

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting August 15, 2007

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Schmidt presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Dale Fox, Bill Green, David Gould, Dean Courtnage and Norm Rizer.

A change order for the 2006 Street Rehabilitation Project extending the deadline was received today. Mayor Schmidt asked the council to amend the agenda to include this change order on tonight's meeting. Fox moved to amend the agenda to include this change order tonight. Green seconded the motion. Ayes: Fox, Rizer, Green and Courtnage. Nays: Gould. Motion was passed. A change order came from Crawford Engineering requesting that the deadline for completion for the 2006 Street Rehabilitation Project be extended to November 1st instead of September 1st. After much discussion, Rizer moved to approve the change order, which extends the deadline for the 2006 Street Rehabilitation Project from September 1st to November 1st. Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was approved.

Gould moved to accept the consent agenda with added claims to Kirkwood Community College for fire safety classes and changes to the August 1st minutes. Courtnage seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The second reading of Ordinance No. 07-07 An Amendment to the Zoning Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, Adding the Requirements for a Demolition Certificate for Removing Structures with Certain Exceptions was read. Fox moved to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 07-07. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fox, Gould, Courtnage, Green and Rizer. Nays: None. Second reading passes. Rizer moved to waive the third reading of Ordinance No. 07-07. Courtnage seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fox, Gould, Green, Rizer and Courtnage. Nays: None. Ordinance No. 07-07 passes.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 07-08 An Amendment to the Zoning Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, Adding Time Limitations for a Demolition Certificate was read. Courtnage moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 07-08. Gould seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fox, Gould, Rizer, Green and Courtnage. Nays: None. Second reading of Ordinance No. 07-08 passes. Fox moved to waive the third reading of Ordinance No. 07-08. Green seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Fox, Green, Gould and Courtnage. Nays: None. Ordinance No. 07-08 passes.

The second reading of Ordinance 07-09 An Amendment to the Zoning Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, Adding the Requirements for Application for a Demolition Certificate was read. Green moved to approve the second reading. Gould seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fox, Green, Courtnage, Gould, and Rizer. Nays: None. Second reading of Ordinance No. 07-09 passes. Rizer moved to waive the third reading. Courtnage seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Green, Fox, Courtnage, Gould, and Rizer. Ordinance No. 07-09 passes.

The second reading of Ordinance 07-10 Re-Adoption of Official Zoning Map of Strawberry Point was read. Gould moved to adopt the second reading. Fox seconded the

motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fox, Rizer, Green, Courtnage, and Gould. Nays: None. Second reading passes. Fox moved to waive the third reading. Courtnage seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fox, Green, Gould, Rizer and Courtnage. Nays: None. Ordinance No. 07-10 passes

The council reviewed the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Administrative Consent Order. This is in regards to the penalty imposed in 2003 for sewer problems. Green moved to pay the \$3000 penalty. Fox seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was passed. The City Clerk will send a letter with the check specifying that the City would like the money to be used at Backbone State Park for water quality.

The City Attorney reviewed the code concerning separate metering for water and electric. The property owner supplying the water to the other property owner was under the impression that the city was ok with the arrangement. Fox moved that we stick by the City Code regarding separate metering for water and electric service and that it should be enforced according to the Code. Gould seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was passed. The City Superintendent will contact the property owner notifying them of this decision.

Numerous attempts were made since the last council meeting to contact the property owners at 310 Commercial. All attempts have failed. There are signs posted clearly on the property to keep people out. The cost to have the house demolished should be researched. Gould moved to proceed with the City demolishing the house at 310 commercial. Courtnage seconded the motion. The City Superintendent will look into the costs. All voted in favor and motion passes.

INFORMATION

Council received information about the updates to the City website. They also received Library board minutes and the Fire Association Financial Information for review. The Deputy Clerk's graduation announcement was also included for their review. They also received the month-end financial information from July.

NEW BUSINESS

Council received Ordinance No. 07-11 An Ordinance Making the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa Not Liable for Blockage or Back Up in Lateral Sewer Lines Due to the Action or Inaction of Another Party. Fox moved to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 07-11. Rizer seconded the motion. The trees being planted in the right-of-way were discussed as far as whom the tree belongs to. If these trees are causing blockages then is the City responsible. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fox, Rizer. Nays: Gould, Green and Courtnage. First reading of Ordinance No. 07-11 fails. An ordinance regarding the responsibility of sewer backups will be discussed at the next meeting.

Council received Resolution No. 07-18 The City Street Financial Report. Gould moved to adopt Resolution No 07-18. Green seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fox, Green, Gould, Rizer and Courtnage. Nays: None. Resolution No. 07-18 passes.

The Strawberry Point Chamber of Commerce requests permission to use Inger Park to hold the First Annual Strawberry Jam on August 18th. Gould moved to approve the Jamming in Inger Park on August 18th until 11:00p.m. Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was passed.

The Mud Runners requested to use the Industrial Park grounds to hold a mud run. Proof of insurance was provided. Fox moved to approve the use of the Industrial Park grounds for a mud run on August 18th until 11:00p.m. Courtnage seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was passed.

Council received an invoice from Dorsey & Whitney for \$6,201.25 for costs connected with the special assessment procedures. Fox moved to approve invoice 1419581 in the amount of \$6,201.25. Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was passed.

Fox moved to approve the low estimate for work on the 2001 Chevy for \$1,491.93 from Borrett Auto Body. Gould seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was passed.

Police Chief Pope requested permission to write a grant to the Upper Mississippi Gaming Commission in the amount of \$2,249.94. The grant would cover the costs to purchase a notebook computer, printer and a projector. Courtnage moved to allow the Police Department to write the grant. Fox seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was carried.

The council was presented with papers that would allow PCC, the ambulance billing company to receive payments electronically or over the Web. Fox moved to authorize PCC to do billing electronically. Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was passed.

Extended Area Service on phone bills were discussed. If the council would like this dropped from local phone coverage, it has to be approved by resolution. The extended area service is a charge on the monthly phone bills, which allows Strawberry Point residents to call Edgewood and Volga free of charge. Green moved to bring forth a resolution to place this option to the voters on the election ballot in November. Gould seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Schmidt asked Council to move to Other Business and to leave the personnel issue for the last item of the evening. City Superintendent informed the City Council that Adam Fette had passed his Level 2 Water Certification. His pay raise will be reviewed at the next meeting. The City Superintendent also mentioned that we should write a letter or personally attend a Manchester City council meeting to express our sincere appreciation for having their employee conduct our inspections until Adam became certified.

Letters concerning blowing grass in the streets and weeds were discussed. Many people were not aware that this was against City code. The streetlights uptown and the plaques to be placed on them were also discussed. The plaques are currently being worked on and will hopefully be placed soon.

Mayor Schmidt moved back to the personnel matter. The personnel in question requested to go into closed session. Fox moved to enter into closed session at 8:30 p.m. Green seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Green, Courtnage, Gould, Rizer and Fox. Nays: None. Motion was carried.

Council returned from closed session at 9:30 p.m. Courtnage moved that all paperwork received from this personnel matter be returned to City Hall and be shredded. Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was passed. Rizer moved to pay any unused personal and vacation time and any hours worked and scheduled since

the suspension, to be received on Friday, August 17th. Courtnage seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was carried.

Fox moved to adjourn at 9:32 a.m. Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was passed.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Douglas Schmidt, Mayor