

**Wheatland City Council Proceedings
October 8, 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 also present along with several members of the public.

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the September 10th meeting and the following revenues and payables, Ganzer noted that the line item discussion regarding 203 W. Lincolnway should have read 203 E. Lincolnway, line item resolution updating the municipal infractions should read first reading of ordinance 139-08 which is for updating the fees on the municipal infraction schedule:

Bills paid prior to October Meeting:

Petty Cash	129.94
FICA	2,402.67
IPERS	880.67
State of Iowa	332.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield – Matt Cavey Health Insurance	599.90
Alliant Energy, utilities	4,429.81
Acco, liquid chlorine	282.20
John Peavey, Toronto fire protection	75.00
Baker & Taylor, books	259.37
Demco, cataloging supplies for library	73.62
Cheryl Leech, mileage	95.91
Wheatland Wire, June Ad	30.00
Equis, subscription renewal	10.00

Accounts Payable for October Meeting:

Alliant Energy, utilities	3,472.48
Jill Bachus, books, mileage, misc.	225.39
Baker & Taylor, books	99.26
Jerry Bopp, mileage	33.12
Jayson Cavey, cell phone	25.00
Matt Cavey, cell phone	25.00
Clinton County Sheriff's Dept.	1,038.24
Commercial Maintenance Chemical, week killer	239.98
Conoco – Phillips Fleet, City & Fire truck fuel	971.53
Determann Industries, street patching	154.00
Farm Plan, misc. maintenance dept.	28.22
F & B Communications, telephone	207.64
First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment	1,288.85
Hach, chlorine	215.05
Harry's Farm Tire, shipping	15.00
IIMC, dues	140.00
JJJ Enterprises, water shut off repair	540.00
Keystone Laboratories, water testing	113.26

Kirkwood Community College, fire school	75.00
Micro Marketing, books on tape	80.85
MSA Professional Services, engineering fees	2,802.00
MVTL Laboratories, testing fees	191.40
Robert Noel, fire dept. generator	400.00
Observer, publishing	195.57
O'Connor Brooks & Co., auditing fees	4,200.00
Penworthy, books	685.59
R & K Oil, heating fuel City Hall	347.80
Staples, office supplies	241.03
Strackbein's, tractor repair	1,023.90
Taylor Construction, WWTF construction	12,350.00
Technology Solutions, maintenance laptop	1,292.00
Turtle Tree Service, tree removal	1,340.00
Water Solutions, phosphate	804.00
WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee	2,002.00
Wheatland Repair, fire truck maintenance	692.93

Gross Wages:

\$ 9,070.89

Revenues:

General Fund	22,347.75	Water	5,942.01
Road Use	5,574.53	Sewer	131,642.73
Debt Service	5,312.58	Garbage	3,146.69
Employee Benefits	0.00	Recycle	1,015.52

Total Revenue \$174,981.81

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

During the update on the **wastewater treatment plant** Steve Thompson of MSA Professionals informed the Council that the City was awarded a grant for 196,605.00 from the Wastewater Treatment Financial Assistance Program. Thompson commended Mayor Bopp and others that were instrumental in achieving the grant. The new plant is up and running. Thompson noted that he would like permission from the Council to draft a letter to Taylor Construction to remind them that the final completion date is November 5, 2007. Thompson requested the Council set a date to have a picture taken at the new plant for MSA Professionals to use as advertisement.

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Department** spent 75.90 hours in the city of Wheatland from August 26, 2007 to September 25, 2007 while on patrol they issued 3 warnings, 3 citations, handled 6 incidents and answered 27 calls. The speed trailer was displayed in the city of Wheatland from July 24, 2007 through July 27, 2007 and August 28, 2007 through September 12, 2007. Council member Rohling noted that several complaints regarding dogs barking have been reported and would like to work with the Sheriff's Department to resolve the issues. Citizens and Council members were

reminded that citizens need to be willing to sign a complaint, citations can not be issued without a complainant.

During discussion regarding the shed and driveway that were installed at **203 E. Lincolnway** City Clerk, Ganzer and Mr. Pewe noted that there was a miscommunication regarding the perception of the shed and the driveway, both apologized to the Council and Mayor for any problems they may have caused regarding the situation. A letter of agreement between the property owner on the west boundary and Mr. Pewe has been signed and is on file at City Hall.

During **public forum** Jim Garlough requested clarification regarding the sidewalk that is going to be replaced at his property. Mr. Garlough requested the Council repair the alley entrance on the north side of the 100 block of East Washington Street. Mr. Garlough also stressed that if the Council intends to do a City walk through for clean up notices and abatements to make sure they contact the proper property owners. Don Mills informed the Council that the Park Board has held a meeting to discuss updating the shelters before the sesquicentennial next summer and will be requesting additional funds to cover the project. Council member Rohling noted that the detective working on the damage at the park has been in contact with her and they have several leads regarding the damage and are still working on the situation.

Approval for the bids for solution to the **drainage problem at 207, 209 & 211 E. Jefferson** Street has been tabled.

During discussion regarding the **HUD funds that were awarded to Dave and Sarah Nelson for 110 W. Washington Street**, Mark Schneider of ECIA noted that the Housing Committee will make the determination regarding repayment of the funds. Mr. Schneider explained that it would not be possible to transfer the grant to new owners. When the house is sold if the proceeds are not adequate to repay all mortgages, taxes or liens it would then fall to the Housing Committee to determine if the remainder of the grant will be forgiven.

Cheryl Leech and Tammy Flynn of the **Skateboard Park Committee** inquired of the Council if it was necessary to get approval from them for each fundraising event they plan on holding. The Council did not think it was necessary for the committee to be micromanaged by the Council and wish them success in raising the funds needed for the skate park equipment.

A motion to approve **resolution 2008-07** for the approval of the 2007 annual report was made by Schnede with a second by Rohling. All ayes.

A motion to approve the first reading of **ordinance 139-08** which is for the update of the municipal infractions for lawn mowing and snow removal violations was made by Prachar with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

During discussion regarding the **rental property at 116 S. Main** the Council determined that the property would not be rented after the tenant moves. It could be used for a community room or the City Clerk's office. No final determination was made at this time.

A motion to approve the **fire contract for the City of Toronto** was made by Rohling with a second by Stankee. All ayes.

During **reports** Ganzer requested the Council approve the purchase of a digital camera with the cost being shared by the Library. Cavey noted that lights will need to be installed at the new wastewater treatment facility. Cavey also inquired if the Council

intended to salvage any of the old sewer plant to sell before it is torn down. Prachar requested that the abatement for 327 E. Jefferson Street move forward since ample warnings have been given to the owners regarding clean up issues and they have not been resolved. Mayor Bopp noted that Matt and Jayson did a good job painting the bridges. Rohling requested that an abatement be issued for 207 W. Lincolnway since the issue there has not been resolved after the initial letter of request was sent. Rohling requested that if she is going to be appointed to the nuisance committee that she be allowed to handle complaints and send letters as needed with out prior permission from the Mayor. Ganzer reminded everyone that elections will be held at City Hall on November 6, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. was made by Rohling with a second by Stankee. All ayes.

Jerry Bopp, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk