

MINUTE RECORD

CITY OF WEEPING WATER CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 8, 2007

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Weeping Water was convened in open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on January 8, 2007 at City Hall. Mayor Howard Stubbendieck called the meeting to order and announced the location of a posting of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Council members answering roll were Bob McCaulley, Melody Falcone, Mitch Miller and Ray Frew. Absent: None.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the January 4, 2007 edition of the Plattsmouth Journal. Minutes of the December 11, 2007 meeting were approved as written.

The Monthly Police Activity Report was presented, in which it was noted that 181 hours were patrolled during the month resulting in 24 calls of service with 18 citations and 5 warnings being issued.

Members of the Council were advised of new background check requirements and costs of the same for prospective EMT enrollees. A motion was made by McCaulley and seconded by Miller that the city would reimburse costs for the same provided clear results were received from the record check. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion of concerns expressed by Mike Barrett regarding enforcement of City Codes pertaining to obstruction to vision at intersections, it was agreed that the City Attorney would provide the proper notification advising of the City Council's decision of re-establishing a compliance deadline of February 1st, 2007.

A review of previously addressed Health Board issues resulted in the City Attorney being advised to continue active pursuit for appropriate compliance of the former trailer court on "F" Street. City officials agreed to assess other areas of concern prior to the next meeting.

Copies of the Monthly Water/Wastewater Report and the Monthly Maintenance Report were presented for review in the absence of Bruce Sorensen and Rob Bauers, respectively. A report of the recent meeting with officers of the Fire Department was provided by the Mayor.

Proposed areas of annexation were again discussed with the City Attorney being advised to prepare an ordinance for the first phase to be annexed, which includes the area adjacent to the west city limit boundary located from south of Spur 13K to the Weeping Water Creek and extending to 156th Street.

Upon completion of a sign assessment a motion was made by Frew, seconded by Falcone to approve the following changes in sign placement: Stop signs to be placed at the intersections of Walnut Street and North East Street, Barnett and East Park Street, Barnett and Shryder Street, and the southwest corner of Mulberry and East Park Street. Signs to be removed include the stop sign at Pleasant View Circle, the stop signs for north/south traffic at the intersection of East Park and Mulberry Streets and the Yield sign on Barnett Street. Motion carried unanimously.

No additional information was available on the proposed brush/compost site and the uncompleted street repairs, both of which will continue to be pursued.

Motion by Frew, seconded by McCaulley to adopt Resolution No. 07-1, which creates and establishes guidelines for a citizen advisory review committee for economic development. Motion carried unanimously. Upon approval of the Resolution, the Mayor recommended Brian Gegg, Don Hughes, Mark Rathe, Roger Roberts, Mike Spohr and Ray Frew to serve on the newly established Economic Development Committee, which met with full council approval.

Several animal control concerns, which included, unlicensed pets and excess number of pets per household were discussed and will continue to be pursued. It was agreed that unpaid animal citations be turned over to the City Attorney.

Members of the Council were advised that the City has received an allocation from the Day Trust Fund in the amount of \$15,000 for further enhancement of the area comprising the Weeping Water Trail Project.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Falcone to approve the hiring of John Bauers for assistance with snow removal and various winter maintenance, as needed, at a wage of \$12.00 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

An overview of the recent snow removal was discussed noting the need to stress and post notice of the same that state statutes require all sidewalks within the business district to be clean within 5 hours after the cessation of a storm, unless the storm or fall of snow has taken place during the night, in which case the sidewalk shall be cleaned before 9:00 a.m. the following day, and that residential sidewalks shall be cleaned within 24 hours after the cessation of the storm.

The following Ordinance was presented:

ORDINANCE NO. 558

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE ALL THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEEPING WATER BY ADOPTING THE NEBRASKA BASIC CODE OF ORDINANCES, 2007, TO REPEAL PRIOR ORDINANCES; TO REQUIRE FILINGS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion by Miller, seconded by McCaulley that the statutory rules be suspended so that Ordinance No. 558 might be introduced, read by title and adopted. Motion carried with McCaulley, Falcone, Miller and Frew voting aye. Nays: None. Said Ordinance will be posted in the manner provided by law, with a true, correct and complete copy of the Ordinance being on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Ben Day of Olsson Associates provided an update on the water system analysis, noting that the project is currently on schedule, the model has been created and a report of the preliminary findings is being processed.

Following discussion of the proposed One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan, it was agreed to maintain the existing projects that have not yet been completed and to add the following projects: Replace curb and gutter, milling and asphalt overlay on South East Street between the bridge and "M" Street, and milling and asphalt overlay on North East Street from "E" Street to the north city limit boundary. The public hearing for the proposed One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan was set for Monday, February 12, 2007 at 5:45 p.m.

Members of the Council were advised that the modified plan for the Weeping Water Trail Project has been approved by the Trail Enhancement Program, Olsson Associates has received the requested files from the previously engaged engineering firm, and that efforts will be made to allow for execution of a contract for engineering scope of services at the February meeting, after which Olsson Associates will be able to commence with the design phase.

Correspondence received was presented for council review.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Falcone to accept the following claims: Salaries-5871.89; PeopleService, prof-11718.00; Cass County Refuse, reimb-7766.75; OPPD, util-2630.62; Aquila, util-1226.26; Alltel, util-189.04; Ameritas, emp ben-705.83; Nebr. Dept. of Revenue, sales tax, whlg-937.74; Farmers & Merchants Bank, whlg, s/c-1638.60; Svoboda & Chebatoris, prof-973.74; Alfac, ins-26.62; Kansas State Bank, equip pmt-770.62; Windstream, util-497.53; Pitney Bowes, pstg-30.00; United Healthcare, ins-1559.04; Olsson Associates, prof-841.85; Business Forma & Acctg, off sup-281.95; Reliable, off sup-161.42; General Fire & Safety, maint-578.67; The Journal, publ-183.89; American Legal Publishing, prof-550.00; JP Cooke Co., off sup-61.78; J. Donham, animal cont-112.10; Keckler Oil Co., fuel-189.80; Meeske Auto Parts, rep/maint-29.99; Rich Bauers, sup reimb-24.50; Dale P. Nielsen, Inc., rep-98.57; Barco, signs-87.36; Martin Marietta, maint-165.24; Chamber of Commerce, dues, mtg-52.00; Ball Insurance, ins-1716.00; Cass County Sheriff, prof-2711.80; Linweld, sup-32.80; Baker & Taylor Books, bks-543.48; Meeske Hardware, rep/maint-191.20; Murray Bldg & Supply, rep-157.23; WW Express Lane, fuel, maint-80.44; Nebr. U.C. Fund, unemp-27.34; Great Plains One Call, serv-1.01; EMS Billing, reimb-520.66; Mutual of Omaha, resc reimb-365.03; Allen Griess, resc reimb-193.65. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by McCaulley, seconded by Falcone to adjourn.

/s/ Howard Stubbendieck, Mayor

/s/ Kay Gerdes, City Clerk