

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting April 7, 2021

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers within Strawberry Point City Hall. Mayor Evans presided. Council members answering roll call were Courtnage, Gould, Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe.

Hansel made a motion to approve the agenda, tabling the “Review of American Rescue Plan Funding Recommendations” due to staff absence. Gearhart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Courtnage, Gould, Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

### **PRESENTATIONS/GUESTS**

Steve Cook with Backbone Insurance presented the City’s annual insurance renewal. Cook explained the extent of the City’s coverage, and also identified changes in the policy and additional coverage options provided by the carrier due to the circumstances of 2020. Hansel moved to add above-ground storage tank pollution coverage for a \$100 premium. Gearhart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gould, Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Linzy Martin from the Strawberry Point Chamber and Development Club was present to request the use of Inger Park for Jam Camp, using the Civic Center as an alternate site in the event of inclement weather. Courtnage moved to approve the use for the requested purpose. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould. Nays: None. Motion passes. Martin also reviewed the schedule for the Iowa Economic Development Downtown Walkaround scheduled for July 15, and requested volunteers to participate in the Downtown Exchange program with the City of Sumner. Plans for the Farmer’s Market are coming together with several entities showing interest.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes from March 17, 2021

Claims

Cigarette Permit – D & J Mart 1 LLC/Strawberry Point Food & Deli

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council reviewed qualifications from three firms responding to the RFQ for Civic Center Improvements: Delta 3, Martin Gardner Architecture, and Demmer Architecture. Hansel moved to approve the submission from Demmer Architecture. Gould seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould, Gearhart, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the hiring status of the pool employees with staff requesting suggestions or recommendations for the manager position that did not have any applicants.

Police Chief Ryan Evans advised he will submit an application to reroute traffic in such a way that the Strawberry Days parade can maintain the route of previous years. Evans also advised the bill banning automated traffic enforcement has died in the Iowa Legislature, and after advertising for applications, he plans to hire a reserve officer for the Police Department.

### **INFORMATION**

The City Council reviewed the Library Board minutes from December 21, 2020, January 18, 2021, and February 16, 2021.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Gould moved to approve Resolution #21-13 Amending Utility Generation Practices. Gearhart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Courtnage, Gould, Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Rowcliffe moved to enter closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i). Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gould, Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage. Nays: None. Motion passes. Courtnage moved to exit closed session. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould. Nays: None. Motion passes. No action was taken.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Courtnage stated the newly installed lights outside the fire station greatly improve the property. Gould requested Council tours of City properties, and also advised of attention needed pertaining to drainage at the City Shop and Museum. Gearhart shared a concern over on-street parking on Cooley Street which was directed to the Police Department. Hansel inquired over the status of expense budgets, suggested the utility billing policies of the City of Sumner pertaining to delinquent accounts, and requested nuisance abatement notices be served on properties in violation of code prior to the clean up day. Rowcliffe shared a concern over a belligerent political flag in town and requested attention; Gearhart offered to consult with the resident. Mayor Evans thanked the Departments that donated to the Easter Egg Hunt and advised Garage Sales will be held the weekend of April 30<sup>th</sup>; Gearhart is the Chamber and Economic Development Club point of contact for the event.

With there being no other business, Rowcliffe moved to adjourn at 7:09PM. Hansel seconded the motion. All ayes.

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Ashley Jasper, City Administrator

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Hannah Evans, Mayor