

May 4, 2010

Colleen Paden, Mayor, called a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Stanton, Nebraska to order on May 4, 2010 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: Clint Warnke, Brandon Remm, Jay Spence, Rolland Lorensen. Also present were: Katy Frederick, Pam Fuerhoff, Ron Klinetobe, Alberta Lehman, Marci Suchan, Marlene Reichmuth, Mike Ruppert, Laura Hess, Carol Armbruster, Randy Eberhardt, Colleen Butterfield, Mike Unger, 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: Warnke, Remm, Spence, Lorensen. Motion carried. The following items were approved: (1) Adopt agenda; (2) Notice of meeting was published in the Stanton Register on April 28, 2010 and the agenda was delivered to the Mayor and Council on April 30, 2010; (3) Approve minutes from meeting on April 6, 2010; (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 7, 2010 through May 4, 2010; (7) Approve appointment of Karen Maas to Stanton Nursing Home Board; (8) Accept resignation of Klint Stewart from Stanton Library Board; (9) Approval of Park Grant from Lower Elkhorn NRD in the amount of \$11,700 for construction of shelter / parking area in west park.

**NH** Katie Frederick explained the Nursing Home Board minutes to the council.

**Code Issues** Discussion was held with Randy Eberhardt regarding the pit bull regulations and his unlicensed pets. A motion was duly made by Council Member Warnke to allow Randy Eberhardt to come into compliance with the city pit bull regulations by the June council meeting or remove the animals from the city limits. Council Member Spence seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Warnke, Remm. Motion carried. This item will be on the agenda for the June meeting to check on compliance with the regulations.

**Library** Pam Fuerhoff updated the council on repairs being completed on the Library building, with an approximate cost of \$4,000 to \$5,000 for repairs to the windows and soffit. There have also been many thefts from the Library in the past few months. Discussion was held on security issues at the library and suggestions for changes. The Library Board will discuss this item at their next meeting and either initiate changes or bring the information to the city council. Options for funding were discussed, with no action being taken.

**Admin** A consensus was given to not have a general clean up day in the city this year. The burn area is always open to take tree limbs and grass clippings.

**Code Issues** No action was taken on the property at 308 Kingwood.

**Admin** Discussion was held on purchasing practices for the city, with no changes being made at this time.

**Street** A consensus was given by the council to keep both maintainers.

**Street** A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to allow the installation of 2 "Patient parking during business hours" signs in front of Allied Chiropractic. Council Member Lorensen seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Warnke, Remm, Spence. Motion carried.

**Sewer** A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to authorize the write off of \$400 to the sewer portion of the bill for RB Estates (Stanton Mobile Home Park) due to a water leak at a trailer. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Spence, Lorensen, Warnke, Remm. Motion carried.

**Street** A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to table the Department of Roads change in policy for closing a highway due to parades until further information is received. Council Member Remm seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Warnke, Remm, Spence. Motion carried.

**Agreement** A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to table the approval of the lease agreement with Farmers Union Cooperative for a parking area. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Warnke, Remm, Spence, Lorensen. Motion carried.

**Rescue** A separate tax id number was received by Stanton Rescue personnel and a savings account set up for gifts to the Rescue. A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to table this item until further information is received from the City Attorney and City Auditor. Council Member Remm seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Remm, Spence, Lorensen, Warnke. Motion carried.

**Water** A motion was duly made by Council Member Remm to approve the agreement with Liquid Engineering for cleaning and inspection of the water tower at a cost of \$2690.00. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Lorensen, Warnke, Remm, Spence. Motion carried.

**Street** Discussion was held on a request to pay for broken sprinkler heads placed on the city right of way, city not being responsible for repair of items placed on the city right of way, city needs to pay for good public relations and the need to follow policy for everyone. A motion was duly made by Council Member Spence to not pay for the broken sprinkler heads for Marlene Koopmann, as they were on the city right of way. Council Member Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Warnke, Remm, Spence. NAY: Lorensen. Motion carried.

**Street** Discussed repairs needed on curb by Sara Jane's downtown, low spot on road by Brian Anderson and not draining properly, repairing alley by Pam Fuerhoff with possibility of changing angle of slope for alley, and VFW needs to notify the city if the flags are to be placed for funerals and will only be placed on the main intersection and by the cannon.

**Police** No issues with police contract at this time.

**Admin** The workshop for the budget will be held at the June meeting.

A motion was duly made by Council Member Remm to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Council Member Spence seconded the motion. Roll call: YEA: Warnke, Spence, Remm, Lorensen. 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 May 4, 2010 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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