

January 22, 2009

Colleen Paden, Mayor, called a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Stanton, Nebraska to order on January 22, 2009 at 7 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: Rolland Lorensen, Jay Spence, Brandon Remm, Clint Warnke. Also present were: Dale Detlefsen, Dennis Patterson, Tim Pritchett, Alberta Lehman, Leo Ahmann, Cory Locke, and Nancy Morfeld (who recorded the minutes).

A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Warnke, Remm, Spence. Motion carried. The following items were approved: (1) Adopt agenda; (2) Notice of meeting was published in the Stanton Register on January 14, 2009 and the agenda was delivered to the Mayor and Council on January 20, 2009; (3) Approve minutes from meeting on January 6, 2009; (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 7, 2009 through January 22, 2009; (7) Approve appointment of JEO as city engineer for 2009.

**Admin** Discussion was held on grant funding with Leo Ahmann with the Northeast NE Economic Development District. Discussed the possibility of doing a blighted / substandard property study east of 10<sup>th</sup> Street at a cost of \$3500, then applying for a grant to do a preliminary engineering report on the sewer system at a cost of \$20,000, then possibly applying for CDBG funding following a recommendation from WWAC / DED regarding the study at a cost of \$350,000. The City would need to fund 100% of the blight study, 25% of the planning grant for the sewer study and 25% of any additional funding received. A motion was duly made by Council Member Lorensen to have the blight / substandard study done east of 10<sup>th</sup> Street by Northeast NE Economic Development District at a cost of \$3500. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Warnke, Remm, Spence. Motion carried.

**Golf** A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to approve Resolution 481 setting 2009 golf fees and the attached Agreement for Services with Elkhorn Golf Club. Council Member Remm seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Warnke, Remm. Motion carried.

**Admin** Discussion was held on the possibility of purchasing 2 computer systems for the city hall and using one of the current computer systems for the utilities / other departments; discussed networking systems or connecting to the internet for online updates or training; discussed locating this computer at the city hall in the extra office or city shop; estimates will be received for computers and networking.

**Code Issues** Discussed the property at 507 8<sup>th</sup> Street and if the garbage is not removed by the February council meeting, the city attorney will be authorized to file charges regarding violation of city code.

**Admin** A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to approve the contract with Complete Pest Elimination at a cost of \$6384 for spraying of mosquitoes during the 2009 season. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Warnke, Remm. Motion carried.

**Personnel** Sanford Goshorn will be giving NIMs training to the Rescue Department on January 28<sup>th</sup> and Council Member Lorensen advised that all city employees and city council members should attend. This training can also be taken online.

**Admin** Council Member Lorensen advised that the City is a member of the Elkhorn Valley Economic Development Council and pays yearly dues for their services.

**Personnel** Discussion was held regarding the amount of comp time that the city employees are accruing and the need to use this time, discussed changing the policy to allowing them 60 days to use instead of the current 45 days and having 2 employees at work.

**Street** Discussed the alley behind Emmett's and the need to try to remove slush when it melts in this area. Discussed the drainage by Hooches and the need to keep the ice off the sidewalk using a gutter, with Council Member Spence handling this.

**Pool** Discussed the pool slide that was donated by Con Bernbeck and taken down by citizens of the community, with the Park Board handling this item. Park Board is also to be working on the updates needed for the drain system as required by Federal changes.

A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Remm, Warnke, Spence. Motion carried.

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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 January 22, 2009 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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