

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

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

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the November 14th meeting and the following revenues and expenses:

Bills paid prior to Meeting:

FICA –2,051.94, IPERS – 1,285.42, State of Iowa, withholding tax – 388.00
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Matt Cavey policy – 1,018.90

Accounts Payable for Meeting

Acco, chemicals – 963.20, Baker & Taylor, books – 275.36, Bancard, stamps & utility billing postage – 232.69, Clinton County Fire Chief's Assn., dues – 30.00, Clinton County Sheriff's Office. Contract – 1,232.84, F & B Communications, telephone & internet – 310.89, First Trust & Savings Bank, fire truck payment - 1,402.99, IAMU, dues – 265.08, IRWA, dues – 200.00, Jayson Cavey, cell phone - 25.00, Jill Bachus, prizes for open house – 70.68, JJJ Enterprises, hydrant, valve & water connection repairs – 2268.50, John Deere Financial, oil, filters & misc maintenance – 217.95, Keystone Labs, testing – 70.00, Laurie Ganzer, cell phone & mileage – 33.94, Lowden Plumbing & Heating, heater repair – 100.00, Matt Cavey, cell phone – 25.00 Maintenance Engineering, bulbs – 423.30, Menlo Public Library, book supplies – 40.00 Midwest Breathing Air, service agreement – 110.00, MSA Professional Services, WWTF improvement – 4,955.00, MVTL Laboratories, testing fees – 320.25, Observer, publications – 99.06, Orkin, pest control City Hall – 44.00, Quad City Times, subscription – 132.60, Staples, copier toner – 181.99, Schimburg, parts for hydrant & valve repair – 639.33, Wendling Quarries, rock – 73.62, Wheatland Wire, publishing – 50.00, WGML Refuse Commission, monthly fee - 2,237.00, IDNR, I & I permit fee – 100.00

Gross Wages:

\$ 9,707.00

Revenues:

General Fund – 16,660.69, Employee Benefits – 729.97, Road Use – 6,269.60, Debt Service – 1,125.28, Water – 5,266.11, Sewer – 15,888.22 Garbage – 3,603.73, Recycling – 1,033.87

Total Revenues – 50,577.47

Expenses:

General Fund – 22,143.18, Employee Benefits – 546.75, Road Use – 2,242.72 Debt Service – 3,014.28 Water – 8,286.81, Sewer – 27,059.65, Garbage – 2,983.79, Recycling – 746.86

Total Expenses – 67,027.04

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

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Office** spent 50.18 hours in the city of Wheatland from October 26, 2011 through November 25, 2011 they issued 2 warnings and answered 6 calls.

Sarah Fosbinder of MSA Professionals informed the council and those present that the drawings and specifications for the I & I reduction project are nearly complete.

Fosbinder also noted that the SRF loan application for the polishing reactor has been accepted by the DNR.

Fosbinder presented two options to the council for the polishing reactor. The first is a SAGR (Submerged Attached Growth Reactor) at a cost of \$715,000. The second is a MBBR (Moving Bed Biofilm Reactor) at a cost of \$870,000.

After weighing the pros and cons of the two types of facilities it was determined that the MBBR would be better suited to Wheatland and easier to maintain and repair.

A motion to **approve the MBBR at \$870,000** was made by Schnede with a second by Schulz. All ayes.

Dan Sinclair of **Dakota Supply Group** was present to discuss options for replacing **meters** that are no longer working. The meters currently being used by the City are no longer available. Cavey informed the council several years ago that the meters had been discontinued and upgrades would be needed. Ganzer noted that 20 meters are still not working. Sinclair presented the council with a radio read system called the Orion. The system allows for manual entries of current meters and will allow the City to replace meters as needed or as funds become available. Sinclair will prepare a bid for the system and it will be placed on the January agenda. Fosbinder of MSA noted that the DNR does have forgivable loans for upgrading meters. The funding availability has not been determined for the up coming year yet but she will keep the council updated on any information she receives.

During **public forum** no oral or written comments were made.

The **budget** will be worked on at the regular January 9th meeting. An additional meeting on January 16th at 6:00 p.m. is scheduled if further work is needed.

A motion to approve **resolution 2012-05** which is for the approval of the Traffic Signage Repair and Replacement Policy and Procedure was made by Schnede with a second by Rohling. All ayes.

A motion to approve **garbage pick up only for account 210000** with the stipulation that when the house changes owners the new owners will be required to connect to the water mains separately from restaurant building and be required to pay for all services was made by Schnede with a second by Rohling. All ayes.

During **reports** Cavey noted that the landfill has notified the City that they will be closed on the Mondays following Christmas and New Years so garbage and recycling will have to be changed for those 2 weeks.

Mayor Noel contacted the company responsible for the storm siren to have the time adjusted so that it will sound at noon rather than 7 minutes prior. The siren has also been adjusted to only sound for 10 seconds at noon. The cost was approximately \$160.00 to make the change. The council and those present agreed that the change was a welcome one.

Mayor Noel thanked Patterson and Schulz for their service to the City and welcomed new council members Woolard and Stankee.

A motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. was made by Schnede with a second by Schulz. All ayes.

Virgil Noel, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk