

Wheatland City Council Proceedings
September 8, 2008

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

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the August 11th meeting and the following revenues and expenses:

Bills paid prior to September Meeting:

Petty Cash	120.38
FICA	2,466.07
IPERS	945.91
State of Iowa	336.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield – Matt Cavey Health Insurance	735.90
Stamp Fulfillment, pre-stamped envelopes	243.60

Accounts Payable for September Meeting

Alliant Energy, utilities	4,439.25
Baker & Taylor, Books	142.04
Jayson Cavey, cell phone & clothing allowance	25.00
Matt Cavey, cell phone & clothing allowance	25.00
Clinton County Sheriff's Dept.	1,098.44
Clinton Humane Society, dog boarding	40.00
Clinton County Treasurer, property tax	634.00
Conoco – Phillips Fleet, City & Fire truck fuel	749.15
Dewitt Electric, light bulbs	19.25
Farm Plan, park repairs	209.09
F & B Communications, telephone	249.23
First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment	1,288.85
Grainger, water tower parts	70.79
Harry's Farm Tire, tire repair	12.00
IAMU, dues	251.71
Iowa Codification, legislative updates	200.00
Iowa Prison Industries, signs	397.00
KAM Line Highway Markings, pavement markings	126.99
Keystone Laboratories, water testing	839.20
Matt Parrott, utility bill forms	371.43
MSA Professionals, engineer fees WWTF	307.50
MVTL Laboratories, testing fees	275.90
NVB Playgrounds, inc., picnic table	457.50
National City Visa – floor mat	302.99
Olsen's, paint	22.00
Paul Meyer Chemicals, weed killer	514.80
Staples, office supplies	267.72
USA Blue Book, water tower repairs	383.86
Vander Heiden Hauling, asphalt, park repairs	512.83

Wendling Quarries, gravel	37.76
WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee	2,237.00
Wheatland Repair, fire truck maintenance	90.35

Gross Wages:

\$ 9,271.56

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues:</u>	<u>Expenses:</u>
General Fund	9,048.91	19,157.87
Road Use	5,290.27	59,382.89
Debt Service	(5.62)	0.00
Employee Benefits	(1.76)	852.24
Water	5,296.42	3,209.94
Sewer	15,402.98	4,639.36
Garbage	3,210.38	2,988.71
Recycle	1,047.51	738.62
Totals	39,289.09	90,969.63

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

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Department** spent 83.35 hours in the city of Wheatland from July 26, 2008 through August 25, 2008 while on patrol they issued 1 warning, 1 citation, handled 3 incidents and answered 24 calls.

There was no update on the wastewater treatment facility.

During **public forum** several citizens were present to complain about the dog barking problems at 204 W. Lincolnway. Several other citizens from the neighborhood requested the council insist that the lawn at 206 W. Lincolnway be cleaned up.

A motion to forgive the **HUD lien in the amount of \$13,609.80 for 111 W. Williams Street** was made by Schnede with a second by Patterson. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2009-04** which was for the approval of the 2008 annual financial report was made by Rohling with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2009-05** which is for a six month extension for use of accumulated vacation time by city employee Matt Cavey was made by Schnede with a second by Rohling. All ayes.

A motion to **set trick or treat hours from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on October 31, 2008** was made by Schnede with a second by Patterson. All ayes.

A motion to approve the **tree removal bid of \$990.00** for the tree in the City right of way on the north side of west Vine Street was made by Schnede with a second by Rohling. All ayes.

During discussion regarding the **outfield fence damage at the city park** a motion to allow Schnede to volunteer his time to work on repairing the fence with the City paying for the materials was made by Schnede with a second by Rohling. All ayes.

During discussion regarding the request by utility account holder 51000 requesting a **credit on the sewer portion of their bill for lawn and flower watering** several citizens voiced the opinion that non-metered credits were unfair to all citizens. Those present felt that all credit requests should require a meter reading to determine the

exact amount. A motion to deny the sewer credit for utility account 51000 was made by Schnede with a second by Patterson. All ayes.

Discussion on the **sidewalk repair on the south side of the 200 block of east Jefferson Street** was tabled.

The first reading of **ordinance 140-09** which is for the update of provisions for notification of delinquent utility accounts was tabled due to a typo of the number on the agenda. During discussion the Council determined that property owners should be responsible for tenants who do not pay their bill with the City. Council member Prachar will do some research and inform the council at the October meeting of the options available for restructuring the ordinance.

During **reports** Prachar inquired if the council felt it was time to revisit the rewriting of the garbage ordinance. Ganzer informed those present that the bridge inspection report is available for anyone who would like to review it. Ganzer noted that the City will need to have a privacy protection policy in place by November 1, 2008. Several complaints were raised about the mud being washed down the storm drains by the owner of the mud truck on west Washington Street. Several more complaints were signed in regards to the animal neglect, junk and lawn care disregard at 113 west Washington Street. The Council will contact the property owner and request that they be more proactive in making their tenants keep the property clean and their animals properly cared for. Due to conflicts with several schedules for the October meeting, the council will meet on October 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. rather than the scheduled October 13, 2008.

A motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. was made by Rohling with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

Jerry Bopp, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk