

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting September 17, 2008

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 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, Troy Stover, and Norm Rizer.

Opperman moved to remove #9 from the consent agenda. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. Rizer moved and Opperman seconded to approve the agenda as amended. All voted in favor and motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4) Minutes from August 6
- 5) Claims and additional claims
- 6) Motion to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 08-09 An Ordinance Prohibiting Connection to any Underground Catch for Discharge of Surface Runoff or Groundwater
- 7) Motion to approve second 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
- 8) Motion to approve second 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
- 10) Motion to approve Resolution No. 08-33 Resolution accepting footbridge from the Swales family
- 11) Motion to approve Resolution No. 08-35 Resolution authorizing the execution of a memorandum of agreement with Strawberry Point Lutheran Home and fixing a date for a public hearing on the proposed Issuance of Health Care Facility Revenue Refunding Bonds
- 12) Motion to approve the reappointment of Rick Miersen and the appointment of Dennis Dement to the Tree Board
- 13) Motion to approve the St. Pt. Women's Club to hold bake sale on November 4th at the Civic Center from 10:00am – 4:00pm during the Election

Rizer moved to approve the consent agenda. Friederich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Friederich, Opperman, Stover, Parkin and Rizer. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council discussed #9 from the consent agenda, the reimbursement to Oasis for the surety bond, which was required as part of the transient permit for the City. Friederich moved that we deny the payment of the surety bond. Opperman seconded the motion. Ayes: Opperman, Friederich. Nays: Rizer, Parkin. Parkin abstained. Motion dies. Rizer moved to reimburse the surety bond amount. Stover seconded the motion. Ayes: Rizer, and Stover. Nays: Opperman and Friederich. Parkin abstained. Item dies due to lack of majority.

INFORMATION

Council received the September Chamber of Commerce Newsletter, Clayton County Development newsletter, Tree Board minutes from April 14, April 28 and May 12. Council also received August month-end financial reports, Ambulance board minutes from July 22 and an update on Iowa Telecom Extended Area Service.

NEW BUSINESS

Ryan Wicks from Tekippe Engineering was present to discuss some issues concerning the Westwood Avenue construction. Field crews have finished the topographic survey. Council reviewed pictures of the sanitary sewer system, which identified some problems. We will be televising these lines yet this fall and if problems are identified Council will need to address how we proceed. If there are major sewer problems, they may need to be addressed prior to the street reconstruction. Drainage pipes that are connected to the storm sewers appear to be plugged. These pipes are below water and gas lines. There is also a lot of flow into the storm sewers, which causes them to exceed their capacity. Tekippe can proceed with the original plans for just the street if council would like. Parkin moved to proceed with the original plans for just the street. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council discussed the access road for Elkader Street. Along with the archaeological survey that was completed, a wetland delineation study must be done. The access road is necessary but due to funding, the project should proceed as a gravel road and can eventually be cemented. Opperman moved to go out for bids for the wetland delineation study. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council addressed open burning dates for this fall. Opperman moved to set October 11 through November 14 as the open burning dates. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Stover moved to hold trick or treating on October 31st from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council addressed a request by city employees to have Christmas Day and day after and New Year's Day and the day after off for holidays instead of Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Friederich moved to approve city employees to take off Christmas Day, the day after, New Year's Day and the day after off for holidays. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Rizer moved to set the public hearing date for October 15th for the Housing Rehab Grant Program. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed quotes for a police vehicle from Recker Auto for 2008 Chevy Trailblazer for either \$18,500 or \$16,800 or a 2008 Dodge Durango for either \$16,500 or \$14,800, Hartwig Motors for a 2008 Dodge Durango for \$19,000 - \$20,000 and Rodas Chevrolet for a 2008 Chevrolet Trailblazer for \$17,500. The car purchased from Recker Auto would be from an auction and Rodas Chevrolet would be a program vehicle. Friederich moved to approve the quote from Rodas Chevrolet for a 2008 Trailblazer for \$17,500.00 with only 7300 miles. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Swales precast would like to donate two youth size soccer goals to the City. Swales will store them. There was some discussion regarding placing an ad in the school year book. The drawing for the Fireman's Harley will be September 30th at the fire station.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor