

September 1, 2009

Colleen Paden, Mayor, called a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Stanton, Nebraska to order on September 1, 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, Brandon Remm. Also present were: Pam Fuerhoff, Carol Armbruster, Laura Hess, Ron Klinetobe, Tim Pritchett, Donna Vollbrecht, Clint Stewart, Marlene Reichmuth, Norman Lehman, LaLene Bates, Marci Suchan, Jody Caldwell, Dave Kment, Katie Frederick, Maureen Kline, Alberta Lehman, Dale Hajek, Becky Connor, Mike Unger, Stan Hasenkamp, Jeanette Hasenkamp, Terry Hess, Steve Bentz, Wayne Vogel, 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 August 26, 2009 and the agenda was delivered to the Mayor and Council on August 28, 2009; (3) Approve minutes from meeting on August 4, 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 August 5, 2009 through September 1, 2009; (7) Approve appointment of Chris Oja to Stanton Fire Department.

Personnel Becky Connor, Nebraska Group Services, explained health insurance options to the Council. A motion was duly made by Council Member Lorensen to decide what we want to do for health insurance, use a HSA or not, and exactly what kind of insurance we want and to put out for bids. Motion died for lack of a second. A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to have the city employees fill out the general application form and send to Becky Connor (Nebraska Group Services) for submittal to the various insurance companies for more accurate rates. Council Member Remm seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Remm, Spence, Warnke. NAY: Lorensen. Motion carried.

Nursing Home Dave Kment advised that the consensus from the Nursing Home Board was that the grease trap, at a cost of approximately \$3,000, was not necessary at this time. The degreaser agent is being put into the sewer system and all discarded food is being thrown in the dumpster. A motion was duly made by Council Member Lorensen to require the Stanton Nursing Home to install a grease trap in the kitchen drain line and to clean as necessary. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Warnke. NAY: Remm, Spence. Mayor broke the tie with a YEA vote. Motion carried.

Code Issues Wayne Vogel's property at 308 Kingwood was discussed. He is working on selling the property and if that is not done, then the structure will be repaired. Council Member Lorensen, Council Member Remm, Wayne Vogel and Ron Klinetobe will meet to inspect the property on September 8th at 6 pm.

Dale Hajek discussed the property at 11th and Gumwood (Elmer's Repair). He is working on painting the structure, repairing windows and clean up on outside of building. A consensus was given to allow Dale to continue working on the area discussed and to complete as soon as possible. Discussion was held on who is notified regarding code issues and it has been the policy of the city council to have the city attorney notify the record property owner regarding all correspondence. The council regrets any problems caused by this policy.

No action was taken on the complaint regarding dangerous dogs in the community.

A motion was duly made by Council Member Warnke to allow city employees to cut trees on the city right of way with Stanton County Public Power employees, if other work is completed and time allows. Council Member Lorensen seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Warnke, Remm. Motion carried.

Library A motion was duly made by Council Member Lorensen to allow the library to do maintenance on the building, with Judge Wenke paying up to \$5,000 and the city paying up to \$5,000, with city portion of funds to be taken from the reserves. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Warnke, Remm. Motion carried.

Street Discussion was held on projects to be completed in the street department for 2010, which include the intersection of 9th and Jackpine and curb and gutter replacement in the downtown area.

Zoning LaLene Bates advised the council of the blight study hearing to be held at the September 17th meeting.

Sewer Discussion was held regarding having a video completed of the sewer mains on Hickory and Elm to see what is causing problems in these areas.

Admin A public hearing was opened at 8:45 p.m. to approve the fiscal year 2009 – 2010 budget. The Mayor read the notice of hearing. No comments were received by the City Clerk. No comments were received at the hearing. The public hearing was closed at 8:52 p.m.

A public hearing was opened at 8:53 p.m. to set the final tax request for fiscal year 2009 – 2010. The notice of hearing was read by the Mayor. No comments were received by the City Clerk. No comments were received at the hearing. The public hearing was closed at 8:55 p.m.

A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to approve the Stanton Utility Budget and Stanton Health Center budget as submitted. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Remm, Warnke, Spence. Motion carried.

A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to approve an additional 1% increase in restricted funds as allowed. Council Member Remm seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Remm, Warnke, Spence. Motion carried.

Council Member Warnke introduced Ordinance 799 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STANTON, NEBRASKA, TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Council Member Spence seconded the motion to introduce Ordinance 799 and upon roll call vote on the motion, the following Council Members voted YEA: Lorensen, Spence, Warnke, Remm. Motion carried. Council Member Spence moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended, Ordinance 799 be moved for final passage, and to authorize publication in pamphlet form. Council Member Remm seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote on the motion, the following Council Members voted YEA: Lorensen, Warnke, Remm, 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.

A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to approve Resolution 489 setting the tax request

for fiscal year 2009 – 2010 at \$210,727.00. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Warnke, Remm, Spence. Motion carried.

Mayor Paden thanked the public for coming to the meeting and staying informed on what the Council is doing.

A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to adjourn the meeting at 9 p.m. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Warnke, Spence, Remm. 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 September 1, 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