

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting February 20, 2008

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Fox presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Al Friederich, Jan Parkin, Jackie Opperman, Norm Rizer, and Troy Stover.

Rizer moved to accept the consent agenda with the following change to the February 13, 2008 meeting: digital recorder, not IPOD under other business and the additional claims to Aquila. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

It had been discussed at a previous meeting about moving Healthy Pace to the Civic Center. The room that had been discussed for the relocation will not work since there are many things that take place there. There is no other place that is available for the relocation. So at this time the City cannot assist Healthy Pace.

A Credit Card Policy Resolution No. 08-04 was reviewed. Stover moved to approve Resolution No. 08-04 with the change to include the Office Max card must be checked out from the City Clerk. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. The City Clerk may now proceed with obtaining a credit card for City use.

INFORMATION

Council received January month-end financial reports, Chamber of Commerce Newsletter, Vision 2004 and the Capital Plan. The Vision 2004 will be updated later this year. We will be inviting the public's input later this summer. The Capital Plan will be reviewed at an upcoming meeting and prioritize the goals.

NEW BUSINESS

The Northeast Iowa Mud Runners are requesting permission to hold their annual race at the Industrial Park on September 15th. They have provided proof of insurance. They are to mow the grass in the Industrial Park. The City Superintendent will contact them regarding this. Friederich moved to approve the Northeast Iowa Mud Runners to hold their annual race and that they must mow and maintain the property during the summer. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The Police Chief is requesting permission to write a grant to Upper Mississippi for a projector, laptop and screen. The City would have to contribute \$375, which is already included in the budget. Rizer moved to approve the writing of this grant. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carries.

Council was presented with a liquor license renewal for Chaser's. The Police Chief and Fire Chief both provided their necessary inspections with satisfactory reviews. Opperman moved to approve the liquor license renewal for Chaser's. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The City Superintendent requested pay increases due to meeting necessary requirements for certain certifications. These certifications are for pool and for wastewater. Rizer moved to increase the annual salary of the City Superintendent by \$2000 to begin with the next pay period, being March 7, 2008. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The City would like to purchase a digital recorder to replace the old tape recorder at a cost of \$60.00. Opperman moved to approve the purchase of a digital recorder. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

A representative from the Swim Team Board was present to request permission to write a grant from Upper Mississippi for funds to put a cover over the seating area for the pool. There is no matching of funds from the City. It would also include picnic tables and a chain link fence to keep young children safe. Labor would be donated by local contractors. Friederich moved to approve writing this grant. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Wages for the summer pool positions were discussed. Opperman moved to approve \$7.50 for lifeguards, \$7.75 for lifeguards with experience, \$8.00 for assistant manager and \$8.25 for manager. Friederich seconded the motion. After discussion, Opperman amended her motion to include \$8.25 for assistant managers and \$8.50 for manager. All voted in favor and motion passes. An ad will again be placed in the paper and flyers posted at school.

The Resolution No. 08-05 will be discussed at the next meeting due to it not being ready by our bonding attorney.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was good attendance at the Chamber meeting held on February 19th. The community is really working together to make this a fun filled weekend. The snow removal was discussed whether our equipment is keeping up. The City Superintendent commented that it is, but we are running out of room to haul snow. Matt, the new police officer, passed his physical agility test to attend the Police Academy, which will begin March 3rd.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:18p.m. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor