

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting September 3, 2008

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Fox presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Jan Parkin, Al Friederich, Jackie Opperman, Norm Rizer, and Troy Stover.

Council reviewed minutes from August 20, claims and additional claims to Northeast Iowa Telephone Co, \$102.94, RPGI, \$50,993.04, Groth Concrete, \$5579.00. Opperman moved to approve the consent agenda with the claims and the additional claims and the change to the public hearing paragraph from August 20<sup>th</sup> minutes, which changed the sentence: Rizer moved to approve Ordinance No. 08-08 to Stover moved to approve Ordinance No. 08-08. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Council received two cost proposals for a feasibility study to be conducted on the Civic Center and City Hall. Jane Pate from Ament, Inc was present to answer questions. It was discussed whether or not to include another location to be considered in the feasibility study. One proposal was from Ament, Inc for \$10,500 and another proposal was from Gardner Architecture for \$9,800. Stover moved to add this topic to the Vision 2020 meeting to be discussed. Rizer seconded the motion. Motion was rescinded by Stover and Rizer. This item will be tabled until a later meeting, since more information on our objectives is needed before the study can go forward.

The timers for lights at the ball field will be tabled until the additional information is received.

Council reviewed the third 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 third reading of Ordinance No. 08-07. Friederich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Rizer, Stover, Friederich and Parkin. Nays: None. Ordinance No. 08-07 passes.

Council reviewed the second reading of Ordinance No. 08-08 An Ordinance Disposing of Bus Barn. Friederich moved to approve second reading. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll Call vote was taken. Ayes: Friederich, Stover, Rizer, Parkin and Opperman. Nays: None. Friederich moved to waive the third reading of Ordinance No. 08-08. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Rizer, Opperman, Friederich, and Parkin. Ordinance 08-08 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. Council reviewed two versions of this ordinance. Parkin moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-09 with the certified catch included in the ordinance. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Opperman, Parkin and Stover and Friederich. Nays: None. The first reading of Ordinance No. 08-09 passes.

Council reviewed the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-10 An amendment to the zoning code of Strawberry Point, Iowa clarifying that dwelling units are not allowed on basement or

street level with exceptions, in C-2 zoning districts. Opperman moved to approve Ordinance No. 08-10. Friederich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Rizer, Opperman, and Friederich. Nays: None. First reading passes.

Council reviewed the second reading of Ordinance No. 08-11 An Amendment to the zoning code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, allowing the maximum height of 2 ½ stories or 35 feet in R-3 zoning districts. Opperman moved to approve Ordinance No. 08-11. Friederich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Friederich, Rizer, Parkin, Opperman and Stover. Nays: None. Rizer moved to waive the third reading of Ordinance No. 08-11. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Friederich, Opperman, Rizer, Stover and Parkin. Nays: None. Ordinance No. 08-11 passes.

Council reviewed Ordinances No. 08-12 through No. 08-17. Opperman moved to approve Ordinances No. 08-12 through 08-17. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Parkin, Opperman, Friederich, and Rizer. Nays: None. Second reading passes. Rizer moved to waive the third reading of Ordinances 08-12 through 08-17. Friederich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Friederich, Parkin, Stover and Opperman. Nays: None. Ordinances 08-12 through 08-17 passes.

Council reviewed the first reading of 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. Opperman moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-18. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Opperman, Parkin. Nays: Friederich and Stover. First reading of Ordinance No. 08-18 passes.

Council reviewed the archaeological survey done by the Louis Berger Group. Nothing was found during the survey. The council also received a cost estimate for an additional days worth of surveying for \$1000. Stover moved to approve the survey results and to approve the additional \$1000. Opperman seconded the motion. Ayes: Opperman, Friederich and Stover. Nays: Rizer and Parkin. Motion passes.

#### **INFORMATION**

Council received minutes from Board of Adjustments meeting from July 2, 2008, Electric Study Committee meeting from August 15 & 18, and Library Board meeting from August 26. Council also received notification that the Police Department was awarded the STEP Grant and that the Library received accreditation certification and the police department monthly report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Council received a request to release a First Time Homebuyer Loan at 108 Sunset. An error was found in reviewing their mortgage file that would have released this mortgage after five years instead of needing it released now. The original amount was less than \$6000, so the term of the mortgage should have been five years, but it was filed as a fifteen year mortgage. Due to the error being found, Opperman moved to release the first time home buyer on 108 Sunset. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Opperman moved to approve the release of the easement agreement on 310 Commercial Street. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Council reviewed the abstract and insurance for the Swales footbridge. Opperman moved to approve the insurance at \$.50 per \$1000 with the City Superintendent finding out what the original bridge cost. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed the interest rate for the sidewalk assessments. Stover moved to charge 8% on the sidewalk assessments. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council discussed reinstating the dog license requirement. By requiring dog licenses it would help identify the owners of dogs running loose and inform the animal control officers that dogs have been vaccinated against rabies. This item will be tabled until we collect further information.

Opperman moved to approve refunding the transient permit fees of \$800 and request more information on the surety bond insurance before that it approved. Rizer seconded the motion. Ayes: Rizer, Opperman, Friederich, and Stover. Parkin abstained. Motion passes.

Opperman moved to approve Invoice No. 2 for Tekippe Engineering for work done on Westwood in the amount of \$1,627.20. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council discussed having the public works department obtain City ID badges so they can be identified as city employees. The City ID badges not only identify City employees, but allow the City to get discounts. The Mayor and Council will also obtain badges for disaster purposes. Friederich moved to approve that city employees, city council and mayor get City ID badges. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The City can get two storm sirens from the City of Ventura, since they purchased new sirens. Opperman moved to approve purchasing two storm sirens for \$850 a piece from the City of Ventura. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Alliant Energy is in town working on the electric conversion at Nadings and SMI. Sidewalks that were bid by the City have been started in town.

With no further business, Stover moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

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Deanna Dement, City Clerk

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Dale Fox, Mayor