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Colleen Paden, Mayor, called a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Stanton, Nebraska to order on April 23, 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, Katie Frederick, Martha Detlefsen, Marcy Suchan, Amy Pritchett, Jody Caldwell, Charles Caskey, Marlene Reichmuth, Dave Kment, Mike Unger, LaLene Bates, Barb Olson, Orville Roenfeldt, Norma Moritz, Mason Moritz, Katy Armbruster, Gerald Asplin's, Richard Hilliges', Jeanette Hasenkamp, Larry Belz, Norm Lehman, 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 April 15, 2009 and the agenda was delivered to the Mayor and Council on April 21, 2009; (3) Approve minutes from meeting on April 7, 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 April 8, 2009 through April 23, 2009; (7) Letter from Miller and Associates regarding work at pool; letter to JEO regarding fees; Utilities newsletter; Stanton County Emergency Management letter on wearing colored vests for personnel.

**Sewer** Discussion was held on the Blight and Substandard Determination Study for the East Half of the City presented by the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District. Since the City met the requirement of this area being blighted and substandard, we now qualify to apply for a grant to do the wastewater engineering study. This study will need to be approved prior to applying for the grant. No action was taken.

**Zoning** A public hearing was opened at 7:09 pm to discuss approval of a conditional use permit application of Shane Patterson to construct an oversized accessory building on property located Pt NW SW 20-23-2 City Sections. No comments were received by the City Clerk. No comments were received at the hearing. The public hearing was closed at 7:15 pm. A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to approve Resolution 485 authorizing the conditional use permit for Shane Patterson to construct an oversized accessory building on property located Pt NW SW 20-23-2 City Sections as recommended by the planning commission. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Warnke, Remm, Spence. Motion carried.

A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to approve Resolution 486 authorizing the James Ballantyne Addition being a replat of Lot Three of the Replat of Lots Two and Three of Ballantyne's Lot Split in the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 19, Township 23 North, Range 2 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Stanton County, Nebraska, as recommended by the planning commission. Council Member Remm seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Warnke, Remm. Motion carried.

**Park** A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to fund the cost (approximately \$6,000) for coaches and umpires for the summer ball program. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Warnke, Remm, Spence. Motion carried.

**Water** Discussion was held regarding the cost of implementing an automatic meter reading system for the water department. A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to decline the offer to work with Stanton County Public Power on the automatic meter reading system. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Warnke, Remm, Spence, Lorensen. Motion carried.

**Sewer** The new sewer main repair on Douglas by the bridge has shifted and will need to be redone. Penro Construction has been contacted regarding this item.

**NH** Discussion was held on the necessity of installing a grease trap at the Nursing Home. The State Department of Environmental Quality was here to inspect the facility. According to DEQ no additional action was needed at the facility. The Nursing Home is in the process of installing a system to inject a degreaser agent into the sewer line to see if this will help the situation. Council Member Lorensen would like the Nursing Home to install a holding tank to catch the grease. The Nursing Home Board will research this item for the council.

**Code Issues** Discussion was held on dog regulations, an impound form and informing the public regarding licensing fees. The City Attorney will make changes and develop the ordinance.

**Street** Discussion was held regarding the sale of old sweeper brushes by the shop. Council Member Warnke will check on this.

**Sewer** Discussion was held on allowing Larry Belz to connect to the city sewer main on Cedar Street, installation of 2 cleanouts on the line, \$100 tap fee, setting a flat fee for service, and the

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cost of installation at his expense. A motion was duly made by Council Member Warnke to allow Larry Belz to connect to the sewer main on Cedar Street at his cost and to include 2 cleanouts on the line. Council Member Spence seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Warnke, Remm. Motion carried.

**Personnel** Discussion was held on employee issues relating to Dale Detlefsen, Orville Roenfeldt and Tim Pritchett. Dale and Orville requested discussion in an open meeting and Tim requested a closed session. There is still a lack of communication among the employees. Discussion was held on prior employees leaving, retirement packages, rumors around town, getting along with other employees, job descriptions may change, need a new supervisor, working status, and council decisions. All employees are still working under their current job descriptions, no one has been fired and there is no buyout offer for retirement.

Issues needed to be discussed within the Council regarding handling of items by Rolland Lorensen. Rolland requested to discuss in an open meeting. It was stated that he needed to not be identifying himself as a City Council Member when making inquiries unless he is requested to look into an item for the whole council. He is also to follow the proper chain of command when looking into an issue. On an item such as the grease trap at the Nursing Home, Jay is the representative for the council and he needed to discuss this with Jay and let him handle it, instead of going to the Nursing Home, telling the staff he needs to see the kitchen and wanting information. Jay was already working on this issue with Katie and the Nursing Home Board.

**Zoning** LaLene Bates gave an update to the Council regarding planning commission items: subdivision plat needs to have lots about a public street and drainage involved are items working on with Dan Molacek, Bob Kander house not allowed to add on the north side due to keeping the corner area open; apartments and empty buildings downtown, need for off street parking; carports in the community.

**Admin** Jody Caldwell addressed the council asking them to consider hiring a part time (shared) city administrator, even though this would require an election.

**Personnel** A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to go into closed session at 9:17 pm at the request of Tim Pritchett for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Warnke, Remm, Spence. Motion carried. A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to adjourn from closed session at 9:45 pm. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Warnke, Remm. Motion carried.

A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 pm. Council Member Remm seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Remm, Warnke, Spence. 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 April 23, 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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