

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting May 19, 2021

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 6:00PM 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 as presented. Gould seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Courtnage, Gould, Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from May 5, 2021 Regular Meeting and Tour, Claims, Cigarette/Tobacco Permit for Dollar General, Liquor License Amendments for Strawberry Days, and Liquor License Renewal for OT's Sports Bar. The April 2021 Treasurer's Report was listed on the agenda, but not yet complete. Courtnage moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Gearhart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gould, Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage. Nays: None. Motion passes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

After discussing CDC guidance and garnering input from staff, Gearhart moved to remove the mask requirement in City buildings. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould. Nays: None. Motion passes.

INFORMATION

Council reviewed the April 2021 Delinquent Listing and requested a listing of inactive accounts older than five years with no other means of collection on record to be considered for write-off. Item will be on next agenda.

Council was made aware that Resolution #21-02 Temporarily Amending the Personnel Policies of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa, which pertains to COVID-related paid leave, expires at the end of June.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Evans opened the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Amendment. No comments, written or oral, were received. Mayor Evans closed the Public Hearing. Gearhart moved to approve Resolution #21-19 Approving Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Amendment. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould, Gearhart. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed a revised draft Employee Handbook and suggested changes to the call back pay, annual performance review, disciplinary action, and vacation accrual sections. Gould moved to approve Resolution #21-20 Approving Employee Handbook with the discussed changes and alternate Section 10A for Vacation Accrual. Gearhart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould, Hansel, Gearhart. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Gearhart moved to approve Resolution #21-21 Authorizing the Reclassification of Ambulance Donation Funds. Courtnage seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Courtnage, Gould, Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Hansel moved to approve the Windstream Communications Permit Application for permanent repairs to a pole that had temporary repairs completed due to an accident multiple winters ago. Gould seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gould, Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Gearhart moved to approve the closure of East Mission Street between Commercial Street and Mechanic Street on Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 9AM-1PM for the Brush Creek Canyon Cruisers Car Show requiring the organization to notify those affected. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould. Nays: None. Motion passes.

It was the consensus of the Council for staff to repair and reinforce the diving board frames at the swimming pool pending discussion with the City's insurance carrier and legal counsel.

Hansel moved to reschedule the June 16, 2021 City Council Meeting with the meeting to be held on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6PM. Gearhart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould, Gearhart. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed proposals from the Ambulance Service and Library Director to apply for Dubuque Racing Association Grant Funding. It was the consensus of the Council that the Ambulance Service proposal better fit the funding priorities of the program. Courtnage moved to authorize the Ambulance Service to apply for the Dubuque Racing Association grant funding per the submitted proposal. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould, Gearhart, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes. The Council thanked both departments for taking the initiative to consider grant funding for their proposed projects and for the time in preparing the proposals.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Gould and Courtnage expressed appreciation for the receipt of a quarterly Police Report that had been provided to Council members. The automated traffic enforcement system is expected to go live no later than June 15, 2021. Mayor Evans read a thank you card from the Wilder Museum Board of Directors. Hansel requested an update on nuisance abatement; the Police Department is keeping records and following up on enforcement. Rowcliffe notified staff of complaints pertaining to barking dogs. The swimming pool is still on schedule to open Memorial Day weekend. The solar streetlight is on order but no estimated delivery date is available.

With there being no other business, Rowcliffe moved to adjourn at 6:55PM. Hansel seconded the motion. All ayes.

Ashley Jasper, City Administrator

Hannah Evans, Mayor