

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting January 2, 2008

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Fox presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Jackie Opperman, Norm Rizer, Jan Parkin, and Troy Stover.

Council reviewed the minutes from the December 19th meeting and the claims. Jan Parkin moved to approve the consent agenda. Norm Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The council received the final pay request from Tschiggfrie Excavating in the amount of \$12,530.77. Rizer moved to pay the final pay request to Tschiggfrie Excavating in the amount of \$12,530.77. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received a recommendation from Chief Pope on the top 2 candidates for the position of police officer. Chief Pope addressed the council on this matter. There was much discussion regarding the top 2 candidates. Parkin made a motion to hire Matthew Moser for the police officer position; if he declines then the offer will go to Aaron Marshall with the compensation as stated in Chief Pope's letter. Seconded by Troy Stover. All voted in favor and motion passes. Chief Pope will contact Mr. Moser to offer him the position and determine a start date.

INFORMATION

Council received financial information from the Strawberry Point Fire Association and email addresses to improve communication among council members and city hall. Information was provided discussing meeting times for future meetings. Six p.m. would be the earliest start time for meetings due to everyone's schedule. The council also received information on a fundraiser idea being presented by the Fire Department. They would purchase a Harley Davidson Fireman's Edition motorcycle and then sell raffle tickets for \$20. This is still in the planning phase.

NEW BUSINESS

The council received a listing of the Mayor's appointments. Mayor Fox recommended Norm Rizer for Mayor Pro Tem. Opperman moved to appoint Rizer as Mayor Pro Tem. Seconded by Stover. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Mayor Fox recommended Bob Pope to be appointed as Police Chief. Stover moved to approve the appointment of Bob Pope. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council received a listing of the Mayor's committee appointments. They are as follows:

Street Committee	Jan Parkin and Troy Stover
Sewer Committee	Norm Rizer and Dale's replacement
Water Committee	Jackie Opperman and Jan Parkin
Electric Committee	Norm Rizer and Jackie Opperman
Solid Waste Committee	Troy Stover and Dale's replacement
Building/Grounds Committee	Dale's replacement and Norm Rizer
Recreation Committee	Jan Parkin and Jackie Opperman

Jobs and Salary Committee Jackie Opperman and Troy Stover
Landfill Alternative Dale's replacement and Jan Parkin

Rizer moved to approve the Mayor's appointments for committees. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The mayor also gave his recommendation for appointments as board liaisons. They are as follows:

Ambulance	Jan Parkin
Library	Jackie Opperman
Civic Center	Dale's Replacement
Housing Rehab	Norm Rizer
Safety Committee	Troy Stover
Clayton Co Communications	Dean Courtnage
Clayton Co E911	Lonnie Kelchen and Jeff Robinson

Rizer moved to approve the appointments for board liaisons. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council was presented with appointing the City Clerk for a two-year term. Opperman moved to appoint Deanna Dement as City Clerk for a two-year term. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council received a proposal from Trans Star Trucking regarding the bus barn property. The proposal includes Trans Star Trucking Co or Swales Precast Inc to rent the property for five years for \$10,000. All maintenance would be at the expense of the tenant. After five years an additional 5 years could be approved at another \$10,000. The City would also give the tenant the option to purchase at a price to be determined. This would allow for Strawberry Leisure Homes to expand in the future. There was much discussion on this property. Stover moved to advertise to entertain bids for leasing the bus barn with a 2-week opportunity. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Terese Jurgensen, Economic Development Director was present to discuss a partnership with the City of Strawberry point. It is a Clayton County Foundation for the Future Grant in the amount of \$1000.00. This grant would provide an opportunity to make the 1888 dinner into a historic event for the City. Along with this there would be information on Victorian (addition: hand) fans that were used during that time period. (There will be a statement on the back of each fan thanking people for visiting Strawberry Point and inviting them to return). Terese Jurgensen requested \$375 from the City as a donation to purchase (addition: 375) fans for the event (addition: at a cost of \$1.00 with a retail value of \$10.00 per fan). Rizer moved to authorize Terese to write this grant for \$1000. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. Parkin moved to write into the budget for next fiscal year up to \$375 for the purchase of Victorian fans. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council set the date that they will be appointing a person to fill the vacancy created by council member Fox resigning and being elected Mayor. Rizer moved to publicize the notice of appointment. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed a lease agreement between Moser School of Dance and the City of Strawberry Point. Opperman moved to draft a new lease for a one-year contract with

Moser School of Dance with the rent and terms staying the same as stated in the previous contract. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Dates for budget workshops were discussed. The workshops will tentatively be held on January 30th and February 13th beginning at 6:00p.m.

Due to the change in Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem new Corporation resolution and signature cards need to be completed. Opperman moved to authorize the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to sign the corporate resolution and signature cards. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Citizen's State Bank is still reviewing the contract regarding the antenna to be placed on the water tower. A visitor commended the Public Works department on how well they removed snow from the streets during the recent storms.

Opperman moved to adjourn at 8:37p.m. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor