

MINUTE RECORD

CITY OF WEEPING WATER CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS MARCH 12, 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 March 12, 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 by posting in three public places on March 9, 2007. Minutes of the February 12, 2007 public hearing and meeting were approved as written.

Members of the council were advised that three bids for city property and casualty insurance coverage were received and opened on the specified due date of February 26, 2007. Agents providing proposals were allowed a brief presentation of the bid presented, with the council agreeing to delay action on approval until later in the meeting to allow further review.

City Engineer, Ben Day provided the following information: a brief update on the status of the Weeping Water Trail Project, noting that the progress for the project is currently on schedule; an update on the recently completed Bridge Structure Report, noting that the city needs to pursue enforcement of the weight limits; and a preliminary report of the water system study, which members of the council agreed to evaluate in order to plan for recommended improvements, water rate schedules, and future growth..

Chuck Cook presented a report of Rescue Squad activity noting 12 calls were made during the month involving 69 man hours. Earnest West provided a report of Fire Department activity noting that the department responded to 2 vehicle accidents and one natural gas leak during the month. It was noted that the Fire Department is currently pursuing a donation fund drive in order to purchase a compressed air charging station, which costs \$35,000, and that they recently hosted a wrestling tournament. Motion by McCaulley, seconded by Frew to approve the applications of Brett Aaberg and Brenda Rathe to the Fire Department, provided said applicants be restricted from driving fire equipment until receipt of a valid driver's license is obtained. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted that Stefanie Jones and Melissa Markham recently resigned from the department due to relocation. It was agreed to check into the possibility of installing more insulation in the attic of the Fire/Rescue Building.

The Monthly Police Activity Report was presented, in which it was noted that 186 hours were patrolled during the month with 20 calls of service resulting in 15 warnings and 5 citations being issued. Discussion of problem traffic areas was addressed and will continue to be monitored.

Copies of the Monthly Water/Wastewater Report were distributed for council review in the absence of Bruce Sorensen. Rob Bauers presented the Monthly Maintenance Report and discussed proposed street repairs. An overview of the recent snow removal was made with the council agreeing that the snow emergency route be re-evaluated prior to the next winter season to consider the addition of other streets.

A report of Monthly Health Board activities resulted in an assessment of previously addressed areas and a motion by Frew, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution No. 07-5, which determines the building located on the Hoffman property as unsafe, specifies terms for remedy of the situation, and authorizes proper notice of the same. Motion carried unanimously.

The following Ordinance was presented for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 559

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN CONTIGUOUS LAND TO THE CITY OF WEEPING WATER, NEBRASKA AND DEFINING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF. There being no public objection, a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Falcone to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 559. Motion carried with McCaulley, Falcone, Miller and Frew voting aye. Nays: None.

Establishment of a new brush/compost site was discussed and will continue to be pursued. It was agreed to request at the April meeting the presence of the contractor who has failed to meet his legal obligation in completing a street repair project.

The City Attorney provided legal counsel regarding the lease/sale options of real estate owned by the city, as requested by the City Council.

Motion by Frew, seconded by Falcone to approve the low bid of Homestate Companies for property/casualty insurance for the city in the amount of \$15,419 for the ensuing year. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted that fire/rescue coverage is listed under a separate policy and will be put out for bidding prior to its May 1, 2007 renewal date.

Motion by Miller, seconded by McCaulley to approve the bid of David Swanson in the amount of \$900.00 for operation of the Concession Stand at the Ball Field for the 2007 ball season to include the Limestone Day Celebration, contingent upon execution of the contract for the same. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Miller, seconded by McCaulley to hire Eric Sorensen for summer maintenance and Trenton Bickford for summer park maintenance, each at the rate of \$7.75 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed to pursue the proper measures to maintain an eligible survey in anticipation of applying for CDBG funding.

An Agreement proposed by the Nebraska Humane Society which outlines stipulations and a fee schedule for animals delivered to said facility was presented for council review, with action being tabled for further review.

Motion by McCaulley, seconded by Falcone to waive the unpaid animal enforcement citation fees charged against the Dennis dog in exchange for relinquishment of the dog to the Humane Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual street sweeping was addressed with the council agreeing that rather than sweep the entire community, a bid be obtained for sweeping Eldora Avenue and the four main accesses to the city only.

The conditions of the east-west alleys which are located between Eldora Avenue and the railroad tracks between South East Street and South Randolph Street were discussed with the clerk being advised to notify the appropriate land owners of the need to pursue the necessary maintenance and/or repairs.

It was agreed that office renovations in the auditorium building other than structural, electrical or plumbing would be the responsibility of the city.

Concerns with increased truck traffic through Weeping Water during the Highway 50 construction project were addressed and will continue to be pursued.

Information received regarding maintenance of the railroad crosswalks was presented with action being tabled for further review.

Authorization was allowed for hosting the Cass County Renegades Football Team for the ensuing year and to pursue negotiations of an appropriate contract for the same.

It was agreed to set a special meeting on Monday, March 26, 2007 to act on a liquor license application, evaluate the Water System Study and discuss the truck detour traffic, as well as other matters that may arise.

Motion by Falcone seconded by McCaulley to accept the following claims: Salaries-6494.28; Aflac, emp ben-26.62; Alltel, util-88.47; Ameritas, emp ben-773.51; Aquila, util-2255.62; Farmers & Merchants Bank, whlg, s/c-1873.30; Kansas State Bank, eqp pmt-770.62; OPPD, util-2692.04; Svoboda & Chebatoris, prof-1078.00; Nebr. Dept. of Revenue, sls tx, whlg-815.01; Reuse Loan-27000.00; United Healthcare, ins-1559.04; Windstream, util-494.74; Paving Bond int-2903.75; Cass County Refuse, reimb-7735.75; PeopleService, cont fee-10862.00; pool loan int-1956.13; Transfer CDBG match-3438.00; Shaffer Comm., eqp-195.25; Meeske Hdw., maint-169.86; Chamber of Commerce, mtg-12.00; Accumed, reimb-134.20; HSS Regulations, permit-

40.00; J. Donham, animal control-116.62; The Journal, subs-39.50; Ashpalt & Concrete Material, sup-467.61; Keckler Oil Co., fuel, rep-1067.83; V. Westover, trkg-85.00; Meeske Auto Parts, rep=51.86; Dale P. Nielsen Inc., rep-874.93; Olsson Assoc., prof-460.11; Omaha Standard Truck, rep-26.05; Martin Marietta, sup-524.92; Hometown Service, rep-329.53; Cass County Sheriff, cont fee-2711.80; WW Express Lane, fuel-87.99; EMS Billing, reimb-127.64; Alliance Medical, sup-266.37; Lawn Order, maint-1693.85; Reminisce, bks-29.98; Baker & Taylor Co., bks-520.59; J. Aronson, mlg-68.39; Great Plains One Call, serv-4.04; Pitney Bowes, pstg, rental fee-71.01; Journal/Consumer Connection, publ-279.76; Linweld, sup-32.80; Bobcat of Omaha, rep-191.22; Miller Monroe Co., ins pmt-7709.50; J. Ukishima, resc trng -184.71; American Legal Publishing, prof-168.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Miller, seconded by McCaulley to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Kay Gerdes, City Clerk

Howard Stubbendieck, Mayor