

**Wheatland City Council Proceedings  
September 12, 2011**

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

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the August 8<sup>th</sup>, the following revenues and expenses and the Clinton County Sheriff's Office report:

The CCSO spent 55.82 hours in the city of Wheatland from July 26, 2011 through August 25, 2011 while on patrol they issued 3 warnings, 2 citations, handled 6 incidents and answered 10 calls.

**Bills paid prior to Meeting:**

FICA – 2,123.34, IPERS – 1,310.22, State of Iowa, withholding tax – 398.00, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Matt Cavey policy – 1,018.90, Alliant Energy, utilities – 4,606.32  
Fleet Services, fuel – 380.41, Petty Cash, refund water deposits – 143.21

**Accounts Payable for Meeting**

Alan Environmental, chemicals – 162.00, Alliant Energy, utilities – 4,779.18, Jill Bachus, books, training & mileage – 101.66, Bancard, truck fuel, utility postage, hotel clerk school – 451.21  
Baker & Taylor, books – 246.46, Children's Plus Inc., books – 248.99, Clinton County Sheriff's Office. Contract – 1,232.84, F & B Communications, telephone & internet & service calls to City Hall & Library– 466.39, First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment - 1,402.99, Fleet Services, fire & city fuel – 498.61, Custom Art & Signs, lettering for fire jeep – 310.00, Harry's Farm Tire, tire repair & replacement – 196.79, Heiman Fire, equipment – 31.40, IAMU, dues – 265.08, Jayson Cavey, cell phone - 25.00, JJJ Enterprises, sidewalk & storm drain repair – 2,090.00, John Deere Financial, batteries – 12.82, Laurie Ganzer, cell phone – 25.00  
Liberty TWP, overpayment of fire contract – 1,286.20, Lowden Plumbing, air conditioner service at Library – 60.67, Matt Cavey, cell phone – 25.00, MVTL Laboratories, testing fees – 320.25  
Maintenance Engineering, light bulbs – all departments, 1,445.46, Micro Marketing, books – 35.95, Observer, publications – 74.93, Orkin, pest control City Hall – 44.00, Sandry Fire Supply, equipment – 193.52, Utility Equipment Co, storm drain repair – 518.41, Wendling Quarries, rock – 112.35, WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee - 2,237.00, Wheatland Wire, publications – 100.00, Wheatland Repair, fire truck maintenance – 463.55

**Gross Wages:**

\$ 9,891.26

**Revenues:**

General Fund – 8,280.10, Employee Benefits – 0.00, Road Use – 7,642.44, Debt Service – 0.00, Water – 6,049.10, Sewer – 17,767.80 Garbage – 3,740.09, Recycling – 1,097.49

**Total Revenues – 44,577.02**

**Expenses:**

General Fund – 16,671.40, Employee Benefits – 996.54, Road Use – 2,447.77 Debt Service – 0.00 Water – 3,807.77, Sewer – 4,923.61, Garbage – 3,009.15, Recycling – 772.08

**Total Expenses – 32,628.32**

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

Jim Holtz of MSA Professional Services was present to answer questions regarding the **LMI survey** and stated that if there is not a response of 80% or more the City will be unable to apply for grant funding.

Sarah Fosbinder of MSA Professional Services updated those present with the **I & I reduction project and the polishing reactor facility plans**. A letter for a plan of action that has been sent to the IDNR is available at City Hall. The intended use plan has been approved by the IDNR.

The public hearing for the CDBG water/sewer funding application was set for October 10, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Wheatland City Hall M/S Rohling/Schnede. All ayes.

During **public forum** Russell Seifert requested that the fire department use hydrants on the top of the hill near the tower to refill the tankers to alleviate the rusty water for citizens on the south side of the railroad tracks.

John Marr discussed high weeds at the corner of Wright Street and Park Road that are obstructing the view of traffic. The intake pipe at 207 Lincolnway in the alley may be plugged and the drainage pipe under the sidewalk at the north end of Williams Street needs repaired. The drainage tube has worked its way out of the ground causing the sidewalk to be uneven.

Pat Buchmeyer discussed the health hazards being created for some citizens when others spray their lawns. Council Member Steele noted that there is a very good article in the Sunday paper about guidelines for lawn spraying. He has a copy for anyone wishing to take one. The City does not have guidelines regarding this but the IDNR does. Steele encouraged anyone with problems to record the date and time of the spraying and contact field office 6 of the IDNR in Washington, Iowa.

A motion to approve Bruce Gray to have up to 3 **horses at 102 S. Wright Street** when the property is in his name was made by Schnede with a second by Steele. Ayes – Steele and Schnede. Nays – Rohling.

During discussion regarding **308 N. Toronto Street** Ganzer recommended to the Council and Mayor that the City Attorney come to the next meeting to review the documentation as presented so that the Council may vote on the issue.

A motion to set trick or **treat hours at 5 – 7 p.m. on October 31, 2011** was made by Rohling with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

A motion to approve JR's Place to close Jefferson Street between his building and the bank on September 17, 2011 from 3 p.m. until midnight was made by Schnede with a second by Steele. All ayes.

Ganzer noted that the **2011 Annual Financial Report** is completed and has been published as required by law and will be mailed to the State Auditor by the deadline of December 1, 2011.

During **reports** Mayor Noel requested that the maintenance department remove the mulberry tree that is growing next to the NW corner of City Hall. Council member Steele commended the fire explorers group and John Hoker for the nice job they did painting the fire hydrants. Mayor Noel noted some of the hydrants are in need of repair and replacement. Mayor Noel requested that the manhole cover in the alley adjacent to the F & B lot on the corner of Main & Jefferson needs plugged as soon as possible. Rohling noted that there are mulberry trees in the drop box on S. Bennett that need to be removed. Ganzer noted that a \$300.00 donation has been given to the City to cover cost of additional gravel for the compost pile. Mayor Noel noted the letters sent by the State Library of Iowa and the Iowa Municipal Clerk's Institute commending Ganzer and Head Librarian, Jill Bachus for their dedication to their positions with the City.

A motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. was made by Schnede with a second by Rohling. All ayes.

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Virgil Noel, Mayor

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Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk