

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 19, 2008

The Wayne City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, August 19, 2008, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Mayor Lois Shelton called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Councilmembers Brian Frevert, Verdel Lutt, Don Buryanek, Doug Sturm, Darrel Fuelberth, and Ken Chamberlain; City Attorney Mike Pieper; City Administrator Lowell Johnson; and City Clerk Betty McGuire. Absent: Councilmembers Dale Alexander and Kaki Ley.

Notice of the convening meeting was given in advance by advertising in the Wayne Herald on August 7, 2008, and a copy of the meeting notice and agenda were simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the Council convened in open session.

Councilmember Sturm made a motion and seconded by Councilmember Fuelberth, whereas the Clerk has prepared copies of the Minutes of the meeting of August 5, 2008, and that each Councilmember has had an opportunity to read and study the same, and that the reading of the Minutes be waived and declared approved.

Mayor Shelton stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Minutes approved.

The following claims were presented to Council for their approval:

VARIOUS FUNDS: AMERITAS, RE, 1989.83; APPEARA, SE, 152.38; BACKFLOW APPARATUS, SU, 265.00; BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS, SU, 980.73; BANK FIRST, FE, 195.00; BAUM HYDRAULICS, SU, 149.56; BIG T ENTERPRISES, SU, 533.80; CARHART LUMBER, SU, 1047.55; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 1198.99; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 1080.65; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 170.65; CITY OF WAYNE, PY, 61350.83; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 185.54; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 50.00; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 421.02; CLAUSSEN & SONS IRRIG., SE, 24.95; COPY WRITE, SE, 161.52; DAKOTA BUSINESS SYSTEMS, SE, 73.16; DAVE'S DRY CLEANING, SE,

81.00; DAY'S DOOR COMPANY, SE, 184.00; DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL, SE, 411.00; DEMCO, SU, 147.72; DITCH WITCH OF OMAHA, SE, 436.43; ED M FELD EQUIPMENT, SU, 347.95; EISENBRAUN & ASSOC., SE, 2019.75; ELLIS PLUMBING & HEATING, SU, 482.57; ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, SE, 634.00; FARMERS & MERCHANTS, RE, 13396.00; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 393.07; FORT DEARBORN LIFE, SE, 1523.13; FREDRICKSON OIL, SU, 3714.70; GERHOLD CONCRETE, SU, 4672.65; GREAT PLAINS ONE-CALL, SE, 94.58; HARDING & SHULTZ, SE, 160.00; HAWKINS, SU, 776.19; HOLIDAY INN-DOWNTOWN, SE, 154.00; HUNTEL SECURITY, SE, 91.06; ICMA, RE, 5297.37; INGRAM BOOK COMPANY, SU, 612.67; IRS, TX, 20154.41; JACOB'S ROOM, SU, 9.74; JIM'S SMALL ENGINE REPAIR, SE, 103.42; JOHN'S WELDING AND TOOL, SE, 95.30; JOHNSTONE SUPPLY, SU, 97.66; JONES MANUFACTURING, SU, 619.98; KIPLINGER'S, SU, 347.00; KRUGER, JERRY, RE, 75.00; KTCH AM/FM RADIO, SE, 605.00; LYNN PEAVEY CO, SU, 40.85; MEDTRONIC PHYSIO-CONTROL, SU, 265.54; MIDLAND EQUIPMENT, SU, 142.23; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, 2700.14; NE EXPRESSWAYS, SE, 581.04; NORTHEAST EQUIPMENT, SU, 98.61; NNPPD, SE, 10920.14; NSVFA, FE, 650.00; OTTE CONSTRUCTION, SE, 1022.00; OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY, SU, 38.00; PAC N SAVE, SU, 8.28; PEPSI-COLA, SU, 118.35; PRESTO X COMPANY, SE, 71.89; PROVIDENCE MEDICAL CENTER, SE, 5062.25; PURCHASE POWER, SU, 1000.00; PUSH-PEDAL-PULL, RE, 90.00; QUILL, SU, 152.93; RANDOM HOUSE, SU, 288.80; RASMUSSEN ELECTRIC, SE, 685.00; SCHMITT CONSTRUCTION, SE, 61030.80; SKILLPATH SEMINARS, FE, 198.00; SQUARE D COMPANY, SE, 12475.00; STALP GRAVEL, SU, 773.50; STATE NATIONAL BANK, RE, 929.34; STEFFEN, SU, 109.18; STEPHEN-FOSSLER, SU, 117.74; TACnologies LTD, SU, 125.00; USIS COMMERCIAL SERVICES, SE, 51.90; UNLIMITED LANDSCAPING, SE, 570.00; UTILITIES SECTION, FE, 2128.00; UTILITY EQUIPMENT, SU, 629.09; VIC'S ENGINE SERVICE, SU, 22.95; WAYNE AREA CHAMBER, RE, 1000.00; WAEDI, RE, 10000.00; WAYNE AUTO PARTS, SU, 1175.65; WAPA, SE, 24562.35; ALLTEL, SE, 258.63; AW DIRECT, SU, 356.56; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 1800.00; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 40.00; CITY OF WAYNE, FE, 1040.00; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 6439.66; CITY OF WAYNE, RE, 1334.00; CLASSY CLEANING LADIES, SE, 237.35; COMBINED POOL & SPA, SU, 16.99; COVENTRY HEALTH, SE, 19332.15; DUTTON-LAINSON, SU, 372.75; ECHO GROUP, SU, 338.49; EKBERG AUTO PARTS, SU, 26.02; FLOOR MAINTENANCE, SU, 196.80; FORT DEARBORN LIFE, SE, 110.08; GODFATHER PIZZA, SU, 17.95; HATTIG CONSTRUCTION, SE, 15000.00; HAUFF MID-AMERICAN SPORTS, SU, 279.55; HAWKINS, SU, 1830.48; INDUSTRIAL CHEM LABS, SU, 192.71; KEPSCO, SU, 10.45; KIRKHAM MICHAEL, SE, 7557.00; KRIZ-DAVIS, SU, 51.92; MERCY MEDICAL CLINICS, SE, 48.00; MIDWEST LABORATORIES, SE, 105.55; NLA/NEMA, FE, 260.00; NNEDD, RE, 598.71; NATIONAL McGRUFF HOUSE, SU, 292.05; NE PUBLIC HEALTH, SU, 132.00; OLSSON ASSOCIATES, SE, 2296.62; PITNEY BOWES, SE, 637.00; PRESTO X COMPANY, SE, 30.89; QWEST, SE, 309.13; SEWER EQUIPMENT, SU, 958.00; SIEMENS WATER TECHNOLOGIES, SU, 440.00; SIOUX CITY JOURNAL, SU, 156.00; SIRCHIE FINGERPRINT LAB, SU, 532.26; STATE NATIONAL BANK, RE, 472.87; THE DIAMOND CENTER, SU, 8.00; TRI-TECH INC, SU, 181.75; TYLER

TECHNOLOGIES, SE, 11182.00; VOSS LIGHTING, SU, 42.60; WAYNE AREA CHAMBER, RE, 353.35; WAEDI, RE, 6383.33; WEB SOLUTIONS OMAHA, SE, 275.00; WESTERN OFFICE PRODUCTS, SU, 58.80;

Councilmember Buryanek made a motion and seconded by Councilmember Sturm to approve the claims. Mayor Shelton stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Shelton advised the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the south wall of the Council Chambers and was available for public inspection.

In addition, she advised the public that the Council may go into closed session to discuss certain agenda items to protect the public interest or to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public hearing.

Tony Kochenash, Chair of the Q125 Committee, was present requesting Council consideration to allowing them to use the City Auditorium for Q125 celebration events free of charge. They will be scheduling several activities there throughout the year, and some will coincide with some yearly activities that take place in Wayne. The Committee would like to kick off the celebration on February 2nd with a birthday party at the City Auditorium. The Committee is also looking at the Labor Day Weekend and would like to use the auditorium at that time. If the Committee would charge a fee to get into the auditorium, it would be to cover their costs and expenses. If there is any money left over at the end of the year from the activities that they use the auditorium for, they would like to give the same back to the City to put towards something for the auditorium. The Committee would also appreciate a monetary contribution from the City if possible.

Mayor Shelton stated the City will be hosting the Kick-Off Celebration on February 2nd, which was a way for them to use the auditorium without having to pay the rental fee.

Councilmember Buryanek stated a financial contribution could be made which could then be used to pay the auditorium rental fees if the Council did not want to waive the fees.

Councilmember Buryanek made a motion and seconded by Councilmember Frevert to waive the rental fees for the Q125 celebration and set a contribution amount at \$5,000 to help support some of the activities.

Mayor Shelton asked for clarification on waiving the fees. She asked if Councilmember Buryanek was talking about anything that is associated with the Q125, so it doesn't matter if it is the Rotary soup supper or the Kiwanis pancake feed that is taking place with the Q125 celebration. Councilmember Buryanek stated that was his intent.

Councilmember Chamberlain asked if the motion could be separated into two motions – one for the monetary donation and one for waiving of the fees. He would support the monetary donation, but does not agree with waiving the fees for every activity there is. Councilmember Lutt stated he would probably vote against the motion that is on the table right now.

Councilmember Buryanek and Councilmember Frevert withdrew their motion and second.

Councilmember Buryanek then made a motion and seconded by Councilmember Chamberlain to do a monetary contribution of \$5,000 for the Q125 Celebration. Mayor

Shelton stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

In regard to waiving the auditorium rental fees, Mayor Shelton stated the Council can take the responsibility for the kick-off celebration and the Labor Day Weekend celebration as city functions, with everything else being outside that. Some of these activities will be normal fundraisers for the groups such as Kiwanis and Rotary, etc. It will just be done with a Q125 theme.

It was noted that the City sponsors the annual Employee Appreciation Dinner and does not pay the rental fee.

The consensus was that the City would sponsor the February 2nd Kick-Off Celebration. If the City would not sponsor the Labor Day Weekend activities, the Committee can use the money that the City gave them to pay the rental fee or come before the Council for an additional monetary request.

Mayor Shelton declared the time was at hand for the public hearing to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation to amend Sec. 74-104(17) Final Plat Submission Requirements.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended that the following language be included in said section: ***“A registered abstractor or title insurance agent must perform the title search for any parties holding title or having any title interest.”***

This housekeeping measure tightens up our procedure for the public hearing process for subdivisions. There is a legal requirement for notices to be sent to property owners in the area. This puts in place a procedure for a professional abstractor or title

searcher to search the records for property owners. Not doing this allows for potential errors of property owners and/or mortgage holders not receiving proper notice of the public hearing at the creation of the subdivision.

City Clerk McGuire had not received any comments for or against this public hearing.

There being no further comments, Mayor Shelton closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Sturm introduced Ordinance 2008-11, and moved for approval thereof; Councilmember Lutt seconded.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WAYNE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 74, ARTICLE III PLAT REVIEW AND SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS, SEC. 74-104(17) FINAL PLAT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Shelton stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried. The second reading will take place at the next meeting.

Mayor Shelton declared the time was at hand for the public hearing on amending the Wayne Revolving Loan Fund Application of Wayne Area Economic Development, Inc., (WAEDI) to add an additional \$75,000, for a total of \$150,000 to be targeted for not only small downtown businesses, but businesses abutting 7th Street.

Administrator Johnson stated a public hearing is required before we can distribute the revolving loan funds. Some of the loans are being paid off faster than we had anticipated. Therefore, there is more cash coming in. We will need to shield some of it; otherwise, we are just sending it back to the State. Staff was looking for ideas, and the

best idea they could come up with was to further enhance the downtown targeted area. We had a suggestion to include some other parts of town, and the suggestion was 7th Street. As long as we dedicate the money to a targeted area and transfer the cash, it is shielded and we are keeping it in town.

Dave Simonsen, Executive Director of WAEDI, stated that it would be their preference if 7th Street is going to be included in the targeted area, that Council also include all of Main Street. Those businesses located on north Main Street would not be included in this otherwise. Mayor Shelton stated she was concerned about leaving out a few select businesses because they don't happen to be either in the Main Street area or along 7th Street.

Councilmember Buryanek stated he would want it to be as inclusive as possible to include all of those businesses. Preference should also be given to those that are not included in the first \$75,000.

Administrator Johnson stated that there has to be some type of geographical area so that it is considered to be used for a targeted area.

It was noted that the other revolving loan funds are available to those businesses that might not be included in this targeted area.

Councilmember Lutt questioned whether or not there are some towns in Nebraska that can't receive revolving loan funds because other towns are hoarding it. Nancy Braden, Treasurer, stated that there are some towns, in the past, that have received a lot of revolving loan funds who have not used those dollars, and if they have not used those dollars, the State, this fall, will be pulling them back and making them available to all communities.

Dave Simonsen stated that DED is overjoyed with the way Wayne has been using the revolving loan funds. They are very upset at communities that are not using it. As of today, we have had two requests (\$20,000) that will come out of the original \$75,000. They have had requests from businesses outside of our district, which is the reason for the request to expand the area outside of 7th Street. He does not believe the State is looking at Wayne negatively for what we are doing. They are probably, if anything, looking at Wayne as being innovative as to what we are doing.

Ms. Braden stated from the original \$570,000 we received from the State, we have turned over \$1,800,000. It helps Wayne's local economy.

City Clerk McGuire had not received any comments for or against this public hearing.

There being no further comments, Mayor Shelton closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Lutt introduced Resolution 2008-73, and moved for its approval, with the amendment that the area include Main Street which includes two blocks east and west from Logan Creek to the Golf Course and on 7th Street which includes two blocks north and south from Pheasant Run Road to Centennial Road; and Councilmember Buryanek seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-73

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE APPLICATION FOR AND APPROVING THE USE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 FROM THE WAYNE REVOLVING LOAN FUND.

Mayor Shelton stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Fuelberth made a motion and seconded by Councilmember Chamberlain to recess as Council and reconvene as the Community Development

Agency. Mayor Shelton stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Chair Don Buryanek called the meeting of the Community Development Agency to order. Those in attendance: Members Brian Frevert, Verdel Lutt, Lois Shelton, Doug Sturm, Darrel Fuelberth, and Ken Chamberlain; City Attorney Mike Pieper; City Administrator Lowell Johnson; and City Clerk Betty McGuire. Absent: Members Dale Alexander and Kaki Ley.

Chair Buryanek advised the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the south wall of the Council Chambers and was available for public inspection.

The next item on the CDA agenda was to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2008, meeting.

Member Sturm made a motion and seconded by Member Frevert approving the minutes of the August 5, 2008, meeting. Chair Buryanek stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Chair declared the motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to consider assigning the Purchase Agreements between the CDA and Felix Building Group, LLC, to the City of Wayne. The purchase of the property was approved by the CDA using revolving loan funds, and at closing, they found that the CDA cannot purchase the property without a lengthy process. If the CDA assigns the purchase of the property to the City, the property can be purchased immediately.

Member Shelton made a motion and seconded by Member Frevert to approve the assignment of the Purchase Agreements between the CDA and Felix Building Group,

LLC, to the City of Wayne. Chair Buryanek stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Member Frevert made a motion and seconded by Member Sturm to adjourn as the Community Development Agency and reconvene as Council. Chair Buryanek stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Mayor Shelton declared the time was at hand for the public hearing on the acquisition of real estate from Felix Building Group, LLC.

City Clerk McGuire had not received any comments for or against this public hearing.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Shelton closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Buryanek introduced Resolution No. 2008-74 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Frevert seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-74

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF TRACTS OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION EIGHT, TOWNSHIP TWENTY-SIX NORTH, RANGE FOUR, EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., WAYNE COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

Mayor Shelton stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Administrator Johnson stated the following Resolution would extend the construction start date for the Wayne Trail — Phase 2 Project to January 31, 2009.

Councilmember Sturm introduced Resolution No. 2008-75 and moved for its approval; Councilmember Buryanek seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-75

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 9 WITH THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS RELATING TO THE WAYNE TRAIL PROJECT (PHASE 2) STPB-90(4).

Mayor Shelton stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmember Lutt who voted Nay, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Administrator Johnson stated the following Resolution would approve the agreement with Olsson Associates for the design and construction engineering to install a water pressure booster station by the west water tower that will boost the water pressure for all City water customers from Donner Pass west to the city limits to a minimum of 70 lbs. static water pressure. The cost for said services is \$33,980, plus construction observation in an estimated amount of \$5,200.

Councilmember Buryanek introduced Resolution 2008-76, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Sturm seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-76

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAYNE AND OLSSON ASSOCIATES FOR BOOSTER PUMP STATION DESIGN PROJECT.

Mayor Shelton stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Administrator Johnson stated the following Resolution would approve the agreement with JEO Consulting Group to undertake a Wastewater Treatment Plant Facilities Plan. The cost for said services is \$19,400, and \$3,300 for outside consultant fees. Their scope of services is on line with what we want

Councilmember Buryanek introduced Resolution 2008-77, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Sturm seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-77

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAYNE AND JEO CONSULTING GROUP FOR A WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FACILITIES PLAN.

Mayor Shelton stated we need an engineer to approve the plan we want in order to get it approved by DEQ.

Administrator Johnson stated Jeff Brady, two elected officials and the engineer will be going to look at the systems we want in operation. If we are going to be the first in Nebraska to put in this kind of system, we have to send other people besides just the engineer. He does not have any plans to go, but he sees Jeff Brady, Councilmember Lutt and Mayor Shelton going on this trip. Administrator Johnson feels he has taken this as far as he can in looking at the pilot plants. They work very well, but now it is to the point where the elected officials have to say yes or no, in addition to the engineer. He does not trust engineers to make this decision for us on this type of expenditure, nor does he trust them to make this decision alone without elected officials along to ask if this will work in Wayne. He would never trust an engineer to do that. JEO said they will look at the Aquarius system, the bio-shaft system and whatever else we are going to do if those don't work out. They were very focused on this. He thinks they will take a serious look at ruling them in or out.

Councilmember Sturm wanted to make sure these engineers were more open-minded in working with us.

Councilmember Lutt stated that was why we had to change engineers. The first one was a waste and we found that out and it cost us money to do it. We asked them to give us a plan, and they come up with a plan that doesn't have any of the things that we wanted to look at like the bio-shaft or aquarius systems. They were bound and determined we were going to have to go to this SBR system, and that was all they came up with. We probably made a mistake by hiring them, and now we have to hire somebody else.

Administrator Johnson stated that all of the other towns that Olsson's worked with all ended up with SBR systems.

Mayor Shelton stated that in the history she has read, the lagoon system that Wayne put in was the first in the State, so we have been on the forefront before.

Mayor Shelton stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Administrator Johnson stated the following Resolution would request the reallocation of Congressional funding from the Wayne State College/City of Wayne Grey Water Project to an alternative micro-biological technology system.

Councilmember Sturm introduced Resolution 2008-78, and moved for its approval; Councilmember Fuelberth seconded.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYNE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WAYNE TO REQUEST THE REALLOCATION OF 2003 CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING DESIGNATED FOR THE COMMUNITY GREY WATER PROJECT TO THE WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE MODIFICATIONS PROJECT.

Mayor Shelton stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Garry Poutre, Supt. of Public Works & Utilities, was present and stated that Dennis Carroll is requesting that the City abandon or release the south 1' of the 6' easement on the north side of his property. He wants to build a garage. They have investigated where the power line sits in reference to the outside of the easement. It is in about three feet. Mr. Poutre does not have a problem with releasing the south 1' portion of this easement.

Councilmember Sturm introduced Ordinance 2008-12, and moved for approval thereof; Councilmember Buryanek seconded.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-12

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE AND ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF AN EASEMENT IN LOT 18, BLOCK 5, SUNNYVIEW SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF WAYNE, WAYNE COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

Mayor Shelton stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Sturm made a motion and Councilmember Buryanek seconded to suspend the statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read by title on three different days. Mayor Shelton stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Buryanek made a motion and Councilmember Sturm seconded to move for final approval of Ordinance No. 2008-12. Mayor Shelton stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

There was no report given by Gill Hauling concerning the transportation charge increases.

Budget discussions continued. In the packet was the summary of the actions taken during the budget work sessions.

In regard to the WAEDI contribution, Councilmember Buryanek wanted the Council to consider reducing the percentage on the electric bill from 1.85 to 1.75 of \$100. From the figures Ms. Braden provided, we would still end up with the same amount of money, especially if you look at the fact that rates are increasing. If we want this group to succeed, we can't ask them to pick up the \$27,000-\$30,000 worth of insurance. He does think they are going to have to work with their member groups and the City as they plan their budget for next year and maybe the next two years and look at ways of addressing that. His proposal would not change the budget. Their budget would be the same as last year, with the exception that we are lowering the amount collected on the electric bill to 1.75.

Councilmember Sturm asked what type of hit would WAEDI be taking then? We are not lowering them 5%. We asked the department heads to reduce their budgets. What are we asking WAEDI to do?

Councilmember Buryanek responded that we have not increased anything we have done for them in the past three years. It has always been that same amount. So, we are asking them for the fourth year to stay at the same amount. We have set a budget amount of \$76,600, \$6,000 for travel, \$10,000 for advertising, and then the health insurance. The only thing that floats is the health insurance. He did not know how that could be predicted. There is no way that WAEDI can absorb \$19,000 for health insurance.

Mayor Shelton stated WAEDI has experienced a reduction in their operating revenues because they have lost some of the soft money that they had been operating on – approximately \$50,000.

Councilmember Sturm responded that WAEDI needs to realize when projecting things out that when you are getting a grant, you are not going to have that forever.

Councilmember Buryanek stated the money we are giving WAEDI out of this fund goes towards their salaries. Maybe we should think about giving them a 2% increase that we are doing for everybody else. If we leave it the same for one more year and then encourage them and their member groups to visit with the City as we develop the budget for the next year, maybe we can try to figure out if there is a different way to do it.

Dave Simonsen stated he has not had a raise since he began. He recommended to the Board that raises be given to the staff last year. The support staff has had one raise.

Mayor Shelton stated we are trying to put in a housing development and increase the number of students in the schools. If we don't continue to support economic development so there are jobs for people to fill and move here for, then we are shooting ourselves in the foot. You have to put the investment up front in order to get the payback later.

Councilmember Buryanek made a motion and seconded by Councilmember Fuelberth to reduce the rate on the electric bill from 1.85 to 1.75 and to allow WAEDI to continue to use the excess money in that budget for their insurance needs as long as it does not exceed the amount of money that is collected (\$76,600, \$6,000 for travel, \$10,000 for marketing of the spec building, and the health insurance).

Councilmember Sturm asked Administrator Johnson when we did our budget, did you or did you not have a request that we reduce either the insurance or what we gave WAEDI? Was there something in that to make our budget work or not? Johnson stated the portion of the budget that this comes out of would always have covered that. We had a request to reduce what we give to the golf course by 5%, and we put a cap on what we give to the fair, and a 5% reduction in this. During the budget work session, we took out the insurance coverage for WAEDI, but added back in the 5% to bring the amount back up to \$76,600.

Ms. Braden stated the balance in the WAEDI account right now is \$17,526.39.

Councilmember Sturm stated this should not have been used because when we started this whole process, the original amount was 1.67 and then Will Wiseman said let's increase it to 1.85 so that you wouldn't have to come back every year and ask for an increase. The first year, we should have started out with money ahead. We should go back and give the golf course and everybody else that we cut their money back then.

Councilmember Buryanek didn't disagree with the 5% reduction, but he couldn't see doing the \$16,000. If you take that away, that is much more than 5%.

Mayor Shelton stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, with the exception of Councilmembers Frevert, Lutt and Sturm who voted Nay, the Mayor declared the vote to be a tie. Mayor Shelton then cast her vote which was a Yea, and declared the motion carried.

There were no appointments or reports on meetings attended.

City Treasurer Braden distributed budget information. The total valuation went up about \$16,000,000. Our total levy based on where we are at will be \$.457923 per

hundred dollars valuation. This is a \$.05 decrease from last year. A \$100,000 house would be \$37.00 less in City tax. The City's portion of the real estate taxes is 22%.

Councilmember Buryanek made a motion and seconded by Councilmember Fuelberth to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Shelton stated the motion, and the result of roll call being all Yeas, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.