

**Wheatland City Council Proceedings
November 14, 2011**

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

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the October 10th meeting, Desperado's and Daybreak's liquor license and the following revenues and expenses:

Bills paid prior to Meeting:

FICA –2,114.37, IPERS – 1,318.46, State of Iowa, withholding tax – 398.00, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Matt Cavey policy – 1,018.90, Alliant Energy, utilities – 4,396.48
Fleet Services, fuel, fire trucks & tractor – 549.22

Accounts Payable for Meeting

Amy Softa, mileage – 68.17, Alliant Energy, utilities – 3804.80, Jill Bachus, mileage & DVD's – 109.63, Baker & Taylor, books – 261.48, Bancard, fax machine, utility postage, budget workshop – 256.65, Children's Plus, Inc – books – 673.72, Clinton County Sheriff's Office. Contract – 1,232.84, Company One, fire extinguisher testing, 996.69, Data Technologies, license fee & support agreement – 2,164.62, Demco, library off ice supplies – 118.36, F & B Communications, telephone & internet – 310.89, F & B Communications – service work @ library – 81.98, First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment - 1,402.99, First Trust & Savings, curb & gutter note payment – 3,014.28, Fleet Services, fuel – fire & city trucks – 600.67
Harry's Farm, tire repair – 15.00, Hometown Handyman, tile floor @ rental – 644.09
Iowa Finance Authority, WWTF interest payment on loan – 19,200.00, Jayson Cavey, cell phone - 25.00, John Deere Financial, misc parks – 98.38, John Peavey, tenant lease – 55.00
Jim Roman, jeep part – 2.48, KAM Line Highway Markings, street painting – 66.87, Keystone Labs, sample testing – 155.80, Laurie Ganzer, cell phone – 25.00, Lowden Plumbing & Heating, water heater city hall, library furnace repair – 862.49, Matt Cavey, cell phone – 25.00, Micro Marketing, books on tape – 60.44, MSA Professional Services, WWTF improvement – 4,169.15
MVTL Laboratories, testing fees – 261.20, Observer, publications – 229.60, Orkin, pest control City Hall – 44.00, Penworthy, books – 743.78, Michelle Allers dba Smilee's, toilet, vanity & faucet for rental - 200.09, Sandry Fire Supply, equipment – 271.41, Schimburg, 2 fire hydrants – 5,017.30, Spahn & Rose, misc park repairs – 22.25, Staples, file folders & W-2 forms – 85.52
Tipton Electric Motors, aerator repair – 181.45, WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee - 2,237.00, Water Solutions, phosphate – 1,043.00, Wheatland Wire, publishing – 50.00
Winkle, Parker & Foster, partial payment for 2011 audit – 3,900.00

Gross Wages:

\$ 9,952.56

Revenues:

General Fund – 17,682.79, Employee Benefits – 497.46, Road Use – 7,116.32, Debt Service – 766.86, Water – 5,828.74, Sewer – 16,384.59 Garbage – 3,596.53, Recycling – 1,233.03

Total Revenues – 53,106.32

Expenses:

General Fund – 13,249.50, Employee Benefits – 1,017.66, Road Use – 2,210.60, Debt Service – 0.00, Water – 3,206.79, Sewer – 12,308.58, Garbage – 2,995.04, Recycling – 757.92

Total Expenses – 35,746.09

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

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Office** spent 60.40 hours in the city of Wheatland from September 26, 2011 through October 25, 2011 while on patrol they issued 4 warnings, 1 citation, handled 1 incident and answered 12 calls.

During discussion regarding **repair of water meters** Andrea Werner noted that she requested a copy of the last meter invoice with Dakota Supply and there are 120 meters available for purchase. Cavey asked if those meters are measured in cubic feet. He had called

the company and was told that the meters available were in gallons. Ganzer will call to confirm. Werner also requested a copy of the consumption report. The report confirmed 41 meters known to be not working. Werner noted that she had spoken to one family that their meter had not been working for 4.5 years and when the meter was repaired their bill increased by approximately \$50.00 per month. Cavey noted that 20 of the meters have been repaired. Werner stated that the sales representative from Dakota Supply had also stated that meters can be repaired. She felt that sending broken meter in for repair would be a less costly option or an alternate option if more meters can not be purchased. Sarah Fosbinder of MSA Professionals noted that they work with several communities and may be able to help locate additional meters. Cavey will continue to work towards a resolution to the problem and report back to the council at December's meeting.

Sarah Fosbinder of MSA Professionals updated the council on the I & I project and the polishing reactor plans for the waste water treatment facility. The CDB grant application was submitted by the November 2nd deadline. Awards will be announced in March. The plans and specifications for the I & I reduction are slated to be completed by the end of the year. City maintenance is working to complete the sump pump inspections and dye testing. Fosbinder noted that the city staff should make every effort to follow up with illegal connections to make sure the correction has taken place.

The DNR issued waste load allocations on November 7th. Sarah provided graphs for comparison. They are available at City Hall if citizens would like to view them. Preliminary cost proposals for treatment options have been solicited from vendors. The DNR is requiring that an anti-degradation analysis be completed. The cost is \$3,000.00. A motion to approve the contract with MSA to handle the anti-degradation analysis was made by Schnede with a second by Rohling. All ayes.

The next step in the polishing reactor project will be to complete an intended use plan. MSA will work with Ganzer to complete the application by December 1st.

During **public forum** Todd Werner requested that something be done with 402 N. Toronto Street to board up the holes in the building to keep wild animals from nesting in the building. Schnede will call the owners and discuss the problem with them.

Patty Kalarovich discussed the **Wheatland Warrior Walk project at the City and Lion's park**. The Lion's were granted \$36,181.00. These funds are less than one half of the funds needed to complete the project. The matching funds and engineer fees are not available at this time. It was suggested to Kalarovich by ECIA to decline the grant at this time and reapply in the future when more funds are available. Kalarovich declined the grant.

A motion to approve a \$338.00 increase to the **monthly payment to WGML** Refuse commission was made by Schnede with a second by Schulz. All ayes. Ganzer noted that this will not affect the rates to citizens. It will be paid from current revenue and is due to increase fuel costs. Lowden and Grand Mound will also be making an additional contribution each month.

During **reports** Cavey noted that the fire hydrant at Vine & Williams has been repaired. A water valve at Wright & Vine has broken and needs replaced.

Ganzer noted that underground tank monitoring on Main Street has been placed on the no further action list. Ganzer will file the appropriate paperwork so the City will no longer need to have funds available for the monitoring costs.

A motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. was made by Rohling with a second by Schulz. All ayes.

Virgil Noel, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk