

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting October 3, 2007

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Schmidt presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Dale Fox, David Gould, Bill Green, Norm Rizer and Dean Courtnage.

David Gould moved to accept the consent agenda with the change to the minutes for September 19<sup>th</sup> and removal of claim to Swales until further investigation. Dean Courtnage seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The property at 310 Commercial Street was again discussed. There is a party interested in possibly purchasing this property. David Gould moved to hold the bids on 310 Commercial for two weeks until October 17<sup>th</sup>. Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was carried. The demolition bids for this property will be opened at the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting (addition: if property is not sold).

Lease agreements for the bus barn property were reviewed. There was much discussion on the exact wording on the agreements and if the property should just be sold. The date needs to be changed and both leases must be worded the same. The City Clerk will personally contact the two renters and see how they feel about paying all the repairs.

Bids for painting over the graffiti on the water tower were received. The two bids were from Pospisil Painting, Cedar Rapids, Iowa in the amount of \$887.00 and K&W Coatings, Elkader, Iowa in the amount of \$975.00. Norm Rizer moved to accept the bid from Pospisil Painting for \$887.00 for labor and materials. Dean Courtnage seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carries.

A request for a change order was put before the council concerning the Highway 3/13 Project. Ryan Wicks from Tekippe Engineering was present to discuss this with the council. The change order was due to a grade difference on a flow line and a service line on the North end of the project on Elkader Street. The change order also includes a request from Tschiggfrie for 3.5 hours of pay for this work. The change order amount is in the amount of \$1547, but Tekippe Engineering is saying the change order is worth \$667.24. No action was taken.

The city attorney reviewed the agreement between the City and Speer Financial. Since the agreement was reviewed and in agreement by the City attorney, the Mayor can now sign this, since it was approved at the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**INFORMATION**

Council received the minutes from the Electric Study Committee meeting held on September 19<sup>th</sup>. They also received a copy of the FY 2007 Annual Financial Report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A property owner received his utility bill and it included a high electric bill. His meter was re-read by the City and the readings were accurate. The property owner was present to discuss this with the council. The City has since installed a new meter. The City Superintendent requested that the meter be sent in for inspection to see if it malfunctioned and then council can make a decision about this. As far as the electric bill, it was discussed to do an average of his electric usage in August for the past five years and adjust the bill. Norm Rizer moved to adjust 211 Eder Street by doing an average for

electric usage for the past five years. Courtnage seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was passed.

The City Council was presented with a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program agreement. This agreement is with Steve Meyer to help us determine our disaster needs and then a disaster plan would be completed. Without a disaster plan the City would receive no funds for help if a disaster would happen. Fox moved to approve the spending of \$750 to develop our hazard mitigation plan. Green seconded the motion. Motion and second was withdrawn after some more discussion. No action was taken.

Electronic Media and Internet use Policy was discussed. The City Clerk will work with Councilman Fox on tweaking this and setting security features for city computers. This will be addressed at the next council meeting.

Walnut trees on city property were discussed. The walnuts get stuck in the storm sewer. They are also being thrown at buildings. If we could replace the walnut trees on city property with some fast growing trees, it might be a good idea. The City Council is making the community aware of the walnut tree problems.

Ordinance No. 07-11 An Ordinance Amending the City Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, to Add Article 47.19 Allowing the Animal Warden to Set Live Traps was presented to the council. Gould moved to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 07-11. Courtnage seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fox, Gould, Rizer, Green and Courtnage. Nays: None. First reading of Ordinance No. 07-11 passed.

Ordinance No. 07-12 An Ordinance Amending the City Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, to Allow a Separate Water Meter for Water Not Discharged through the City Sewer System was presented to the council. Green moved to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 07-12. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Green, Gould, Courtnage and Fox. Nays: none. First reading of Ordinance No. 07-12 passes.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

A property on East Mission was discussed concerning that it needs to be fixed or torn down. The property owner will need to be contacted to get something done so animals and kids can not be running in there. The type of fence being constructed on Elm Street was also discussed.

Gould moved to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. Fox seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

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Deanna Dement, City Clerk

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Douglas Schmidt, Mayor