

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting March 18, 2009

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Fox presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Al Friederich, Jan Parkin, Troy Stover, and Jackie Opperman. Norm Rizer was absent.

Mayor Fox opened the public hearing on Proposed Resolution of Necessity at 6:00 PM. The Mayor asked if any written objections had been received. None had been. Then the Mayor asked for any oral objections from the audience. Don McCullough from 411 Westwood voiced his concern regarding the city maintaining the new street once finished. He supports the project, but just wants it maintained so it lasts as long as it should. With no more objections, the public hearing was closed at 6:03 PM. Council addressed Resolution No. 09-08 amending proposed Resolution of Necessity for the Westwood Drive Street Improvements Project. Friederich moved to approve Resolution No. 09-08. Opperman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Opperman, Friederich and Stover. Nays: None. Resolution No. 09-08 passes. Council then addressed Resolution No. 09-09 Resolution of Necessity. Parkin moved to approve Resolution No. 09-09. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Friederich, Stover and Parkin. Nays: None. Resolution No. 09-09 passes. Council addressed Resolution No. 09-10 Ordering Preparation of detailed plans, specifications, notice of hearing, notice to bidders and form of contract. Friederich moved to approve Resolution 09-10. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Friederich, Stover, Parkin and Opperman. Nays: None. Resolution 09-10 passes. Council addressed Resolution No. 09-11 Approving detailed plans and specifications, notice of hearing, notice to bidders and form of contract; and setting date for hearing thereon and the receipt of bids therefore. Opperman moved to approve Resolution No. 09-11. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Parkin, Opperman and Friederich. Nays: None. Resolution 09-11 passes.

Mayor Fox presented Police Chief Pope with the Legion of Honor Award for being injured in the line of duty while pursuing a suspect in 2007. Opperman moved to approve the agenda. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5) Minutes from March 4
- 6) Claims
- 7) Motion to approve Deb Ommen to the Tree Board
- 8) Motion to approve Liquor License renewal for Country Rose Café

Opperman moved to approve the consent agenda. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Opperman, Stover, Friederich. Nays: None. Consent agenda passes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Council will postpone an ordinance addressing outdoor furnaces since the EPA will be amending their regulations in 6-9 months. Existing outdoor furnace owners will have 5 years to be compliant according to the EPA. At the next meeting, council will discuss the moratorium and possibly lifting this.

Council reviewed Ordinance 09-01 (Third Reading) An Ordinance Fixing and Establishing Grades on Westwood, in the City of St. Pt, Iowa. Friederich moved to approve the

third reading of Ordinance 09-01. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Friederich, Parkin, Opperman, and Stover. Nays: None. Third reading passes.

Council reviewed Ordinance 09-02 (Third Reading) An Ordinance Amending the City Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, Article 84.02 to Raise Electric Rates. Stover moved to approve the third reading of Ordinance No. 09-02. Opperman seconded the motion. Ayes: Parkin, Friederich, Opperman and Stover. Nays: None. Third reading passes.

### **INFORMATION**

Council received Tree Board minutes from February 9<sup>th</sup>, Chamber of Commerce March newsletter and Library Board Minutes from February 24<sup>th</sup>. Also, received was the February month-end financial report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Officially hiring the new police officer is tabled at this point since he still needs to complete a section of the physical agility testing.

A city employee received a satisfactory performance review at the last meeting, but no pay increase was discussed. Friederich moved to approve the pay increase of \$1 per hour. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council again reviewed the idea of approving Strawberry Point Development to write a grant for the Northeast Iowa Food and Fitness Initiative Opperman moved to approve writing the grant with the City providing \$6750 of in-kind contribution. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council discussed open burning dates. Parkin moved that we set April 18<sup>th</sup> through May 10<sup>th</sup> as the open burning dates. Parkin amended his motion to hold open burning March 28<sup>th</sup> through April 26<sup>th</sup>. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed a cost proposal from Visu-Sewer for sewer lining in the amount of \$63,328. The City had requested a proposal from Municipal Pipe, but received no proposal. This will be done in June and is budgeted in the FY2010 budget. Parkin moved to approve Visu-Sewer to do the lining for \$63,328. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed a letter of intent to write a grant to purchase an AED unit. The Medical Services director should be consulted on where to place one and if this is a good unit. Friederich moved to approve signing the letter of intent. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed a Silver Star Banner Day Proclamation. Opperman moved to approve the Silver Star Banner Day Proclamation. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council then discussed the pool, including wages, hours and the opening date. Opperman moved that we set pool wages as follows: Manager \$8.50, Assistant Manager \$8.25, Lifeguards with experience \$7.75 and new lifeguards \$7.50. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. Opperman moved that the pool hours be 1-5PM and 7-8:30PM. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. Opening date for pool was discussed. Opperman moved to open the pool May 23<sup>rd</sup>, with normal hours over Memorial Day weekend and then open only at night until school lets out. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Council discussed the C.O.P.S. grant, which would pay 3 years of salaries plus benefits for a new officer. Friederich moved to write the COPS grant. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Mayor, Council member Friederich and the City Administrator went to the Clayton County Supervisors meeting on Wednesday, March 18th to discuss the bypass road when Highway 13 is constructed and the safety issue. They also recognize the safety issue and the impact it may have on Elkader and other areas of the County. They will offer support with letters of reference. The tables at the Civic Center are getting in poor condition, so the City may need to look at purchasing some new ones.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:22PM. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

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Deanna Dement, City Clerk

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Dale Fox, Mayor