

## MINUTE RECORD

### CITY OF WEEPING WATER CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS MAY 14, 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 May 14, 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 Melody Falcone, Mitch Miller and Ray Frew. Absent: Bob McCaulley.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the May 10, 2007 edition of the Plattsmouth Journal. Minutes of the April 9, 2007 meeting were approved as written.

Under Open Forum, Gary Wright addressed the Council with concerns regarding specific street conditions and possible local code violations regarding excessive parked vehicles, implements and debris on residential property. He was advised of current city regulations regarding parked vehicles and of the City Council's current pursuit in completing necessary street repairs. He was also advised of the procedures in filing complaints for the City Council to proceed with appropriate action regarding other various property concerns.

The Monthly Police Activity Report was presented, in which it was noted that 172 hours were patrolled during the month with 30 calls of service, which resulted in 12 citations and 15 warnings being issued. The Mayor noted that he did not want the Sheriff's Department to handle enforcement of warnings and/or citations being issued for mowing/blowing grass clippings into the street and suggested that the matter be handled as other citizen complaints are handled. Hiring a City Code Enforcement Officer was suggested to assist in the handling of various code violations, which the Council tabled for further review.

The Monthly Rescue Squad Report was provided noting 17 calls made during the month resulting in 89 total man hours. The Monthly Fire Department Report noted three calls during the month and information regarding the upcoming Fire School. Motion by Frew, seconded by Falcone to approve cost sharing with the Rural Fire Board for Fire School lodging and registration fees, with the City's share being \$406.70. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: McCaulley.

Copies of the Monthly Water/Wastewater Report were distributed for review, noting that the installation of the two new lift pumps at the Wastewater Treatment Plant has been completed. The Monthly Maintenance Report was presented for review and discussion. It was agreed that the Street and Alley Committee perform an assessment of the streets in direst need of repair and seek professional recommendations on the most feasible method of repair. Cold patching will be performed on various pot holes throughout the community as a method of short term repairs. Other items noted were: restroom renovations at the ball park have been completed, a portion of

the football field has been reseeded, the swimming pool has been filled and other necessary maintenance renovations have been performed in preparation of the May 26<sup>th</sup> opening date, and erosion concern in the city lake area, which will be addressed during the trail construction.

Motion by Falcone, seconded by Miller to approve three Special Designated Liquor Licenses requested by Hopkins Tavern for the operation of a street dance and beer gardens located at the front and rear entrances to said establishment, all for the upcoming Limestone Day Celebration to be held June 30, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: McCaulley.

Under Monthly Health Board action, Beverly Taylor was in attendance to address the actions that need to take place to rectify her property conditions. The City Attorney advised that she had 60 days from the date of signing the served notice to comply with the city order or at least show substantial improvements by said date. Progress was noted on the Hoffman property, Notice of Non-compliance to be filed on Wessels' Trailer Court property and continued monitoring of previously addressed areas. It was noted that several letters were sent out during the month regarding properties in need of mowing, with a favorable response being made prior to the City Council meeting.

A City Lake Committee Report resulted in the following: action pending on the construction of a pedestrian bridge spanning the city lake to seek engineer and state historical recommendations and a cost proposal for the same; Motion by Frew, seconded by Miller to approve the installation of underground electrical service and hookups to the newly added camper pads at a cost of \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: McCaulley; consider enclosing a portion of the picnic shelter with white metal and installing a self pay station at the campground site, both of which will be pursued; Motion by Frew, seconded by Falcone to pursue the purchase of 12-15 additional picnic tables for the city lake area. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: McCaulley; Motion by Miller, seconded by Frew to approve the purchase of four available concrete slabs for a boat ramp at a cost of \$200 and the purchase of three signs posting the fishing limit regulations. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: McCaulley. It was noted that the Lake Committee and various individuals are seeking donations to assist with the completions of the aforementioned projects.

Motion by Frew, seconded by Miller that the matter of Norm Paetzels' s uncompleted street repairs and reimbursement for prepaid services is forwarded to the City Attorney for appropriate compensation. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: McCaulley.

Continued monitoring of the South East Street Bridge showed no structural changes.

Ben Day, of Olsson Associates, presented the final copy of the Water System Study, which provides a summary of findings of the city water system, recommendations to allow for system deficiencies and plan for future growth, and encourages water rate schedule restructuring, all of which will continue to be pursued.

It was noted that the 90% Plans and Specifications for the Weeping Water Trail Project have been submitted and are currently being reviewed by the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Measures are being taken to obtain the necessary permits and easements to proceed with the project.

Members of the Council were advised that 54 animals were licensed during the recent Pet Licensing/Vaccination Clinic. Several letters were sent out to those known to have unlicensed pets, which has shown a favorable response. The Humane Officer will pursue issuing citations next month to those who have not yet complied with city licensing regulations.

The City Attorney provided a letter of interpretation regarding the status of a portion of "F" Street, a copy of which will be forwarded to the Planning Board for their records.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Falcone to waive the sewer hookup fee for the residence located at 305 West O Street. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: McCaulley.

Motion by Frew, seconded by Falcone to consider vacating a portion of High Street from Eldora Avenue north to the Pinkerton Residence, with action being tabled until the June meeting to allow for input from adjoining property owners. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: McCaulley.

Motion by Falcone, seconded by Miller to approve the bid of Roofers Inc for repairs to the Community Building roof in the amount of \$3,000.00. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: McCaulley.

Monthly permit activity included: Building Permit: Steve Hanson-house addition; Misc.Building Permit: Lee Wipf-deck; Beins Construction-deck; Curb Cut-Kit Cooper. Construction of an accessory building without obtaining a permit was noted and will be pursued appropriately.

Minutes of the recent Planning Board meeting were presented for review.

Motion by Falcone, seconded by Frew to approve the following claims: Salaries-6993.54; Aflac, whlg-26.62; Alltel, util-88.32; Svoboda & Chebatoris, prof-926.72; Ameritas, emp ben-754.98; Aquila, util-829.49; Farmers & Merchants Bank, whlg, s/c-1970.24; Kansas State Bank, equip pmt-770.62; Nebr. Dept. of Revenue, sls tx, whlg-647.06; OPPD, util-2692.94; United Healthcare, ins-1559.04; Windstream, util-499.87; Purchase Power, pstg-280.16; PeopleService, prof-10862.00; Cass County Refuse, reimb-7990.00; Water Bond pmt-22810.00; SENDD, CDBG adm fees-900.00; Chamber of Commerce, mtg-6.00; Journal Consumer Connection, publ-227.96; Miller Monroe Farrell, ins-1875.00; Better Business Equipment, rep-154.00; Dana F. Cole & Co., prof-3100.00; Fleet Services, fuel-527.20; Dale P. Nielsen, Inc., rep-264.66; Keckler Oil Co., fuel-335.14; Pankonins Inc., sup-10.99; Johnny's Cycle, rep-70.00; Mogensen Garage, rep=50.70; Meeske Auto Parts, rep-135.48; Whiz Repair, rep/maint-530.83; Fireguard, rep/maint-268.10; Cass County Sheriff, prof-2711.80; United Healthcare, ins reimb-787.50; EMS Billing, reimb-1116.42; Linweld, sup-99.40; Alliance Medical, sup-56.81; Diane Vice, reimb-50.00; Hoss's Lawn Care, maint-150.00; Meeske Hardware, rep/maint-1522.26; Olsson Associates, prof-5929.14; Martin Marietta, cap imp sup-893.89; Bickford Electric, rep-618.62; Nielsen Fertilizer, maint-225.50; Murray Bldg & Supply, cap imp-770.00; Heartland Machine & Welding, sup-935.00; AmSan, sup-229.89; Basic Sandblasting, maint-475.00; Pro Shirt Shop,

ball sup-414.75; Stock Seed Farms, sup-165.00; Country Home, bks-21.97; Country, bks-10.00; Dean Henley, maint-80.00; Baker & Taylor Books, bks-478.74; Reliable Office Supplies, sup-127.96; Water Warehouse, sup-129.83; WW Stoneworks, cap imp pmt-2500.00; HD Supply Waterworks, cap imp-15960.89; Great Plains One Call, serv-6.06; Aqua Chem, Inc., sup-370.67; Direct Safety Company, sup-629.25; Shaffer Communications Inc., rep-339.15; Brock Enterprises, Inc., rep-196.97; M&M Portable Toilets, maint-95.25; Anderson Ford, rep-1856.67. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: McCaulley.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Falcone to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: McCaulley.

/s/ Howard Stubbendieck, Mayor

/s/ Kay Gerdes, City Clerk