leaving it on the ground. Mr. Mills was informed that allowing pets to defecate on public property is in violation of the animal control ordinance. Mr. Mills was given permission to inform violators to clean up after their pets.

Mr. Mills also informed the council that allowing persons to have the key to the park restrooms without a deposit and rental fee will now pose a problem since the locks have been changed and the locks are all keyed the same. If a person is allowed to have access to the restrooms without paying the deposit and rental fee they will now have

access to the shelter. No direction on handling this problem was given by the council at this time.

The tree removal bid was tabled.

A motion to approve **Amy Softa as the assistant librarian** was made by Schnede with a second by Patterson. All ayes.

A motion to allow **Ganzer to issue one time per season pool fill credits on sewer portion of utility bills** for those requesting the credit once she has verified the residents have a pool was made by Schnede with a second by Patterson. All ayes.

During **reports** Rohling requested permission for the Lincoln Highway Association to put brush in the City's brush pile when they do their clean up work at the old bridge east of town. The Council agreed that Mayor Bopp should give them permission to use the brush pile as long as they make sure there is no debris or unauthorized substances in the grass clippings and limbs.

Rohling encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming functions that the park board has planned. Over 675 volunteer hours has gone into updating and cleaning the City park.

Rohling gave Cavey a list of maintenance issues the grounds and buildings committee would like to see completed as soon as possible.

Ganzer inquired who to contact regarding the completion of the flag pole work at the fire station. The work has remained uncompleted for sometime and citizens have been making inquires regarding the progress.

Mayor Bopp thanked the park board, skateboard committee, city maintenance department and many other citizens for all of the clean up work they have handled in the city in preparation for the sesquicentennial.

Cavey was stopped by an individual regarding painting the south end of the maintenance shed at a cost of \$3500.00. Ganzer noted that we did not budget for an expense that large and did not recommend that the work be completed this year.

Mayor Bopp reminded Rohling that she had promised to place a sign at the building on Main Street noting that the building was on the National Historical list and is awaiting funding for restoration.

A motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. was made by Rohling with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

Jerry Bopp, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk