

Wheatland City Council Proceedings
August 13, 2007

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 Schnede, Prachar, Rohling and Stankee present. Bachus was absent. City employees Jayson Cavey and Laurie Ganzer were also present along with several members of the public.

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the July 16th meeting, liquor license renewal for Mac's Triangle and the following revenues and payables:

Bills paid prior to August Meeting:

Petty Cash	388.71
FICA	2,562.80
IPERS	915.83
State of Iowa	347.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield – Matt Cavey Health Insurance	599.90
Alliant Energy, wet well for WWTF	10.93
First Trust & Savings Bank, CD purchases	15,000.00
Menards, outfield fence for City park	844.07
Sesquicentennial Committee, donation	5,000.00
Treasurer State of Iowa, October '06 sales tax	530.60

Accounts Payable for August Meeting:

Acco, liquid chlorine & potassium	614.95
Alliant Energy, utilities	3,751.99
ATCO International, cleaning supplies	87.65
Jill Bachus, books	35.98
Baker & Taylor, Books	195.65
Jerry Bopp, mileage	37.26
Jayson Cavey, cell phone & clothing allowance	225.00
Matt Cavey, cell phone & clothing allowance	225.00
Clinton County Sheriff's Dept.	1,038.24
Commercial Maintenance Chemical, week killer	129.16
Conoco – Phillips Fleet, City & Fire truck fuel	554.20
F & B Communications, telephone	649.12
Farm Plan, misc supplies	68.55
First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment	1,288.85
Laurie Ganzer, Norton update & meals	63.84
Grit, magazine subscription	19.95
Hydro Metering Technology, misc. parts	168.25
Iowa Outdoor, magazine subscription	18.00
IDNR, annual NPDES permit	210.00
Iowa One Call, locates	8.10

JJJ Enterprises, water main break repair	410.26
William Luse Photography, Council & City Employee photo	40.00
Micro Marketing, books	163.70
Don Mills, outfield fence materials for City park	300.00
MSA Professional Service, engineer fees WWTF	12,239.00
MVTL Laboratories, testing fees	191.40
National Geographic, magazine subscription	36.20
Observer, publishing	101.21
Paul Meyer Chemicals, week killer	75.00
Sandy Fire Supply, equipment	353.97
St. Luke's Drug & Alcohol Testing, testing fee	36.00
Taylor Construction, WWTF construction	116,850.00
Treasurer State of Iowa, sales tax	510.37
United Laboratories, lift station maintainer	495.19
Watertower Paint & Repair, paint, repair & clean tower	39,711.00
Wendling Quarries, rock for water main break	68.85
WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee	2,002.00
Wheatland EMS, annual taxation	3,820.00
Wheatland Repair, fire truck repairs	1,462.49
Witte Ready Mix, concrete for sidewalk	413.25

Gross Wages:

\$ 9,494.26

Revenues:

General Fund	7,816.07	Water	5,341.10
Road Use	5,285.93	Sewer	4,869.29
Debt Service	1,679.39	Garbage	3,231.53
Employee Benefits	76.16	Recycle	996.33
Sewer Replacement	100,609.34		

Total Revenue \$129,905.14

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

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Department** spent 59.07 hours in the City of Wheatland from June 26, 2007 through July 25, 2007 while on patrol they issued 4 citations, handled 5 incidents and answered 16 calls.

During the **update on the wastewater treatment facility** Ganzer read a letter from Mat Saur of MSA Professionals noting that the project is 95% complete. All controls and equipment have been tested. Once the painting is completed the facility will be ready for operation which will take place late August or early September. Once the plant is in operation the old facility will be removed.

During **public forum** Alys Bomia addressed the Council and Mayor regarding the skateboarding citation that was issued to her child. She felt the situation was unfair. She inquired why if her child had been such a problem with his skateboard, had someone not contacted her so she could handle the situation. Council member Prachar stated that she had tried to reach Mrs. Bomia on several occasions and had not received a call back. Mrs. Bomia stated she never received any messages from anyone on the Council. Ken Laursen of F & B Communications noted that he had attempted to contact her with no success. He had spoken with Mrs. Bomia's child on a different occasion regarding his skateboard ethics and was treated very rudely. Patsy King was present to express her concerns with the way Council member Schnede handled the situation with her child and a skateboarding issue. Council member Schnede apologized to Ms. King for losing his temper at her home. Ms. King's child apologized to Schnede for the language that was used when he spoke to Council member Schnede. Steve Rohling noted that the Betterment Committee has received their 501 (c) (3) status. Mr. Rohling also inquired about the status of the City website. Ganzer noted that 750.00 was set aside to work on the website. Aaron Horman of F & B Communications is waiting for permission to move forward with the project. Prachar will work on the website issue.

Barb Gerber was present to receive an **update on the progress made to correct the drainage problem at her home and several others on East Jefferson Street**. Ganzer noted that MSA Professionals has requested that the Council clarify what type of correction they are seeking. Schnede noted that he will contact MSA to discuss the problem and report back to Ms. Gerber in approximately 3 weeks.

John Marr was present to **discuss several nuisance and maintenance issues** he would like to see resolved. Council member Rohling informed Mr. Marr that she is working to correcting some of the issues. However, the complaint regarding improper vehicles at 208 W. Lincolnway was unfounded.

A motion to **approve resolution 2008-03 to approve the 2007 streets financial report** was made by Rohling with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

Bid approval for a **lap top computer for the maintenance department** was discussed. Cavey will get a more detailed bid and submit it at the September meeting for approval.

A motion to not implement a **swimming pool fence ordinance** was made by Schnede with a second by Rohling. All ayes. It was the opinion of the Council that citizens should contact their homeowner's insurance for individual requirements so they will be in compliance with their insurance carrier in case of an incident.

A motion to **approve changing City Hall hours to 8 a.m. – 12 p.m** Monday through Friday beginning August 20, 2007 was made by Schnede with a second by Prachar. All ayes.

During **reports** Prachar thanked Rohling and Schnede for the good job they are doing as the Nuisance Committee. Rohling noted that the Park Board gave her an update of the progress being made on their projects for this year. Mayor Bopp reminded everyone that elections papers can be picked up at City Hall beginning August 27th and need to be returned by September 20th. Schnede noted that the blue Taurus at 120 W. Washington Street has been removed. The weeds will be trimmed this weekend. Mayor Bopp replaced Bachus on the building committee with Prachar. Ken Laursen noted that the lot owned by F & B Communications on the corner of Jefferson and Main has been asphalted. The bank is invited to use the space for parking during the week days. It is F & B Communications intention that the space be utilized during functions at the Community Hall and during City events. The Council thanked Mr. Laursen.

A motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. was made by Schnede with a second by Prachar. All ayes.

Jerry Bopp, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk