

MINUTE RECORD

CITY OF WEEPING WATER CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS APRIL 9, 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 April 9, 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 April 5, 2007 edition of the Plattsmouth Journal. Minutes of the March 12 and March 26, 2007 meetings were approved as written.

Copies of the Monthly Activity Reports of the Fire Department and Rescue Squad were distributed to members of the council for review noting that there were five fire calls and 8 rescue calls during the month.

Council approval was given to accept the annual audit report, which was completed and presented by representatives of Dana F. Cole & Associates.

The Monthly Health Board Report resulted in the following actions: Hoffman property-action pending to allow proper time frame for compliance; City Attorney authorized to pursue abatement proceedings for Wessels Trailer Court property. A motion was made by McCaulley, seconded by Falcone to declare the residential property owned by Beverly Taylor as unfit for human occupation and authorize that Resolution No. 07-06 be adopted to that effect. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Frew, seconded by McCaulley that a search for the current owner of the property located at 602 South Commercial Street is made and that correspondence be pursued to request appropriate property maintenance. Motion carried unanimously. A large accumulation of unlicensed vehicles and/or trailers in "Swedetown" was addressed, with representatives of the Sheriff's Department agreeing to pursue the necessary measures. Other new properties issues were addressed with the council agreeing to table for further review.

Copies of the Monthly Water/Wastewater Report were distributed to members of the council for review, in the absence of Bruce Sorensen.

The Monthly Police Activity Report was presented, in which it was noted that 186 hours were patrolled during the month with 36 calls of service, which resulted in 9 citations and 46 warnings being issued.

Copies of the Report of Engineering Activities were presented for council review, which addressed the following issues: The Water System Study is complete and awaiting approval from the City before finalizing the report. Recommended projects, financing of the same, a survey of water rates of surrounding communities, and consideration of pursuing complete water meter system replacement in one year rather than staging over a period of three to five years were all discussed, with action being tabled for further review. In regard to the Trail Project, it was noted that the plans are nearing 60% completion and will be submitted to NDOR for review by mid April.

Rob Bauers presented the Monthly Maintenance Report, which included the following: assessment of proposed street improvements, with City Council agreeing to pursue the appropriate measures to repair the worst areas and table any large projects until next year; check into the most feasible method of rectifying the erosion problems on High Street; new diving boards have been purchased for the swimming pool as well as new doors for the pool bath house; the interior walls of the restroom building at the Ball Park have been sandblasted and are being prepared for painting. Motion by Frew, seconded by Falcone to approve the bid of Heartland Machine & Welding for a stainless steel urinal for the men's restroom at a cost of \$935.00. Motion carried unanimously. Various park conditions were addressed with a motion being made by McCaulley, seconded by Frew to oversee the center portion of the football field, contingent that the school agrees to cost sharing for the same. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Frew, seconded by Miller to approve the purchase of a 2007 multi-purpose Kawasaki Mule Utility Vehicle at a cost of \$5900.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Following the opening of insurance bids received for City Fire/Rescue and Rural Fire Board coverage, a motion was made by Miller seconded by Falcone to accept the bid of Miller Monroe Farrell Agency with VFIS with the annual premium being \$7,398.00. Motion carried unanimously.

The following Ordinance was presented for third and final 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 Frew, seconded by Miller to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 559. 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.

Updates were provided regarding the cooperation of property owners in complying with alley maintenance concerns, and progress made toward the development of a brush/compost site.

It was noted that the city-wide street cleaning is scheduled to commence April 30, weather permitting. Notices will be posted and published requesting community cooperation before, during and after the street cleaning process, and reminding residents that mowing or blowing grass clippings or leaves out into the street is prohibited and can result in fines being assessed.

Further review of an assessment of the railroad crosswalks resulted in the City Council's agreement that improvements for the same are the responsibility of Union Pacific Railroad.

Animal control concerns were again discussed and will continue to be pursued. It was noted that the pet vaccination/licensing clinic will be held at the Fire Barn on Saturday, April 21st from 9-11 a.m. Citations will be issued to residents who fail to license pets by the May 1st, 2007 deadline.

Conditions of the South East Street Bridge were discussed and will continue to be monitored.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Falcone to approve the application of Hopkins Tavern for a Special Designated Liquor License to operate a beer garden in an enclosed, monitored area behind the business establishment on April 21st, 2007 from 6 a.m.-1:00 a.m. the following day for a Fish Fry. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that due to the resignation of Randy Hanson, who recently moved, Bob Pinkerton has been appointed to the Library Board, which met with full council approval.

Monthly Building Permit activity included Miscellaneous Permits being issued to Randy Fletcher for a deck and Jeff Buffington for an accessory building.

Other issues addressed with no action being taken included the intent of the Fire Department to apply for Forestry Grant funds to assist in the purchase of a compressor system, notice of Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program funds available to qualifying households, legislative updates, Library Board and Housing Board minutes, and city consideration of donating the existing Community Building to the ENOA and the senior citizens once the auditorium renovation is completed.

Motion by Frew, seconded by Miller to approve the following claims: Salaries-7854.22; Alltel, util-83.35; Aflac, emp ben-26.62; Aquila, util-1852.13; Ash Grove Cement Co., lease-10.00; Farmers & Merchants Bank, whlg & s/c-2262.37; Kansas State Bank, equip pmt-770.02; Nebr. Dept. of Revenue, whlg, sales tax-1800.12; OPPD, util-2665.35; Svoboda & Chebatoris, prof-300.00; United Healthcare, ins-1559.04; Windstream, util-506.28; Cass County Refuse, reimb-7800.00; PeopleService, prof-10862.00; Purchase Power/Pitney Bowes, pstg-316.09; Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins reimb-403.20; League Fees: Cass County Little League-450.00; SE Girls Softball League-400.00; J. Steinkuhler-180.00; WW Public Library, reimb-738.00; Olsson Associates, CDBG, prof-16221.78; A. Bauers, trkg-200.00; Alliance Medical, sup-181.59; Aqua Chem, equip-3773.04; Baker & Taylor Co., bks-512.99; Cass County Sheriff, prof-2711.80; Chamber of Commerce, mtg-12.00; Dale P. Nielsen, Inc., rep-47.25; EMS Billing, reimb-768.98; Fireguard Inc., maint-44.50; Fleet Services, fuel-477.41; Johnny's Cycle, equip-5900.00; Journal/Consumer Connection, publ-414.16; Keckler Oil Co., fuel-461.00; Linweld, sup-36.32; Martin Marietta, sup-2821.94; Meeske Hardware, rep/maint-346.82; Meeske Auto Parts, rep-65.93; Miller Monroe Farrell, ins pmt-7709.50; Nebr. U.C. Fund, unemp-98.41; Reliable Office Supplies, sup-170.89; St. Paul Travelers, ins-3367.00; T. Ferguson, reimb-15.00 Xerox Corp.,- maint-40.35; Great Plains One Call, serv-6.07; West-E-Con, cap imp-19100.00; WW Stoneworks, cap imp pmt-2500.00; NSVA, add'l dues-10.00; J. Donhan, animal control-44.58; Lifeguard MD Inc., maint-223.69; Frenzel Trenching, rep-140.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by McCauley, seconded by Falcone to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Howard Stubbendieck, Mayor

/s/ Kay Gerdes, City Clerk