

July 23, 2009

Colleen Paden, Mayor, called a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Stanton, Nebraska to order on July 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: Jay Spence, Brandon Remm, Rolland Lorensen. Absent: Clint Warnke. Also present were: Dennis Patterson, Pam Fuerhoff, Carol Armbruster, Laura Hess, Ron Klinetobe, Tim Pritchett, Donna Vollbrecht, Clint Stewart, Marlene Reichmuth, and Nancy Morfeld (who recorded the minutes).

A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Lorensen seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Remm, Spence. Motion carried. The following items were approved: (1) Adopt agenda; (2) Notice of meeting was published in the Stanton Register on July 15, 2009 and the agenda was delivered to the Mayor and Council on July 21, 2009; (3) Approve minutes from meeting on July 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 July 8, 2009 through July 23, 2009; (7) Approve Resolution 488 authorizing amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services increasing payment for equipment to \$10,000 per year.

**Personnel** Craig Risor, Mutual of Omaha Insurance, addressed the council with some options for health insurance coverage, which included setting up HSA (health savings accounts) for each individual with annual contributions by the City to cover the deductible and increasing the deductible. No action was taken by the Council.

**Admin** Discussion was held on allowing the collection of used motor oil at the recycling site and the legalities of what would happen if the container leaked or oil was spilled. This will be discussed with the City Attorney for what would be required.

**Admin** Discussion was held regarding the library budget, updates to the building, maintenance, and lawn care. The Library Board requested an increase of \$17,700. The current budget for the Library is \$84,250.00. No action was taken by the Council.

**Sewer** A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to send the application for the NPDES permit at the sewer plant for approval from Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. Council Member Lorensen seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Remm. Motion carried.

**Admin** The Mayor advised the Council that the Community Club was putting together a welcome packet for the Pipeline workers coming into the community and all information is being sent through the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.

**Code Issues** A consensus was given to have the City Attorney begin the process for removal of the structure at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Kingwood (Wayne Vogel property) due to upkeep and safety issues with the structure.

**Street** Discussion was held on inclusion of 1 & 6 year street projects to the budget. A consensus was given by the Council to have the City Superintendent contact The Road Guy on the bid for armor coating and to have this work done before the end of August, as Topkote couldn't complete the project until the end of September.

**Admin** Discussion was held on the budget, with final figures to be completed at the August meeting.

**Personnel** A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to approve a 3% increase in wages for all regular city employees. Council Member Remm seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Remm, Spence. NAY: Lorensen. Motion carried.

A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to compensate Tim Pritchett for the extra workload, above and beyond what he was hired for, during the last couple of months in the amount of \$500.00. Council Member Remm seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Remm, Spence. NAY: Lorensen. Motion carried.

**Sewer** Penro Construction called and will be here this week to repair the sewer line on Douglas Street. Discussed having the city employees raise the manholes to street level and install spacers as needed. The City Planning Commission still needs to approve the blight study before the City Council can proceed with any grant funding.

**Golf** Discussion was held on the possibility of allowing the cash renter to remove corn stalks from the rental property. No action was taken by the Council.

A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Council Member Remm seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Remm, 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 July 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