

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting October 17, 2007

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Schmidt presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Dale Fox, Dean Courtnage, David Gould, and Norm Rizer. Bill Green was absent

Norm Rizer moved to accept the consent agenda with the additional claims and the changes to the October 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes. Dean Courtnage seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Tom Masey, Executive Director from Upper Explorerland was present to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Grant program. A Hazard Mitigation Plan is necessary to receive FEMA money in the case of a disaster. The Hazard Mitigation Plan being developed with this grant will be FEMA approved. The total cost of writing the plan is \$5,000. Of this amount, 75% comes from the Federal Government, 10% from the State Government and 15% is local match. The local match can be cash or in kind money. Council was presented with Resolution 07-19 Local Match for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Mayor Schmidt read Resolution 07-19. David Gould moved to approve Resolution 07-19. Dean Courtnage seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fox, Rizer, Gould and Courtnage. Nays: None. Resolution passes. Council reviewed the Hazard Mitigation Plan Authorized Planner Memorandum of Understanding. Rizer moved to approve the Hazard Mitigation Memorandum of Understanding. Fox seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. Council received Resolution 07-20 State of Iowa Designation of Applicants Authorized Representative. Mayor Schmidt read Resolution 07-20. Gould moved to adopt Resolution 07-20 State of Iowa Designation of Applicants Authorized Representative. Courtnage seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fox, Gould, Rizer and Courtnage. Nays. None. Resolution 07-20 passes.

Councilman Gould asked Mayor Schmidt to move to the Housing Rehab part of the agenda since Tom Masey is the representative for this as well. Tom Masey gave an overview of the housing rehab program. The rehab program can spend up to \$24,999 on each home. The date and time for the Public Hearing for the Housing Rehab Grant Program was determined. Gould moved to set the date and time for the Housing Rehab Grant public hearing for November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. Fox seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. The council also reviewed the Request for Proposals for technical services. These RFPs must go to four organizations. Gould moved to have the City Clerk send out the RFPs for the housing grant. Fox seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. The city match amount for this grant was discussed. Courtnage moved to match \$2000 per unit up to \$16,000. Fox seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Tom Masey also discussed TIF financing. A City can set up a TIF district, which can be for commercial or residential purposes. There must be a project to be eligible for TIF funds. Within this amount received, 41% must go to low-to-moderate income housing. Another representative from Upper Explorerland will be present to discuss this at the next council meeting in further detail.

The bus barn lease agreements were briefly discussed. The lease agreement is being reviewed by one of the renters. This will be addressed at a later date.

The second reading of Ordinance 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 reviewed. Rizer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 07-11. Fox moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 07-11. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Courtnage, Gould, Fox, and Rizer. Nays: None. Second reading passes. Gould moved to waive the third reading of Ordinance 07-11. Fox seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fox, Gould, Rizer and Courtnage. Nays: None. Motion passes. Ordinance 07-11 passes.

The second reading of Ordinance 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 reviewed. Fox moved to adopt the second reading of Ordinance 07-12. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Courtnage, Gould, Fox and Rizer. Nays: None. Second reading of Ordinance 07-12 passes. Gould moved to waive the third reading of Ordinance 07-12. Courtnage seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fox, Rizer, Gould and Courtnage. Nays: None. Motion was carried. Ordinance 07-12 passes.

Purchasing new computers for City Hall was discussed. After much discussion, Fox moved to purchase computers for city hall for \$2,321.34. Rizer seconded the motion. Ayes: Gould, Rizer, and Fox. Nays: Courtnage. Motion passes.

#### **INFORMATION**

Council received library board minutes from September 24<sup>th</sup>, September month-end financial information, and information on delinquent accounts. They also received minutes from Electric Study meeting from October 3<sup>rd</sup> and information on 310 Commercial.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The walnut trees on City property were discussed. The walnuts are a nuisance since they are plugging the storm sewers. The City will take the walnut trees down and replace them with some other type of tree. Fox moved to remove the walnut trees and replace them with a more desirable tree. Courtnage seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Adam Fette, City Employee was present to discuss the Alliant Energy Electric Conversion from Lincoln Street to Elm Street to Mechanic Street to Prairie Avenue; this will also include insulating to Forestville Road. The cost of this conversion is \$44,176. Along with this includes tree trimming, in the amount of \$7,880, which would start on South Commercial up to Elm Street to Forestville Road. Fette requested \$12,000 to be used for tree trimming. Courtnage moved to approve the Alliant Energy Electric Conversion in the amount of \$44,176. Gould seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. Fox moved to approve the tree trimming up to \$12,000. Gould seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The dates for November meetings were discussed. Gould moved to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Veteran's Day is November 11<sup>th</sup> this year. Gould moved to close City offices November 12<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day. Fox seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The Clayton County Development Group requested a donation from the City. \$1,000 was budgeted for this. Gould moved to give the Clayton County Development Group \$1000. Fox seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council received an urban revitalization application from Cory Davis. Fox moved to approve the urban revitalization application for Cory Davis. Gould seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

A water tower ladder enclosure estimate from K & W Coatings was received. Fox moved to proceed with the water tower ladder enclosure. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passed.

Tax Increment Financing Technical Assistance was discussed. Carolyn Corbin from Upper Explorerland will come to an upcoming meeting where this will be discussed in further detail.

Ordinance No. 07-13 An Ordinance amending the City Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, Article 68.02 to Establish Water Rates for Separate Meters Under Code Section 67.10 was read. No action was taken at this time.

Council received a liquor license renewal for Bill's Quik Shop. Fox moved to approve the liquor license renewal for Bill's Quik Shop. Gould seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carried.

A pay request in the amount of \$87,506.51 from Tschiggfrie was received. Fox moved to pay this pay request in the amount of \$87,506.51. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council received information on an Engineering Excellence Award for the sewer project from Kuehl and Payer. Gould moved to allow Kuehl and Payer to enter the Engineering Excellence Award with our wastewater treatment center. Fox seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The City Clerk would like to see some Christmas Bows to be purchased to hang on the streetlights. No action was taken.

Council reviewed resumes for the police officer position. Council will hold second interviews for the three candidates recommended by the Police Chief next Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> to start at 7:00pm.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

A house on East Mission was again discussed. Property owner will do what he can to take care of it. The change order amount from Tschiggfrie for the Highway 3/13 Project was discussed. This will be addressed at the next meeting. The council would like to see minutes from boards. They would also like to see vacancies published in the paper, as well as, minutes from their meetings. An ordinance will be looked at regarding the boards and about publishing vacancies and minutes. The streetlights in the downtown were again discussed. Adam is working on the problem.

Gould moved to adjourn at 10:09 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