

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting March 17, 2021

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers within Strawberry Point City Hall. Mayor Evans presided. Council members answering roll call were Rowcliffe, Hansel, Courtnage, Gould, Gearhart.

Hansel made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Gould seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Courtnage, Gould, Gearhart, Rowcliffe, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from March 3, 2021

February Treasurer's Report showing receipts and disbursements by fund as follows:

Fund	Expenses	Revenues
General	\$ 80,796.45	\$ 34,436.06
Munter Trust	\$ -	\$ -
Library Capital Improvement	\$ -	\$ -
Fire Department	\$ -	\$ -
Swimming Pool	\$ -	\$ -
Tree Board	\$ -	\$ -
Ambulance	\$ -	\$ -
Civic Center	\$ -	\$ -
Police Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Fire Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Ambulance Equipment Reserve	\$ 141,737.32	\$ -
Street Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Industrial Park Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Pool Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Administrative Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Parks Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Road Use Tax	\$ 10,616.36	\$ 11,178.89
I-Jobs	\$ -	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$ 4,577.59	\$ 840.58
Emergency Fund	\$ -	\$ 68.07
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ -	\$ -
Tax Increment Financing	\$ -	\$ -
FEMA	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Service	\$ -	\$ 1,432.54
CDBG Rehab Housing Project	\$ -	\$ -
Water	\$ 21,581.75	\$ 12,384.69
Water Deposits	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00
Water Capital Project	\$ -	\$ -
Sewer	\$ 15,294.49	\$ 25,941.27

Sewer Sinking	\$	-	\$	-
Sewer Capital Project	\$	-	\$	-
Electric	\$	71,695.28	\$	98,718.80
Electric Generator Sinking	\$	-	\$	-
Electric Sinking	\$	-	\$	-
Electric Meter	\$	19.18	\$	750.00
Electric Capital Projects	\$	-	\$	-
Electric Required Improvements	\$	-	\$	-

**Claims**

Gearhart moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Courtnage seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gould, Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage. Nays: None. Motion passes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Gould moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #21-05 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa, Articles 53.02 and 53.02A to Change the Sewer Rental Rate and the Base Sewer Rental Rate for All Sewer Customers; this ordinance is a correction of error and overrides Ordinance #21-02. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Gould. Nays: Courtnage. Motion passes. Gould moved to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance #21-05 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa, Articles 53.02 and 53.02A to Change the Sewer Rental Rate and the Base Sewer Rental Rate for All Sewer Customers. Gearhart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Rowcliffe, Gould, Gearhart. Nays: Courtnage. Motion passes. Gearhart moved to approve and adopt Ordinance #21-05 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa, Articles 53.02 and 53.02A to Change the Sewer Rental Rate and the Base Sewer Rental Rate for All Sewer Customers. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Hansel, Gould, Gearhart. Nays: Courtnage. Motion passes.

Gould moved to direct City Hall staff not to implement the rates set forth in Ordinance #21-02. Gearhart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Courtnage, Gould, Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

**INFORMATION**

Council reviewed the February 2021 Delinquent Listing.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Evans opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. With there being no comments, written or oral, received, Mayor Evans closed the Public Hearing. Courtnage moved to approve Resolution #21-09 Approving the City’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. Gearhart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gould, Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Gearhart moved to approve Resolution #21-10 Approving the Tower Lease Agreement with LTD Broadband, LLC. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Gould moved to approve Resolution #21-11 Approving Fiscal Transfers for Sewer Debt Payments. Gearhart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould, Gearhart. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Courtnage moved to approve Resolution #21-12 Approving Fiscal Transfers to Balance the Electric Generator Sinking Fund. Gould seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould, Gearhart, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Rowcliffe moved to appoint Chris Gelner to the Library Board of Trustees. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Courtnage, Gould, Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Public Works Superintendent Erik Sauerbry reported on the Department's efforts over the past month including vehicle rust-proofing with the dump truck nearly beyond repair and in possible need of replacement, infiltration and inflow issues in the sewer system, and certifications both earned and in progress.

At the request of the City Council, Sauerbry proposed four locations to install solar street lights in select alley locations. The quote from Howard Lighting Products estimated the cost at \$829 per fixture plus one \$15 remote for the entire system, which is payable from the Road Use Tax Fund as a street lighting expense. There was discussion on the effectiveness of the lights as they are not recommended in northern climates. As a trial, Rowcliffe moved to approve the installation of one solar light in the alley near Backbone Insurance. Courtnage seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gould, Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Gearhart moved to approve the Strawberry Days Tractor Pull to be held on Sunday, June 13. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould. Nays: None. Motion passes.

There was no action to approve the Strawberry Days Parade Route. Council members shared concern that the revised route does not draw traffic downtown. The Council requested an application be submitted to close the state highways and maintain the previous route. This item will be revisited for any updates at the April 21 meeting.

Linzy Martin addressed the Council explaining the Strawberry Point Chamber and Development Group Farmer's Market Proposal. Courtnage moved to approve the Farmer's Market Proposal, including the closing of E Mission Street every from 3-7PM ever Friday night between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould, Hansel. Nays: None. Abstain: Gearhart due to position on the Chamber/Development Club Board. Motion passes. Martin also updated the Council on Jam Camp and an upcoming Downtown Walkaround with Iowa Economic Development Authority.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Courtnage requested the City seek grant funding for improvements to the Civic Center, specifically the sections used by BerryTender Child Care, from grant funds recently approved by legislature.

With there being no other business, Rowcliffe moved to adjourn at 6:53PM. Courtnage seconded the motion. All ayes.

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Ashley Jasper, City Administrator

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Hannah Evans, Mayor