

**Wheatland City Council Proceedings  
September 10, 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 Matt Cavey and Laurie Ganzer were present along with several members of the public.

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and the following revenues and payables:

**Bills paid prior to September Meeting:**

Petty Cash	312.20
FICA	2,562.80
IPERS	915.83
State of Iowa	347.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield – Matt Cavey Health Insurance	599.90

**Accounts Payable for September Meeting:**

Kent Brix, CPR training	25.00
Jayson Cavey, cell phone	25.00
Matt Cavey, cell phone	25.00
Clinton County Sheriff's Dept.	1,038.24
Clinton County Assessor, property tax	604.00
Conoco – Phillips Fleet, City & Fire truck fuel	628.32
Custom Art & Signs, decals for '07 Chevy	150.00
Data Technologies, software update	14.00
EICCD, CPR cards	22.00
ECI Insurance, policy audit increase	739.00
F & B Communications, telephone	270.90
Farm Plan, misc supplies	94.51
First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment	1,288.85
IAMU, dues	249.12
Muscatine Electric, investigate power problem @ WWTF	119.25
MSA Professional Service, engineer fees WWTF	7,528.50
MVTL Laboratories, testing fees	227.50
Observer, publishing	101.79
Sa-So, paint & stencils for sidewalk	179.17
Staples, office supplies	7.64
Strackbein's, mower parts	15.25
Taylor Construction, WWTF construction	36,207.68
Treasurer State of Iowa, sales tax	567.34
WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee	2,002.00

**Gross Wages:**

\$ 9,907.76

**Revenues:**

General Fund	7,386.54	Water	5,022.52
Road Use	5,652.19	Sewer	4,759.20
Debt Service	3,589.70	Garbage	3,232.03
Employee Benefits	0.00	Recycle	1,017.14
Sewer Replacement	9,576.78		

**Total Revenue      \$37,954.18**

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

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Department** spent 65.38 hours in the City of Wheatland from July 25, 2007 thorough August 24, 2007 while on patrol the issued 6 citations, handled 2 incidents and answered 24 calls.

During the update on the **wastewater treatment facility** Mat Saur of MSA Professionals noted that the plant is near completion and ready to go on line. When the new plant is up and running destruction of the old facility will begin. Steve Thompson of MSA addressed concerns regarding the chlorine gas that will be used to treat the plant. Thompson noted that many other cities use the gas for treatment. Ganzer noted that there will be no increase in the City insurance policy due to the gas. Thompson assured the Council that Cavey will be fully trained in the use of the chlorine gas before bringing the plant on line. A walk through for Fire and EMS personnel is scheduled for September 20, 2007. An open house for the public will be held at a later date. Thompson also noted that he had received a call from the American Council of Consulting Engineers looking for projects that can be submitted for awards. Thompson requested that the Council give him permission to submit the wastewater treatment facility for an award. The Council approved Thompson to submit Wheatland's project for the award. Mayor Bopp noted that awarding of the clean water funds will take place next week and Wheatland has a very good chance of being awarded funding for the project.

A motion to approve Michelle Allers request for attendees of the **Eastern Iowa Pizza Games to camp in tents only for this one time event** at the City park on October 6, 2007 was made by Schnede with a second by Stankee. All ayes. The Council instructed Ganzer to notify the Sheriff's Department of the event. The Council noted that approval to camp in the park can be considered on a case by case basis and in no way does this give anyone else permission to camp in the City park.

During **public forum** Mike Wiese requested the City grind down the bumps on Lincolnway. The Council instructed Cavey to contact Determan to handle the problem when they returned to do the streets that were contracted for this season. Don Mills spoke regarding his concern about the continuing vandalism in the City park. The Council informed Mr. Mills that a reward through Crime Stoppers will be offered for anyone coming forward with information that leads to an arrest for the damages.

Barb Gerber was present to get an update on the **drainage problem on East Jefferson Street**. Schnede noted that a culvert and drop boxes will be the best and most cost effective solution to the problem. Bids for the project are to be summated at the October meeting.

A motion to approve **special use building permit 174** was made by Schnede with a second by Rohling. All ayes.

Aaron Horman of **F & B Communications** was present to discuss the outstanding issues that need to be addressed for the **city website** before the site can go on line. Stankee volunteered to have a list of businesses that are not members of the Business Association to Aaron by mid October.

A motion to approve the **purchase of a laptop computer for the maintenance department from Technology Solutions** for \$1,292.00 was made by Schnede with a second by Prachar. All ayes.

Dave Nelson – HUD loan for 110 W. Washington Street was tabled.

The request for permission for a utility shed for the Fire Department was withdrawn.

A motion to approve a **new sidewalk at 103 East Lincolnway and to finish the sidewalk to the street on the southwest corner of Lincolnway and Williams Street** was made by Prachar with a second by Stankee. All ayes.

A motion to approve **City Hall hours** to be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday was made by Schnede with a second by Prachar. All ayes.

A motion to set **trick or treat hours for October 13, 2007 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** was made by Schnede with a second by Rohling.

A motion to issue an abatement notice to 327 East Jefferson Street was made by Schnede with a second by Rohling. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2008-04** which is for the revised wages that were paid in 2007 was made by Schnede with a second by Prachar. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2008-05** which is for setting the fee for NSF at 30.00 per check was made by Schnede with a second by Rohling. All ayes.

A motion to approve setting the **wage for the assistant librarian at 7.25** per hour was made by Rohling with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

A motion to approve the **Seneca contract for ground water monitoring** on Main Street for \$965.00 was made by Rohling with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

A motion to allow **Miller Deconstruction** to pay for dumpster fees with fund the City owes the company for disposal of appliances was made by Schnede with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

A request for a **swimming pool fill credit of \$13.44 on the sewer portion** of the utility bill for account 4400 was made by Schnede with a second by Stankee. All ayes.

A motion to approve the bid from **Turtle Tree Service to remove the tree in the boulevard on East Jefferson Street** for \$1,340.00 was made by Schnede with a second by Prachar. All ayes.

A motion to approve the renewal of the contract with **Water Tower Paint and Repair** at \$1250.00 per year until 2017 for maintenance, a contract for \$16,803.00 for exterior cleaning and painting in 2012, a contract for \$19,683.00 for exterior painting and cleaning in 2017 or a contract for \$27,803.00 for exterior and interior cleaning in 2017. for the water tower was made by Schnede with a second by Stankee. All ayes.

During **reports** Cavey checked on prices for an automatic switch for the generator at the WWTF. The cost will be approximately \$1,800.00 with labor. Cavey requested that the council allow him to purchase the switch. The Council instructed Cavey to proceed with the purchase. Cavey requested that the Council raise the rate to mow lawns that are out of compliance with the nuisance ordinance to 50.00 for the first offense and

100.00 for each offense there after. Ganzer will prepare the changes for approval at the next meeting. Prachar congratulated Ganzer on successfully completing the 2007 Clerk's Academy. Discussion was held regarding the noncompliance of the nuisance, junk & junk vehicle and parking ordinances, with the Sesquicentennial coming in 2008 the Council is setting the goal that each residence in Wheatland be complaint. Rohling noted that she had several young men in town approach her about being hired by the City to mow lawns at homes that are out of compliance with the nuisance ordinance. Schnede noted that no one is adhering to the request to trim trees, pull weeds, remove junk and various other items that were previously discussed. The Council agreed that a notice will be run in the next wire if citizens do not comply it will be time to start issuing abatements and citations for violations. Rohling noted that she has received many complaints regarding cats roaming freely in town.

A motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. was made by Stankee with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

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Jerry Bopp, Mayor

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Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk