

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting April 16, 2008

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Fox presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Jan Parkin, Norm Rizer, and Jackie Opperman. Troy Stover and Al Friederich were absent.

Mayor Fox opened the public hearing to approve the urban renewal plan and establish the urban renewal area at 6:00 p.m. There were no written or verbal objections. With no objections, the public hearing was closed at 6:03p.m. Council then reviewed Resolution No. 08-11 Resolution Approving Urban Renewal Plan and Establishing Urban Renewal Area. Opperman moved to approve Resolution No. 08-11. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Rizer and Parkin. Nays: None. Resolution passes.

The council reviewed minutes from April 2nd and 4th and the claims plus an additional claim to Truenorth for \$5,080.14. Jan Parkin moved to approve the consent agenda. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS

Council received Resolution No. 08-12 Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Loan Agreement and providing for the issuance of a \$675,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bond, Series 2008B and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Opperman moved to approve Resolution No. 08-12. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Opperman and Parkin. Nays: None. Resolution No. 08-12 passes.

INFORMATION

Council received the Chamber of Commerce newsletter and library board minutes from March 18th. Council also received a graduation announcement for the City Clerk/Administrator who will be graduating with her Master's degree in Public Administration. Also, received by council was the month-end financial information for March. The City Superintendent gave a recap of the awards ceremony where the City won an award, along with Kuehl & Payer for the wastewater project.

NEW BUSINESS

Council received Resolution No. 08-13 Resolution setting a date for public hearing on urban renewal area and plan amendment. The public hearing will be held May 21, 2008. Opperman moved to approve Resolution No. 08-13. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Rizer and Opperman. Nays: None. Resolution No. 08-13.

Council received Resolution No. 08-06 Resolution Subdividing Special Assessments. Rizer moved to approve Resolution No. 08-06. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Rizer and Opperman. Nays: None. Resolution No. 08-06 passes.

Council received a request to write off utility accounts that cannot be collected since the account holders cannot be located. Rizer moved to approve writing off the past due utility accounts since we cannot find them. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received a proposal from Kluesner Construction to crack seal Locust and Cherry Street. The proposal was \$2,001.87. Rizer moved to approve this proposal for crack sealing Locust and Cherry Streets and that Eder Street will be done at their cost. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received a contract for services between Strawberry Point and Upper Explorerland for administrating the IDDED grant for DRI. Opperman moved to approve this contract. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

There was a proposal from Visu-Sewer to repair sanitary manholes in the City. The proposal was \$115.00 per vertical feet. The City Superintendent will contact them to ask about the minimum of 60 vertical feet. This will be on the agenda on April 30th.

Mayor Fox, after seeing where council members talents lie, he wanted to make some committee re-appointments. Troy Stover and Jan Parkin will be on the Electric Committee and Jackie Opperman and Al Friederich will be on the Street Committee and Norm Rizer and Troy Stover will be on the Solid Waste Committee. Opperman moved to approve the re-appointments. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Andy Otdoerfer, owner of Strawberry Building Supply, requested council permission to place signs in the Industrial Park to conduct a feasibility study for his business to see if it would be beneficial to relocate to the Industrial Park. There was some discussion regarding the type of sign, the timeframe and who is responsible for putting the sign up and taking it down. This will be again discussed at the April 30th meeting.

The current renter of the city farm is requesting some tile to be placed on the land. He is also requesting a waterway filled in. Meyer Excavating will do the work. Parkin moved to approve the tiling of the city farm. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. Parkin moved that the city will not pay for the water way to be filled in. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council received a request from the Chamber of Commerce to reimburse for insurance for the year, which covers Strawberry Days. Opperman moved to reimburse the Chamber for their insurance. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The pool manager requested permission to hold a Parent-Baby swim for 5 Saturdays from 12:00-12:30p.m. Opperman moved to approve holding a free parent-baby swim, with a baby defined as a child 3 years and younger. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received permission to hold swimming lessons June 9-20 and July 7-18. Rizer moved to approve holding swimming lessons from June 9-20 and July 7-18. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Council needed to approve the hours the pool will be open. Opperman moved to have the pool open from 1-5p.m. and 5-6p.m. for swim team and then 7-8:30p.m. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was passed. An ad will also be placed in the paper to inquire about the best time to hold lap swim.

Requesting permission to purchase six laptop computers for council and the mayor to proceed with going "paperless" was presented to the council. The cost of the laptops, \$3,600 will be paid for in 1.5 years from the savings from not printing the packets. This was approved in next fiscal year's budget and the Vision update was approved in this fiscal year. We want to switch to have the computers to be paid for in this fiscal year and the Vision update will be paid for in the 08-09 fiscal year. This will be tabled for now and will be reviewed again at the April 30th meeting, since two council members were absent.

OTHER BUSINESS

There will be a semi tractor show during Strawberry Days. It will be located on East Mission. The events and promotions are still being worked on, but it is looking to be a very fun-filled family weekend.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor