

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting August 20, 2008

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Fox presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Jackie Opperman, Jan Parkin, Norm Rizer and Troy Stover. Al Friederich was absent.

Mayor Fox opened the public hearing to dispose the bus barn property to Strawberry Leisure Homes at 6:04pm. Mike Breitbach was present to discuss the proposed endeavor. John Compton representing Strawberry Leisure Homes was also present. He gave an overview of the Strawberry Leisure Homes housing. It provides low income housing for the elderly and disabled persons of the Community. The public hearing was closed at 6:15pm. Rizer moved to approve Ordinance No. 08-08. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Rizer and Opperman. Nays: None. Ordinance No. 08-08 passes.

Council reviewed minutes from August 6, claims and additional claims to Police Executive Forum for \$75.00, Aquila for \$75.00, Alliant Energy for \$68.57, and Development Resources of Iowa for \$60,044. Rizer 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 again addressed reimbursement to two properties on Prospect for residential sewer backups. The City had been told that two cities had supposedly paid out sewer claims. These two cities were contacted and they have never paid out for sewer claims. Rizer moved that the City not offer settlement to the property owners on Prospect Street. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The timers for the lights at the ball field will be tabled until the next meeting due to lack of information.

Council reviewed the second 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 ordinance 08-07. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Rizer, Stover and Parkin. Nays: None. Second reading of Ordinance No. 08-07 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. Opperman moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-09. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Opperman, Parkin and Stover. Nays: None. The first reading of Ordinance No. 08-09 passes.

INFORMATION

Council received Planning & Zoning minutes from August 5 and July month-end financial reports.

NEW BUSINESS

The Economic Development director, McKenzie Johnson requested permission to apply for an advertising grant. The grant would require matching funds and would provide advertising at the Elkader Cinema. The grant would require \$8 to \$10 a month for the City in matching funds, since the total would be split between the Chamber, Economic Development and the City. The

funds would be paid in July 2009 for a year. Rizer moved to approve the request from the Economic Development Director to apply for the advertizing grant. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council reviewed the first reading of the Planning & Zoning ordinances. There was some clarification on these ordinances by the Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission. Opperman moved to approve 08-10, 08-11, 08-12, 08-13, 08-14, 08-15, 08-16, and 08-17. Stover seconded the motion. There was some discussion regarding these ordinances and the above motions were rescinded. Following some further discussion, Opperman moved to approve ordinances 08-11, 08-12, 08-13, 08-14, 08-15, 08-16, and 08-17. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Rizer and Opperman. Nays: None. First Reading of the above ordinances passed. Ordinance No. 08-10 will be reviewed at a later meeting, since it needs to have some clarification.

Dick Neis, chairman of the Electric Study Committee was present to discuss participating in the Green Tag program being offered through RPGI. This green tag will assist in purchasing green power, such as solar, wind, geothermal, small and low impact hydro and biomass. RPGI has committed to buy 13,000 MWH @ \$5.95 for green tag power. The City has the option to purchase some of the 13,000 MWH if they would like. It would be beneficial to get involved now before it is mandated by the State. The electric study committee is recommending that the City purchase 400 MWH for a cost of \$2380 a year. Parkin moved to approve 400 MWH for \$2,380 for the Green Tag participation to RPGI. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed Resolution No. 08-30 A Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of City Records as Allowed by the Iowa Municipal Records Manual at the End of Each Fiscal Year. Rizer moved to approve Resolution No. 08-30. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor

Council received a cost proposal for removing 5 trees in the City. Other cost proposals were requested, but only one proposal was received. Rizer moved to approve the City Superintendent to request another bid and to make the decision if under \$2500. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Sidewalk bids were opened. One bid was from Swales construction bid with a cost of \$6.95 per square foot for sidewalks, \$7.55 for drive over areas and \$375.00 for handicap curbs. Another bid was from Terry Groth for an average of \$4.10 per square foot. Rizer moved to award the sidewalk bid to Terry Groth at an average of \$4.10 per square foot. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed Resolution No. 08-31 A Resolution to eliminate the extended area service charge on Iowa Telecom phone bills. This will eliminate the \$7.22 charge per line on residential phone bills. This will be placed on the November 4th ballot to be voted on by the people. If this passes, anyone using a 933 prefix will no longer be able to call Edgewood, Volga and Arlington free of charge. Opperman moved to approve Resolution No. 08-31. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed Resolution No. 08-32 Resolution Accepting the 2007-2008 RUT Report. Opperman moved to approve Resolution No. 08-32. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed Ordinance No. 08-18 An Ordinance Permitting Golf Carts to be operated on City Streets under Certain Conditions in the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa. There

were some issues that still need addressed in this Ordinance. Opperman moved to send this back to the City Attorney for the specified changes that were discussed. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Visu-Sewer will be smoking sewer lines October 13 and televising the lines on November 3.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor