

February 6, 2007

Colleen Paden, Mayor, called a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Stanton, Nebraska to order on February 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. The Mayor announced to the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall by the door. Council Members answering roll call: Ray Wolf Jr., Jay Spence, Rolland Lorensen. Absent: Larry Noelle. Also present were: Dennis Patterson, Alberta Lehman, Jim Campbell, Katie Kai, Robert Kander, Butch Clausen, Tim Reese, Julie Beeson, Jan Uttecht, Katie Frederick, Roger Protzman, Bob Paden, Chris Adelman, Cory Locke, and Nancy Morfeld (who recorded the minutes).

A motion was duly made by Council Member Wolf to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Spence seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Wolf, Lorensen. Motion carried. The following items were approved: (1) Adopt agenda; (2) Meeting was published in the Stanton Register on January 31, 2007 and the agenda was delivered to the Mayor and Council on February 2, 2007; (3) Approve the minutes of the January 2, 2007 meeting; (4) Accept the minutes from various city boards as received; (5) Approval of the Statement of Fund Balances General Accounts and Utilities; (6) Approval of claims for January 3, 2007 to February 6, 2007; (7) Approval of Nursing Home (Stanton Health Center) report of accounts; (8) Approval of Kathy Moore to Stanton Nursing Home Board following resignation of Elizabeth Felt; (9) Approve appointment of Matt McCart and Andrew Shelton to Stanton Rescue Department.

NH Katie Frederick explained the reports for the Stanton Nursing Home.

Admin Three bids were received on the audit request for proposal. Michael J. Pommer – City \$5,500 per year and NH \$7,500 per year; Scow, Rief, Kruse, Schumacher – City \$3,550, \$3,600, \$3,650 and NH \$7,250 per year; Shonsey, Placke, Maruska, Stava – City no bid, NH \$7,550, \$7,700, \$7,850. Katie recommended that the Nursing Home use Shonsey, Placke, Maruska, Stava to do the audit and cost reports due to their knowledge of the system. A motion was duly made by Council Member Wolf to accept the bid of Scow, Rief, Kruse and Schumacher for the City at a bid of \$3,550, \$3,600, and \$3,650 per year and to accept the bid of Shonsey, Placke, Maruska, and Stava for the Nursing Home at a bid of \$7,550, \$7,700, and \$7,850 per year. Council Member Spence seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Wolf. Motion carried.

Park The Women's Club and Garden Club are having the hanging baskets planted this year for downtown. A motion was duly made by Council Member Wolf to have a City employee water the baskets daily. Council Member Spence seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Wolf, Spence. Motion carried.

Street A motion was duly made by Council Member Wolf to accept the bid of Norfolk Contracting in the amount of \$17984.00 to replace the bridge on Ivy with a steel superstructure and concrete deck. Council Member Lorensen seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Wolf. Motion carried.

Sewer Roger Protzman addressed the Council explaining his proposal to amend the 1997 Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan concerning the sanitary sewer lines located in the alleys that may be failing at the request of Council Member Lorensen. This proposal would cost \$4,500. This item was tabled until the next meeting so the Council could look it over.

An informational packet of information was put together by JEO at the request of Dennis Patterson regarding costs for equipment to measure the effluent flow at the sewer plant. The estimated cost is approximately \$30,000.

A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to approve payment to Steve Hansen in the amount of \$157.50 for reimbursement of expense due to City sewer main plug by his property. Council Member Lorensen seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Wolf. Motion carried.

A consensus was given to send a letter to Department of Environmental Quality to request changing the testing schedule for fecal coliform at the wastewater plant.

Street A public hearing was opened at 7:35 pm for the 1 & 6 street program. The Mayor read the notice of hearing. No comments were received at the hearing. No comments were received by the City Clerk. The public hearing was closed at 7:42 pm. A motion was duly made by Council Member Wolf to approve Resolution 456 approving the 1 & 6 Street Program as submitted by JEO Consulting. Council Member Spence seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Wolf. Motion carried.

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Housing Bob Paden informed the Council that the bids for the housing project were extended and would not be ready for approval until the March meeting.

Water Robert Kander would like the City Council to let him turn his water line over to another property owner and haul water to his property and remaining lots. No action was taken by the Council until the other property owner could be contacted for his input.

Zoning Tim Reese informed the Council that he would like to purchase approximately 100' of the property to the south of his property. This will be looked into regarding the water and sewer lines in the area, selling the trees, cost, and the size of area he is requesting and will be tabled until the next meeting.

Water Council Member Wolf introduced Ordinance 761 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STANTON, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND TITLE 170, CHAPTER 55, SECTIONS 1-27 OF THE NEBRASKA BASIC CODE, LOCAL LEGISLATION OF STANTON, NEBRASKA, PERTAINING TO WATER POLICIES, FEES AND METER READINGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT. Council Member Spence seconded the motion to introduce Ordinance 761 and upon roll call vote on the motion, the following Council Members voted YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Wolf. Motion carried. Council Member Wolf moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, Ordinance 761 be moved for final passage, and to authorize publication in pamphlet form. Council Member Spence seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote on the motion, the following Council Members voted YEA: Lorensen, Wolf, Spence. Motion carried. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three fourths of the City Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of the ordinance. The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted, and the Mayor signed and approved the ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

Park A motion was duly made by Council Member Wolf to allow up to \$6,500 for the summer ball programs. Council Member Spence seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Wolf. Motion carried.

The concession stand will be put out for bids again this year.

Admin A motion was duly made by Council Member Wolf to increase the Mayor salary to \$3,000 per year and the Council salary to \$2,000 per year. Council Member Spence seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Wolf, Spence, Lorensen. Motion carried. An ordinance will be developed for the next meeting.

Street No action was taken on approving the contract for mosquito spraying for the 2007 season. This will be discussed at the next meeting and someone from Complete Pest Elimination will be asked to attend to answer questions from the Council.

Zoning A motion was duly made by Council Member Wolf to approve Resolution 457 approving the Nau Lot Split in NW ¼ of Section 20, Township 23 North, Range 2 East of the 6th PM in Stanton County, Nebraska. Council Member Spence seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Wolf. Motion carried.

A consensus was given to table Resolution 455 until further information regarding the size of the lots could be researched.

No action was taken on the Krusemark building permit. A recommendation was given by the City Attorney to have this permit go before the planning commission prior to council approval.

Park A consensus was given by the Council to advertise for a full time park superintendent / general employee. Starting wage will be \$10.50 per hour plus benefits. This employee will also attend training for water and sewer certification and will work with other employees a certain number of hours each month. The job description will be changed to include this training.

Street No action was taken on riding snowmobiles out of the city. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Street Council Member Spence introduced Ordinance 760 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STANTON, NEBRASKA, TO ADD TITLE 170, CHAPTER 72, SECTION 11 OF THE NEBRASKA BASIC CODE, LOCAL LEGISLATION OF STANTON, NEBRASKA, PERTAINING TO SNOW REMOVAL AND MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND ALLEYS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT. Council Member Wolf seconded the motion to introduce Ordinance 760 and upon roll call vote on the motion, the following Council Members voted YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Wolf. Motion carried. Council Member Spence moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, Ordinance 760 be moved for final passage, and to authorize publication in pamphlet form. Council Member Wolf seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote on the motion, the following Council Members voted YEA: Lorensen, Wolf, Spence. Motion carried. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three fourths of the City Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of the ordinance. The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted, and the Mayor signed and approved the ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

Admin A motion was duly made by Council Member Wolf to approve Proclamation 2007-1 proclaiming February 14th as "A Day for Hearts: Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day". Council Member Spence seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Wolf, Spence. Motion carried.

A consensus was given by the Council to try having 2 meetings per month for 3 months and see how it works. We will have the second meeting February 22, 2007 this month.

A motion was duly made by Council Member Wolf to approve the City audit for 2005-2006 as received from Scow, Rief, Kruse and Schumacher. Council Member Spence seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Wolf, Spence. Motion carried.

Golf A consensus was given by the Council to not list the property at this time and table until additional research could be done.

The following bids were received for rental of the golf property: Andrew Schweers - \$3,500 and Darrell Hansen \$2,600. A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to accept the bid of Andrew Schweers in the amount of \$3,500 for rental of the golf property for 2007. Council Member Lorensen seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Wolf. Motion carried.

Fire Discussion was held on installation of a furnace /air conditioner for the fire hall. An estimate will be received from Mark Chamberlain and Doug Hankins.

Street Discussion was held on the pager system and possibly changing. No action was taken at this time.

A motion was duly made by Council Member Wolf to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 pm. Council Member Spence seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Wolf. Motion carried.

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the City Council at the February 6, 2007 meeting; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the Agenda for the meeting, held continually current and available for inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, that such subjects were contained in the agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting, that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by the members of the public; that said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said Body; that all news media notification concerning meetings of said Body were provided notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Nancy A. Morfeld, City Clerk

Colleen M. Paden, Mayor

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