

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting February 5, 2008

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Fox presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Al Friederich, Jackie Opperman, Troy Stover, Norm Rizer and Jan Parkin.

Troy Stover moved to accept the consent agenda with the following changes to the minutes from January 16, 2008: All voted in favor of the appointment of Al Friederich and motion passes and the additional claims to Alliant Energy, \$96.77, Northeast Iowa Telephone Company, \$102.94 and RPGI, \$46,121.33. Norm Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

Council reviewed an updated agreement with Citizen's State Bank for the antenna on the water tower with the recommended changes from the council. It also included a visual of the exact location of the antenna on the water tower. If approved, the installation will begin in the next couple of weeks. Parkin moved to accept the agreement with the changes presented tonight and the previous changes. Stover seconded the motion. Stover, Parkin, Opperman and Friederich voted in favor. Rizer abstained. Motion passes.

Council again reviewed the liquor license renewal from Bottoms Up Bar and Grill, with the necessary inspections from both the Fire Chief and Police Chief. Rizer moved to approve the liquor license renewal. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The bus barn property was reviewed again. There were no other proposals for this property, so Trans Star Trucking/Swales Precast can proceed with a more formal agreement. Once the agreement is completed, it will come before council for approval. The agreement will include a clause stating that the party leasing the property will be responsible for all maintenance.

Council was presented with invoice No. 6600 for \$2,219.30 to Crawford Engineering. This invoice was for preparing the final plat and schedule of special assessments for the 2006 Street Rehabilitation Project. Rizer moved to approved invoice 6600 for \$2,219.30. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

INFORMATION

Council received Library Board minutes from December 18, 2007 and January 22, 2008. Also, they received copies of resignations from two library employees.

NEW BUSINESS

Permission is being requested to hold the annual tractor pull at Campbell Park for Strawberry Days. They provided proof of insurance, which is a requirement. Opperman moved to approve the tractor pull for Strawberry Days. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The idea of having a credit card for city use was proposed. Council would like to see a policy adopted prior to applying for a credit card. The policy will be ready for review at the next regular meeting.

Council discussed a possible business incentive resolution. The resolution will include incentives for new businesses, as well as, to people wanting to build homes. This will be adjusted and reviewed again at the March 5th meeting.

The City Council received a recommendation from the Tree Board to appoint Jon Schack to the board. This appointment was necessary due to the resignation of Kristi Reed. Opperman moved to approve the appointment of Jon Schack to the Tree Board. Troy seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

An opportunity for City Hall was presented. This is a request by the owner of Healthy Pace to relocate her business to the basement of City Hall. This would benefit many people in our community, since the program could expand and include treadmills and free weights. She would like to sell her equipment to the City and the City would eventually assume the responsibility of the health center. The possibility of relocating this to the Civic Center will be reviewed. Al Friederich and the City Superintendent will look further into possible options for this. There are grants available for health and fitness ideas at this time. This will be reviewed at our next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

The audit for the city was completed and no major problems were discovered. Many of the things that were reported have been addressed, but were not done during the year audited. It was discussed about the possibility of broadcasting council meetings. After some brief discussion, it was determined that this was not necessary due to the expense.

A representative from the Mudrunner Association was present to ask permission to hold their annual mud run at the Industrial Park. They will provide proof of insurance and this will be on the agenda on February 20th.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:15p.m. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayors