

**Wheatland City Council Proceedings
November 12, 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 October 8th meeting and the following revenues and payables:

Bills paid prior to November Meeting:

Petty Cash	257.84
FICA	2,351.34
IPERS	868.07
State of Iowa	321.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield – Matt Cavey Health Insurance	599.90

Accounts Payable for November Meeting:

Acco, liquid chlorine	552.35
Alliant Energy, utilities	3,404.20
Jill Bachus, mileage and training	88.45
Baker & Taylor, books	409.26
Jerry Bopp, mileage	33.81
Jayson Cavey, cell phone	25.00
Matt Cavey, cell phone	25.00
Clinton County Sheriff's Dept.	1,038.24
Conoco – Phillips Fleet, City & Fire truck fuel	357.38
Company One, fire extinguisher certification	512.30
Data Technologies, support services	1,991.15
Determann Industries, seal coating streets	15,771.70
Farm Plan, misc supplies	60.12
F & B Communications, telephone	264.85
First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment	1,288.85
First Trust & Savings Bank, water note	7,025.00
First Trust & Savings Bank, curb & gutter note	13,831.34
Heiman, Inc., fire equipment	115.95
Iowa Finance Authority, WWTF interest payment	20,281.23
Iowa One Call, locates	18.00
Iowa League of Cities, budget workshop	30.00
Kirkwood Community College, fire training	150.00
Keystone Laboratories, water testing	220.00
Micro Marketing, books on tape	166.83
Midwest Breathing Air, fire equipment	306.00
MSA Professional Service, engineer fees WWTF	8,148.00
MVTL Laboratories, testing fees	191.40

Observer, publishing	112.32
Quad City Times, subscription renewal	119.60
Prairie Pirates Movie, DVD	17.50
Staples, office supplies	333.90
Taylor Construction, WWTF construction	43,225.00
WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee	2,002.00
Wheatland Repair, fire truck repair	842.63

Gross Wages:

\$ 8,944.14

Revenues:

General Fund	45,214.07	Water	4,748.90
Road Use	5,871.93	Sewer	4,582.06
Debt Service	12,535.97	Garbage	3,098.31
Employee Benefits	0.00	Recycle	984.93
Sewer Replacement	9,219.13		

Total Revenue \$86,255.30

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

During the **update on the wastewater treatment plant** Mat Saur of MSA Professionals reported that a few odds and end remain but essential the plant is complete and functioning. Saur indicated that he will be getting prices on the additional lighting that was requested by Cavey and this will involve a change order on the project. Ganzer inquired if the removal of the sludge from the old plant should be done as a change order on the project as the City will need to draw additional funds from the SRF loan to pay for the removal. Saur informed Ganzer that a change order would not be necessary, the SRF funds are available up to the two million borrowed as long as the cost are directly related to the project. Virgil Noel requested that the Council set and implement a protocol in the event of a chemical leak at the new plant. Mayor Bopp and the Council agreed that a protocol should be in place as quickly as possible. Rohling and Prachar will work with the emergency management and Noel to get a protocol in place by the December meeting.

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Department** spent 61.50 hours in Wheatland from September 25, 2007 through October 26, 2007 while on patrol they issued 2 warnings, 2 citations, handled 3 incidents and answered 14 calls. Sheriff Lincoln attended the meeting to clarify the Department's duties as outlined in the contract and answer question the Council and citizens may have. Sheriff Lincoln noted that his department will enforce criminal violations but it is up to the City to enforce civil infractions. Rohling stated that neighbors should take the time to discuss barking dog issues with each other and settle the matter without involving the City or the Sheriff's Department. All citizens need to understand that if they are going to issue a complaint regarding barking dogs or other civil matters they will have to sign a complaint and be willing to follow through by attending court if a citation is issued by the City.

During the update on the **City website** Ganzer informed the Council that Aaron Horman of F & B Communications will have a preliminary site available for the Council to view in approximately a week. After Council review the site can go on line if approved. Stankee noted that she only had one response to her request for business to be listed that are not members of the Business Association.

During **public forum** Tracy Schroeder of the Wheatland Business Association informed the Council that the Business Association is working with the County to place a sign out on Highway 30 outlining the businesses the City has to offer.

A motion to **void building permit 173** which was issued to First Trust and Savings Bank unnecessarily was made by Schnede with a second by Stankee. Rohling, Schnede, Stankee Ayes. Prachar abstained.

During discussion regarding the **letters from the HUD committee** to the recipients of the 2004 HUD funds that are selling their property, Ganzer was instructed to add a request for all homeowners to provide to the City a final closing statement when the homes are sold.

A motion to **approve the use of the land at the corner of Buchanan and Toronto Street by the Betterment Committee to place an LED message center** was made by Prachar with a second by Schnede. Schnede, Prachar & Rohling – Aye, Stankee – nay.

The bid for solution of **drainage problem on East Jefferson Street** was tabled.

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

A motion to approve **resolution 2008-08** which is for filing a lien for past due payment of lawn care at 402 N. Toronto Street was made by Schnede with a second by Rohling. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2008-09** which is for changing the address for the Pallet Pick Up Company from 108 East Jefferson Street to 106 East Jefferson Street was made by Schnede with a second by Stankee. All ayes.

A motion to approve a **credit of 48.42 to the sewer portion of utility account 5000** due to a water line break was made by Prachar with a second by Stankee. All ayes.

A motion to approve the **City Clerk to attend the budget workshop in Iowa City** on December 5, 2007 was made by Rohling with a second by Prachar. All ayes.

During discussion regarding **the water supply sanitary survey** Cavey noted that he will prepare a response by the December 6th deadline.

During **reports** Ganzer requested the Council pick a date for budget workshop. The date was set for January 23, 2008 @ 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Ganzer informed the Council that the City will have to increase the monthly payment to WGML Refuse Commission by 225.00 per month effective immediately. Ganzer made it clear to all those present that garbage rates are not going to increase for citizens at this time. Ganzer reminded the Council that the culvert in the alley by City Hall needs to be fixed before winter arrives or citizens may not be able to get to City Hall to make utility payments if the ice is blocking their path. Ganzer requested that the Mayor and the buildings and grounds committee attend the next Library Board meeting to discuss plans for the rental space adjacent to the library. Cavey asked the Council what the plans were for selling the old snow plow. The Council stated that they will list the item on E-Bay for sale and it was agreed that the plow and box will be sold together for

\$2,500.00. No offers will be accepted if the purchaser is unwilling to buy the plow and the box. Prachar noted that the library door is broken again and will have to be replaced with a door that is not hollow so that we will not keep having the problem. Prachar requested that we move forward with abatements that have been issued and not completed. The nuisance committee has spent numerous hours working on the situation with no progress. Prachar asked that we not let the problem continue. The Council agreed an attorney will be hired to handle the abatements. The item will be placed on the December agenda. Schnede noted that material have been purchased to build bays on the north side of the maintenance shed to keep rock, sand and salt so that it is not an eyesore at our City Park. Rohling read a letter from former Park Board members Gene and Marcia Kemmann requesting that the materials be kept somewhere other than the park grounds as she and the other Park Board members at the time worked very hard to beautify the park and they do not want it be seen as a dumping ground for unused or wanted City owned materials again. Rohling asked if the complaints filed regarding the smoke coming from the pallet company involved any unauthorized burning materials. Mayor Bopp informed Rohling that he has spoken with the owner and was told when the wood burner is stoked after it has gone out it smokes quite a bit for a few minutes. He will try to start the burner more slowly from now on so the smoke will not be so thick. Rohling requested Cavey inspect our City directional signs for any that are worn so that we can take advantage of the funds available from the state to replace them. Rohling will be attending sessions 1-3 of the Municipal Leadership Academy and wanted to know if anyone else planned on attending. Prachar noted she plans on attending. Council member elect Patterson noted he would check his schedule to see if he would be able to attend. Rohling attended the meeting the Park Board held last week they had many good ideas for beautifying the park. Mayor Bopp is going to speak with the Boy Scouts and the youth groups at both churches to see if they would be willing to help clean up the town for our Sesquicentennial in 2008. Discussion was held regarding cleaning up the creek.

A motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. was made by Prachar with a second by Schnede. All ayes.

Jerry Bopp, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk