

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting March 19, 2008

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 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, Jan Parkin, and Norm Rizer.

Mayor Fox opened the Loan Agreement Public Hearing for refunding the electric revenue bonds at 6:00p.m. Mayor Fox asked if there were any written or oral objections. There were none. The council then reviewed Resolution No. 08-09 Resolution Taking Additional Action to Enter Into an Electric Revenue Refunding Loan Agreement. Troy Stover moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-09. Al Friederich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Friederich, Opperman, Rizer, Stover and Parkin. Nays: None. Resolution No. 08-09 passes. Jeff Heil, financial advisor from Ruan Securities was present to go over the refunding information. He discussed the option with the council authorizing a letter of intent, which essentially locks in the rate for the bond. After much discussion by council, Friederich moved to approve signing the letter of intent. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Rizer, Stover, Parkin and Friederich. Nays: None. The letter of intent was approved. The council then discussed calling the 2001 Electric Revenue Bonds in order to complete the refunding process. Opperman moved to call the June 2001 electric revenue bonds. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Stover, Parkin, Friederich and Opperman. Nays: None. The 2001 electric revenue bonds were approved to be called.

The council then discussed the consent agenda. Friederich moved to approve the consent agenda with the following changes to the minutes from March 5th remove the sentence: The City Clerk had received one strong objection to the budget from a citizen. and the additional claims. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS

Council while waiting for the second public hearing to begin reviewed the second reading of Ordinance No. 08-03 An Ordinance Amending the City Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, Article 84.02, 84.03 and 84.04 to Raise Electric Rates. Stover moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 08-03. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Parkin, Rizer, Opperman and Friederich. Nays: None. Stover moved to waive the 3rd reading of Ordinance No. 08-03. Friederich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Rizer, Opperman and Friederich. Nays: None. Ordinance No. 08-03 passes.

Mayor Fox opened the EDSA grant public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Fox read the required comments for the DRI Application to IDED for EDSA application. The comments were as follows: Development Resources of Iowa and the City of Strawberry Point have determined the need for an EDSA grant as part of a planned business expansion. The City of Strawberry Point will apply for \$60,000 from the EDSA program. The remainder of the business expansion will be financed by Development Resources of Iowa. The city of Strawberry Point will submit the application on March 20, 2008. The City is requesting \$60,000 for the Development Resources of Iowa business expansion. At least 51% of the Federal funds will benefit low and moderate income persons. The proposed activities will be conducted, at the business location in the Strawberry Point Industrial park. No persons will be displaced as a result of funded activities. The project entails a business expansion by Development with a proposed creation of 13 jobs.

Opperman moved to approve the application for the EDSA program for the DRI application. Friederich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Friederich, Opperman, Rizer, and Stover and Parkin. Council reviewed the Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment. Opperman moved to accept the Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment dated March 2008. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. Council also reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding, which designates Upper Explorerland to administer the grant. Rizer moved to have Upper Explorerland administer the grant. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council discussed sidewalks on Elkader Street. This had been discussed by the previous council and it was decided the sidewalks needed to be repaired/replaced. When the highway construction comes through in the future grade changes will need to be done to some, so it may be wise to delay the sidewalk improvements. Sidewalks on the West Side will not be affected when the highway construction occurs. The East Side will be affected due to the grade situation. The sidewalks will be reviewed that will be affected by the grading and discussed at the next meeting.

Council then moved to Iowa Department of Transportation Invoice for Elkader Street for sewer repairs, since the property owners were present. The invoice from Tschiggfrie Excavating Co. was for a total of \$8,821.22 for sewer service line repairs for two properties on Elkader Street. In addition, there will be costs to replace the concrete on the section of highway affected. An additional bill from Groth Services was also discussed. It was discussed that the sewer lines may not have been reconnected properly during construction. In a letter from a meeting that had been held, this was not the case. There was much discussion regarding sewer lines and things that occurred during the road construction. This will be discussed at the next meeting with Tekippe Engineering and Tschiggfrie being represented.

Pool pass amounts were reviewed by comparing the number of passes from the prior three years to see if the pass amount should be increased and if other changes should take place. The people who can qualify under a family pass were also discussed. A babysitter would not be able to go under a family pass. Opperman moved to have the family pass if paid at the close of business on June 2nd be \$80 and a single pass would be \$40 with a sitter/companion pass at \$35.00 and after June 2nd the pass prices would go back to \$100 family and \$60 single and sitter/companion pass at \$40 with Memorial Day weekend to include Saturday, Sunday and Monday to be free. Friederich seconded the motion. Ayes: Opperman, Friederich, Parkin. Nays: Stover and Rizer. Motion Passes. Rizer moved to define family as immediate family. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

INFORMATION

Council received Planning and Zoning Board Minutes from March 11th, Library Board minutes from February 26th, Electric Study Committee Minutes from March 5th, and February Month-End Financial Information. The council also received a letter notifying the City that we were denied for the housing rehab grant and updated job descriptions for review.

NEW BUSINESS

Council reviewed Resolution No. 08-10 Resolution Setting the Date for the Public Hearing on the Urban Renewal Area and Plan. Norm Rizer moved to approve Resolution No. 08-10 setting the date for the Public Hearing for the Urban Renewal Area for April 16th at 6:00pm. Troy Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Friederich, Opperman, Rizer, Parkin, and Stover. Nays: None. Resolution No. 08-10 passes.

Council reviewed the recommendations for pool manager and assistant manager. Friederich moved to approve the pool positions, with Hallie Bushaw, manager and Jayni Rizer, assistant manager. Stover seconded the motion. Parkin and Rizer abstained. All others moved to approve and motion passed.

The Police Chief requested permission to hire police reserves for Strawberry Days. There is money budgeted for this purpose. The police chief would like to hire two reserves for Friday, one reserve for Saturday morning and two reserves for Saturday night. The pay would be \$12 per hour or a total of \$552. Opperman moved to approve hiring reserves for Strawberry Days Weekend. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The Chamber of Commerce is requesting permission to apply for a gambling license application for Strawberry Days. Stover moved to approve the Chamber to apply for a gambling license application. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received a liquor license renewal for Strawberry Foods. Both fire and police inspections were completed with satisfactory reviews. Rizer moved to approve the liquor license for Strawberry Foods. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received a liquor license renewal for Country Rose Café. Both fire and police inspections were completed with satisfactory reviews. Parkin approved the liquor license renewal for Country Rose Cafe. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received an estimate from Alliant to do a load study and to reset the breakers in an amount not to exceed \$26,907. Once this study is done, just breaker resets will be required when conversions are done, but the bill will be much lower. They are estimating to begin work in early April. Opperman moved to approve the Alliant estimate. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Civic Center roof was discussed. The company who installed the roof has removed snow and ice from the roof. The roof will need to be repaired once spring comes.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor