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Colleen Paden, Mayor, called a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Stanton, Nebraska to order on August 4, 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, Rolland Lorensen, Clint Warnke. Absent: Brandon Remm. Also present were: Dennis Patterson, Pam Fuerhoff, Carol Armbruster, Laura Hess, Ron Klinetobe, Tim Pritchett, Donna Vollbrecht, Clint Stewart, Marlene Reichmuth, Louise Eberly, Loenard West, Jerry Webster, Norman Lehman, LaLene Bates, Lyle Farran, Gerald Asplin, Marci Suchan, Jody Caldwell, Dave Kment, Katie Frederick, Maureen Kline, Alberta Lehman, Mason Moritz, Norma Moritz, 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, Spence. Motion carried. The following items were approved: (1) Adopt agenda; (2) Notice of meeting was published in the Stanton Register on July 29, 2009 and the agenda was delivered to the Mayor and Council on July 31, 2009; (3) Approve minutes from meeting on July 23, 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 24, 2009 through August 4, 2009.

Sewer Discussion was held on steps to follow regarding the sewer repair project. The Planning Commission will need to send their recommendation of approval to the city council for the blighted area. The City Council will then hold a public hearing regarding the approval of the blight study. A planning grant will then be applied for to complete a sewer feasibility study on the sewer lines in the area of the study, with a public hearing held on applying for the planning grant. This study will cost between \$15,000 and \$30,000 and will be funded 75% with the grant. The City will need to pay 25% of the study.

NH Katie Frederick, NH Administrator, addressed the council with updates from the facility. The Nursing Home Board recommended that the grease trap, at a cost of \$1,992 plus flooring, not be installed at this time as all of the food scraps and cooking scraps are being placed into containers and taken to the dumpster. Council Member Lorensen requested that the Council make a final decision on installation of the grease trap at the September council meeting.

Admin A lengthy discussion was held on additional funding to the library and budget figures. Some items discussed included having the City employees handle some of the repair work at the library, requesting funds from the Nursing Home, requesting the county to increase funding for the library due to the number of patrons from the rural area (City funds 97.5% and County funds 2.5% of library budget), having a city sales tax to help fund construction projects in the city, funding for golf and pool, and street projects to complete. Council Member Warnke will work on library projects to complete and City Attorney Locke will work with Library Board on requesting funding from the County.

Golf A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to offer a temporary membership at the Golf Course in the amount of \$150 for any pipeline employees / families. Council Member Lorensen seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Warnke, Spence. Motion carried. A motion was duly made by Council Member Warnke to allow the renter of the golf property to remove cornstalks this fall. Council Member Lorensen seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Warnke, Spence. Motion carried.

Code Issues A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to authorize the City Attorney to send out a final notice for completion of repairs by September 1st to Dale Hajek and Alice Hajek before criminal charges will be filed if not completed. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Warnke, Spence. Motion carried. A motion was duly made by Council Member Warnke to authorize the City Attorney to send a letter to Wayne Vogel to attend the September council meeting to discuss repairs / cleanup to the structure at 4th and Kingwood. Council Member Spence seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Warnke. Motion carried.

Grant The City Attorney explained to the Council that loan documents had not been completed for one of the rehabilitation loans. A certified letter has been sent to the recipient asking for return of the documents, as the loan forgiveness will not begin until the paperwork is returned. The Economic Development group handling the administration of this program was asking to foreclose on the property, but the Attorney advised that this was not necessary. The total amount of the loan will need to be repaid if the property is sold, as the City has a lien.

Admin A consensus was given not to allow the collection of used oil at the recycling center at this time.

Personnel Council Member Spence introduced Ordinance 798 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STANTON, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND TITLE 170, CHAPTER 33, SECTION 45 TO THE NEBRASKA BASIC CODE, TITLE XVII LOCAL LEGISLATION, PERTAINING TO MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS; SETTING WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES; 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 Warnke seconded the motion to introduce Ordinance 798 and upon roll call vote on the motion, the following Council Members voted YEA: Warnke, Spence. NAY: Lorensen. Motion carried. Council Member Spence moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, Ordinance 798 be moved for final passage, and to authorize publication in pamphlet form. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote on the motion, the following Council Members voted YEA: Warnke, Spence. NAY: Lorensen. 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 Council President 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.

A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, 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 August 4, 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

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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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