

## MINUTE RECORD

### CITY OF WEEPING WATER REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING JULY 9, 2007

Mayor Howard Stubbendieck called the regular meeting of the Weeping Water City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 9, 2007 at City Hall with the following members of the Council answering roll: Bob McCaulley, Melody Falcone, and Mitch Miller, Absent: Ray Frew.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places in the city on July 5, 2007. The location of the posting of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced by the Mayor. Minutes of the June 11, 2007 meeting were approved as presented.

Chuck Cook presented the Monthly Rescue Squad Report noting that 6 rescue calls were made during the month resulting in 30 man hours. Discussion of possibly adding up to 5 billets for trained First Responders was held with action being tabled for further review. Other discussion included proposed upcoming regulations for handling NARSIS forms. No Monthly Fire Activity Report was available.

The Monthly Police Activity Report was presented, in which it was noted that 207 hours were patrolled during the month, which resulted in 36 calls of service with 16 citations and 8 warnings being issued. Due to continued problems with skateboarders, the Council requested stricter enforcement of city ordinances regarding the same. The use of golf carts and ATVs in the city limits was discussed, but tabled for further review and recommendation by the City Attorney.

Norm Patzel was present to address the issues at large regarding uncompleted street repairs and to establish a time frame for adequate completion of said improvements, with the Council agreeing to establish September 1, 2007 as the compliance date.

A report of Monthly Health Board action resulted in the following: letter received from Gary Wright regarding various code/ordinance violations on specific properties, with the City Attorney being advised to respond to the appropriate parties in regard to said violations: Hoffman property-action tabled to allow owner the specified time frame for adequate compliance; City Attorney advised to pursue the necessary legal procedures on the Wessels and Taylor properties. It was noted that several properties in violation of City Codes were mowed during the past month with liens on said properties being filed to compensate for costs involved.

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 noting the replacement of the retaining wall behind the Community Building, completion of minor street repairs and routine

maintenance. It was noted that no response has been received regarding cost confirmations for street renovations, with the council offering suggestions for other available firms. It was also noted that damage from a firecracker in the City Lake Restroom resulted in replacement of one of the restroom fixtures. The Council agreed to pursue moving the Ball Field Playground to an area by the Sand Volleyball Court as there have been continual problems during the month with sand and rocks being thrown in the sinks and urinals in the Restroom building adjacent to the playground.

Ben Day of Olsson Associates provided an update on the progress with the Weeping Water Trail Project, noting that right of way plans have been submitted for state approval and once approved, the City can proceed with purchasing the required easement for the project and proceed with the submittal of the final specs. Based on said information, a motion was made by McCaulley, seconded by Miller that authorization to bid the Weeping Water Trail Project be made, contingent upon receiving state approval, setting dates of advertisement for said bids on August 16, 23, and 30, 2007, with bid opening set for 10:00 a.m. on September 7, 2007 and engineer recommendation being addressed at the September 10, 2007 meeting of the City Council. Motion carried with McCaulley, Falcone, and Miller voting aye. Nays: None. Absent: Frew.

Various items of old business that are still awaiting updates and will continue to be pursued included proposed street improvements, the bridge spanning the city lakes, acquisition of a new compost brush site, High Street survey, and seeking of a City Code Enforcement Officer.

Due to recent written and verbal complaints regarding the harboring of pit bulls in the city limits, it was agreed to pursue the preparation of an ordinance which would ban pit bulls in the city limits, with said ordinance to be presented at the August meeting.

A request to consider possible parking restrictions along a portion of East Park Street between Eldora Avenue and Mulberry Street was addressed with the council purposing to restrict parking on the east side of said street and authorizing proper notification of the same to all affected property owners prior to any final action being taken.

Finalization of the proposed water rate schedule and revised billing schedule was discussed and tabled for further review.

A complaint regarding dead trees on private property was addressed with the council agreeing said issue is the property owner's responsibility.

A concern regarding debris which has accumulated in a storm sewer on Garfield Street was addressed with the Council agreeing to seek someone with appropriate equipment to clean out said debris.

Requests from Southeast Nebraska Development District for SENDD membership renewal and for support in Affordable Housing Programs were presented with action being tabled for further review.

Monthly Building Permit Activity included: Miscellaneous Permits: Nicole Hanson-fence; Rex Boyd-Accessory Building.

Following review of the final bill presented by Weeping Water Stone Works for completion of the Limestone pillars at the west Ball Field entrance, it was agreed to pursue the suggested sealing procedures for the Welcome sign and the pillars and authorize Tom Stander to proceed with the same. A motion was made by McCaulley and seconded by Miller to purchase the proposed solar lighting to accent the newly completed pillars. Motion carried with all members of the council present voting aye.

Correspondence received was presented for council review.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Falcone to approve the following claims: Salaries-12,542.01; Aflac, emp whlg-26.62; Alltel, util-93.00; Ameritas, emp ret-757.71; Aquila, util-273.51; Farmers & Merchants Bank, whlg, s/c-3,181.89; Kansas State Bank, equip pmt-770.62; Nebr. Dept. of Revenue, sls tax, whlg-691.98; OPPD, util-3,629.77; Svoboda & Chebatoris, prof-300.00; United Healthcare, ins-1,559.04; Windstream, util-584.77; Glass Dokter, rep-229.24; PeopleService, prof-10,862.00; Cass County Refuse, reimb-7,753.00; Chamber of Commerce, mtg-12.00; Nebr. U.C. Fund, unemp-62.84; Business Forms, off sup-120.25; K. Gerdes, sup reimb-25.18; Umpire Fees: A. Schneider-50.00, J. Schreiner-510.00, A. Houchin-60.00, D. Hauschild-40.00, K. Flanagan-520.00, M. Hammer-125.00, P. Schneider-70.00, R. Nutter-190.00, C. Kirchhoff-150.00; Miller Monroe Co., ins pmt-1,848.00; Better Business Equipment, rep-261.00, Hoss's Lawn Care, maint-235.00; Reliable Office Supplies, sup-123.72; Dale Nielsen Inc., rep-20.00; Meeske Auto Parts, rep-77.05; Hotsy Equipment Co., equip-1,600.00; Martin Marietta Materials, maint-123.81; Meeske Hardware, rep/maint-565.07; The Travelers, ins adj-44.00; Cass County Sheriff, prof-2,711.80; Alliance Medical, sup-169.04; EMS Billing Services, reimb-1,195.54; Chuck Cook, mlg reimb-32.01; Shaffer Communications, rep-189.92; Keckler Bottle Garden, maint-8.34; WW Express Lane, sup-766.40; Aqua Chem, sup-644.64; Bickford Electric, cap imp, rep-10,215.00; M & M Portable Toilets, maint-300.00; Menards, rep/maint-364.73; AmSan, sup-132.72; Olsson Associates, trail imp/prof-4,260.31; D. Henley, maint-100.00; Baker & Taylor Books, bks-485.72; Demco, sup-46.36; Follett Software Co., prof-474.50; Office Max, equip-1,499.96; Fire Ext Hazmat Billing, reimb-117.40; Great Plains One Call, serv-9.92; Journal Consumer Connection, publ-135.92; WW Stoneworks, cap imp-1,500.00; J. Donham, animal control-85.58. Motion carried unanimously.

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

/s/ Howard Stubbendieck, Mayor

/s/ Kay Gerdes, City Clerk