

## MINUTE RECORD

### CITY OF WEEPING WATER CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 14, 2005

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 November 14, 2005 at City Hall. Mayor Howard Stubbendieck called the meeting to order with Council Members Bob McCaulley, Melody Falcone, Mitch Miller and Ray Frew answering roll. Absent: None.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the November 10, 2005 edition of the Plattsmouth Journal.

Minutes of the October 10, and October 24, 2005 meetings were approved as written.

Under Open Forum, Joe & Sharon Heneger expressed concerns regarding street maintenance and proper street identification of High Street. It was agreed to pursue the purchase of appropriate street signs and that the Street and Alley Committee would meet to address the maintenance concerns.

The Monthly Police Activity Report was presented, in which it was noted that 187 hours were patrolled during the month, with 25 calls of service, 5 citations and 12 warnings being issued.

Bruce Sorensen presented the Monthly Water/Wastewater Report and advised that the state sanitary survey of the public water system has been performed. It was noted that recommended measures have been taken to achieve compliance with new regulations.

Rob Bauers presented the Monthly Maintenance Report. It was noted that as a result of the tree assessment last month, of the 69 letters that were sent out to residents, one resident refused to accept a letter, but the majority of those notified have achieved compliance with city codes. It was agreed that for those residents who have not yet complied, a second letter be sent advising that a deadline for compliance will be January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, after which time a contractor will be hired to adequately trim trees at the resident's expense. It was also noted that the Library sidewalks have been repaired and the median circles have been removed from Oak Court and Walnut Circle.

A report of Monthly Health Board activities resulted in the following: Meisinger allowed until December 12, 2005 for final compliance date; City Attorney to advise: J. Wilson that concrete foundation will need to be removed prior to filling said area; J. Quick that abandoned vehicle in back yard also needs to be removed; that remains of Hickey trailer need to be removed by December 1, 2005; to proceed with the formal certification notice on R. Nichols property and property owned by the railroad. It was agreed by the Council to have the Sheriff's Department verify valid registration of specific vehicles prior to the next meeting.

Council President Ray Frew assumed presiding over the meeting at 7:15 p.m., as Mayor Stubbendieck left the meeting due to a family emergency.

Justin Backhaus presented several issues in regard to the Fire Department, which resulted in the following actions: Motion by McCaulley, seconded by Miller to authorize the Fire Department to pursue the purchase of a 1989 GMC 7000 Walk In Unit, to be used as an Equipment Van for the Department, subject to personal inspection approval and subject to acceptable financing options at a proposed cost of \$40,000. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by McCaulley, seconded by Miller to approve the application of Stephanie Jones to join the Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously. As a result of the Rural Fire Board's recent acquisition of a new tanker, which will be stored in the City Fire Barn, it was agreed that Fire Department officers and the Maintenance Superintendent negotiate a feasible storage sight for the 1929 tanker that is currently stored in said area. Members of the Council agreed to pursue the installation of adequate weather-stripping for the overhead doors at the Fire Barn and the purchase of twenty Hydrafinder poles for fire hydrants. The City Council commended the Fire Department for recently repainting the fire hydrants. Other concerns addressed by the Fire Department were adequate hydrant pressure on the east side of the city and the possibility of implementing a Junior Firefighter Program, both of which will continue to be pursued.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Falcone to approve reimbursement to the Rescue Squad in the amount of \$687.89, which represents the balance due for a computer system to be used by the Rescue Squad and Fire Department for training and other emergency service documentation. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted that PCS Phosphate donated \$500 toward the purchase of the same.

Preliminary copies of the Agreement for Professional Services for Olsson Associates to serve as City Engineer were presented for Council review, with action to be considered at the December meeting.

Motion by Falcone, seconded by Miller to approve renewal of the SENTC membership for the ensuing year at a cost of \$25.00. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken on the request for membership in the Nebraska Great Plains RC&D.

Motion by Miller, seconded by McCaulley to enter into executive session at 8:03 p.m. for the purpose of salary reviews. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by McCaulley, seconded by Miller to close the executive session at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by McCaulley, seconded by Miller to approve 5% salary increases for Maintenance Supt., Rob Bauers, City Clerk, Kay Gerdes, Deputy Clerk, Linda Fleming, and Librarian, Jan Aronson, and 3% salary increases for Substitute Librarian, Kathryn Cover and Community Building Janitor, Carol Thomassen . Motion carried unanimously.

Letters received from representatives of the High School Government class addressing specific concerns in the city were presented and will be taken under consideration.

A report of Monthly Building Permit Activity included the following: Misc. Permit-Ash Grove Cement Co., fence. It was agreed that residents not complying with city building code regulations be pursued by the City Attorney.

Preliminary copies of the city's National Incident Management System (NIMS) Implementation Plan were presented for council review, with the proposed date for adoption of the same being set for the December meeting. An update of employees who have completed the required NIMS training was provided.

Consideration of proposing an ordinance regulating residency restrictions for sex offenders was discussed and tabled for further review.

Members of the Council were advised that the walk-thru of the proposed route of the Weeping Water City Trail has been completed and the topographic survey of the proposed trail area will commence this week.

Other items discussed with no action being taken were sidewalk/street conditions and the use of skateboards on public sidewalks.

Motion by Falcone, seconded by McCaulley to approve the following claims: Salaries-6162.30; Alltel, util-572.22; OPPD, util-3099.56; Aquila, util-135.06; Ameritas, emp ben-552.54; Farmers & Merchants Bank, whlg, s/c-1647.48; Nebr. Dept. of Revenue, sls tax, whlg-1345.19; Svoboda & Chebatoris, prof-1026.13; United Healthcare, ins-1053.98; PeopleService, prof-10935.00; Cass County Refuse, reimb-8468.50; Water Bond pmt-3057.50; Fire Truck pmt-31,156.25; Omaha Standard Truck, equip-3916.69; Steffes Motor, equip-6700.00; L. Nutter, maint-50.00; Keckler Oil Co., fuel, rep, pstg-992.18; Post Office, pstg-158.00; The Journal, publ-286.50; K. Gerdes, reimb-20.00; Miller Monroe Farrell, ins-2145.00; Schmitz Surveying, prof-274.80; L. Sorensen, trkg, maint-162.19; Concrete Industries, st imp-2278.88; WW Express Lane, fuel, rep-583.51; Copple Chevrolet, rep-16.08; Sign & Screen Design, maint-16.25; M. Miller, rep/maint-34.00; NAPA Auto parts, rep/maint-101.14; Dale Nielsen Inc., rep/maint-150.54; Barco Municipal Products, signs-81.06; Heimes Excavating, st imp-1280.00; Meeske Auto Parts, rep/maint-371.15; Meeske Hardware, rep/maint-1148.13; Cass County Sheriff, prof-2711.80; City of Papillion, ALS reimb-2138.50; EMS Billing Services, reimb-404.79; Shaffer Communications, rep/maint-11.75; WW Family Practice, resc vac-355.00; Midwest Vehicle Professionals, equip-4185.00; Alliance Medical, sup-240.63; Van Diest Supply, sup-472.32; Baker & Taylor Books, bks-176.51; Ingram Library System, bks-183.76; Micro Marketing, bks-65.05; Transworld Motocross, bks-18.95; Consumer Report-26.00; Bickford Electric, rep/maint-920.08; Great Plains One Call, werv-9.83; Chamber of Commerce, mtg-6.00. Ayes: McCaulley, Falcone and Frew. Nays: None. Abstain: Miller, due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Howard Stubbendieck, Mayor

/s/ Kay Gerdes, City Clerk