

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting July 18, 2007

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Schmidt presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Dean Courtnage, David Gould, Dale Fox, and Bill Green. Norm Rizer attended a little later in the workshop.

The purpose of beginning the meeting at 6:00 p.m. was to hold a workshop to begin working on the City's Capital Plan. Also, in attendance at the workshop were Police Chief Pope, Fire Chief and City Superintendent Robinson and Ryan Wicks from Tekippe Engineering. The main purpose for this first workshop was to make sure every project has been added to the plan. Additionally it was discussed that there should be precise details on each project, including justification and description. It was also discussed that we need to implement a 5-year plan and also have the 10-year plan in place. This capital plan will be updated as projects are completed. There will be another workshop scheduled in the near future.

The minutes from July 11th and claims were reviewed. David Gould moved to accept the consent agenda with changes to the minutes from July 11th and to approve the claims, plus the additional claims for the ambulance department minus the claim to K&A for the brush mower, due to further explanation from City Superintendent. Norm Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was carried. The City Superintendent arrived and explained the claim to K&A for the brush mower. Rizer moved that we approve the claim to K&A for the brush mower. Dale Fox seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passed. The amendments to the July 11th minutes under Old Business include: Mark Zwanziger, clerk of Cass Cemetery was present to inform the council of their plans for sidewalks at the Cemetery. They are planning on moving the sidewalk back as council directed. They also requested that the City remove the tree and stump by western edge of the property.

OLD BUSINESS

The council reviewed a proposed resolution setting a mileage reimbursement amount. After brief discussion, Fox recommended that the City's mileage reimbursement rate coincide with the Clayton County Supervisors rate of \$.32 per mile. Courtnage seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was passed. The Clerk will put this into a resolution, which will be on the next agenda for approval.

An update on the Highway 3/13 Street Project was given and the project was discussed. Ryan Wicks, from Tekippe Engineering was present to inform the council that the decision concerning curb and gutter from Lincoln north to Spring Street had not been made yet by the DOT. The DOT had received a letter from Ryan stating that the City will not pay any additional costs associated with the proposed changes. The City was told that a decision would be made soon.

An update was given regarding property at 310 Commercial. The notices have been issued and posted concerning the dangerous building. The property owner had called City Hall and requested a hearing on the August 1st meeting. Fox recommended that the City attorney be present.

An update was given on the bus barn property. John Compton, President of St. Leisure Homes and Mike Breitbach, Vice-President of St. Leisure Homes were present. They addressed the council with a blueprint of projected plans for the bus barn property. Due to these plans, they were under the impression that the City would

eventually give Strawberry Leisure Homes the bus barn property to possibly build additional senior housing. Council would like to continue with having the property surveyed. It was suggested that the City draw up new leases for the current tenants that would provide a 10-year lease with a possible stipulation that the renters would be responsible for the maintenance. The council will address this following the survey.

INFORMATION

The council likes to keep informed of all issues pertaining to the city. Because of this they received Weekly Work in Progress Reports from Tschiggfrie Excavating. Council also received information on the Iowa Telecom phone bill showing that the charges for the pool and fire department are just the normal monthly charges.

NEW BUSINESS

Council was presented with a cost proposal from Swales Construction in the amount of \$2,265 to fix curb & gutters and a storm sewer box on a West Spring & Park Avenue and Locust & West Spring. Fox moved to approve the cost proposal to Swales Construction in the amount of \$2,265. Courtnage seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was passed.

The City Clerk requested permission for the Deputy City Clerk and herself to attend the Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference in Dubuque on September 26-28th. They will only be attending the Wednesday evening and Thursday sessions. Rizer moved that the Clerk and Deputy Clerk attend the Annual Conference in Dubuque going down Wednesday night, staying overnight and attending the Thursday session. Fox seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rainbow Drive was discussed. The council suggests that something more needs to be done about the truck traffic on this road. The Mayor will consult with the police department about patrolling this roadway frequently during shifts. We will also be putting together a cost estimate for the maintenance on this roadway and submitting it to the DOT. The council will discuss all the property owned by the City and how we might go about disposing of some of it. This will be addressed at the next council meeting.

Gould moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Courtnage seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was carried.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Douglas Schmidt, Mayor