

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting August 6, 2008

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

Council reviewed minutes from July 23, claims and additional claims to Jayni Rizer for \$18.00, Northeast Iowa Telephone for \$102.94, and Mary Kray for \$111.22. Opperman moved to approve the consent agenda with the claims and the additional claims. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The council addressed the proposed construction of Westwood Drive. Ryan Wicks from Tekippe Engineering was present to provide more detail and answer questions. The curb is beginning to crack which will lead to deterioration so it should be replaced. The project scope is to remove existing road and replace 1300 sq feet from 509 Westwood to 216 Westwood. The preliminary special assessment costs were originally \$25.60 per foot, which would include curb and gutter, grading, seeding, etc. Another option which would cover only the curb and gutter would be \$16.75. There was discussion on the type of curb that would be installed. Since the entire road is not being replaced, the same type curb will be installed. There was discussion regarding the excessive water that is present when there is a heavy rain. To address erosion problems during construction, fences or drainage areas may need to be installed. There was discussion about storm sewers and tiling that has been installed. Friederich moved to proceed with the original plans with concrete only. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council again reviewed the water runoff on Commercial Street. The two property owners from 423 and 425 Commercial Street that are affected by this runoff were present. The IDOT was contacted about this and they are requiring pictures of the water runoff before they will do anything. The one property owner will attempt to get pictures the next time it rains. Ryan Wicks from Tekippe also addressed this. He said the driveways were not changed during the project, so it appears that the road was changed enough to cause this. Raising the driveways would prevent this from happening. This will be addressed at a later meeting once pictures have been taken and the IDOT has been contacted.

The lights at the ball field were discussed. An option would be a 60 amp contactor, 120 volt timer with a push button which would allow the lights to stay on for two hours or whatever the timer was set for and then after that time the lights would go off. The panel where the timer will be located will be in a locked cabinet. Alan Wessels will provide a cost estimate for these and the installation at the next council meeting.

The council reviewed the electric service agreement between the City and Wessels Electric. Stover moved to approve this agreement. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council reviewed the reimbursement for residential sewer backups on Prospect. Research had been done on this and other cities have not reimbursed for this type of expense. The one property owner did receive some insurance proceeds for this claim, which caused some frustration for the council. There was much discussion regarding the sewer lines and the

problems. The City of Manchester did pay out for this type of claim. They will be contacted for the specifics on this. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

The council reviewed Resolution No. 08-28 Resolution Proposing to Dispose of Bus Barn. Stover moved to approve Resolution No. 08-28 Friederich seconded the motion. Ayes: Rizer, Stover and Friederich. Nays: Opperman and Parkin. Resolution No. 08-28 passes.

Council reviewed Resolution No. 08-29 Resolution Adopting Amended Final Assessment Schedule for the Highway 3-13 Improvement Project and Amending, Confirming and Levying the Assessments. Opperman moved to approve Resolution No. 08-29. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Opperman, Stover, Parkin and Friederich. Nays: None. Resolution No. 08-29 passes.

Council reviewed proposals for repairing the roof of city hall. Proposals were for just replacing the existing roof in the same fashion from K.J. Roofing for \$18,100 or Lynch Roofing & Siding \$21,000 and material for a pitched roof from Strawberry Building Center \$17,192.00 plus labor. Opperman moved to approve K.J. Roofing for \$20,700 for a 60 ml IB roof system which provides a 20 year warranty. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-07 An Ordinance Amending the City Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, to Consolidate Electric Rates into one article and to adjust rates. Stover moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-07. Friederich seconded the motion. The rates will cause an increase to those customers with usage of over 5000KW. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Parkin, Rizer, Stover and Friederich. Nays: None. First reading passes.

INFORMATION

Council received Electric Study Committee meeting minutes from July 22 and Library Board minutes from July 29.

NEW BUSINESS

The council received a recommendation from the fire department to appoint Brian Hamlett to the department. Opperman moved to approve Brian Hamlett to the fire department. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. A thank you for 25 years of service was extended to Mike Mactaggart who just left the department.

Roland Evans, ambulance director was present to discuss the department's year-end report. He gave an overview of the service and future needs of the service.

Council received a request from Denise's Dance Studio to rent the Civic Center to hold dance classes for the 2008-2009 school year. Classes would be held on Monday nights and Saturday mornings. Rizer moved to approve \$120 with interruptible Saturday mornings plus Monday nights or \$80 for just Monday nights. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received an invoice from Tekippe Engineering in the amount of \$1,227.10 for work done on the Westwood project. Opperman moved to approve Invoice #1 in the amount of \$1,227.10. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The City reviewed an agreement with Black Hills Utility Holdings. No action was taken per the City attorney's recommendation to not sign it.

The council received delinquent utility accounts to be written off since they are past the statute of limitations to collect. Rizer moved to approve writing off these accounts. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council received two archaeological survey cost proposals. This survey is a necessary requirement before we can proceed with the access road running parallel to Elkader Street. One was from Louis Berger for \$3,300 and one from University of Iowa for \$3,503. Opperman moved to proceed with the survey with Louis Berger for \$3,300. Friederich seconded the motion. Ayes: Friederich, Opperman, Rizer and Parkin. Nays: Stover. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-09 an Ordinance Prohibiting Connection to any underground drain or city sanitary sewer other than a certified underground catch for discharge of surface runoff or groundwater. Rizer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-09. Stover seconded the motion. There was discussion and there is some clarification needed and another ordinance needs developed to specify the penalties that are associated with non compliance.

OTHER BUSINESS

Interviews were held on August 5 at City Hall. Following the interviews the position was offered to Mark Meyer. He will begin work on September 2nd.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor