

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting November 5, 2008

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 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, Al Friederich, Troy Stover and Norm Rizer.

Number 6 under the consent agenda, the in home occupancy permit for Wagging Tails Kennel was removed from the consent agenda due to the Planning & Zoning Board has not reviewed this permit application. Al Friederich moved and Norm Rizer seconded to approve the amended consent agenda. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The owner of Wagging Tails Kennel was present and addressed the City Council. The owner will take this responsibility seriously. Stover moved to approve the in home occupancy permit pending approval from the planning and zoning board. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 4) Minutes from October 15<sup>th</sup> and October 29<sup>th</sup>
- 5) Claims and additional claims
- 7) Motion to approve the re-appointment of Aaron Opperman to the Tree Board
- 8) Motion to approve the re-appointment of Herb Surom and Sharon Reed to the Ambulance Board
- 9) Police Officer Moser pay increase due to satisfactory performance review
- 10) Motion to approve liquor license renewal for Bills Quik Shop
- 11) Motion to approve 28E Agreement between Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division and the City of Strawberry Point

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

**INFORMATION**

Council reviewed the FY08 Annual Financial Report, minutes from the October 29<sup>th</sup> electrical study committee meeting. Council also reviewed the public participation rules for council meetings, ambulance board minutes from August 26<sup>th</sup> and the monthly police report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Tree Board President Jon Schack, and Tree Board Members Rick Miersen and Dennis Dement were present to request permission to do a special tree planning project located at the Civic Center. The Tree Board would like to purchase 35 trees to be placed at the top of the hill near the park area. These will be large shade trees. Some species of trees would include Popular, Sycamore, North Red Maples and Elm. The council would like to review the location before making a decision since expansion of the Civic Center might be in the City's future.

Richard Verchota, engineer from the Iowa Department of Transportation was present to answer particular questions of the council pertaining to the Highway 13 North construction. \$860,000 has been programmed for the reconstruction of Highway 13 north. There is concern with the sanitary sewer in the middle of the road. A possibility is that this could be abandoned and replaced on either side of the road. Another possibility is to do one lane at a time and having temporary traffic signals or pilot cars. A detour route will still be necessary due to truck traffic.

The funding is programmed for 2012 for this project. It may be a possibility that the State may assist or completely fund a temporary roadway. By January 2009 the City should have more of a timeline for the project.

The Mayor opened the sealed bids for the old police blazer. There were three sealed bids received. The bids were as follows: Bid #1 \$808.00 Alan Schaffer, Bid #2 \$1,253.95 Bob Pope, Bid #3 \$1,700 Mark Meyer. Rizer moved to accept the offer of \$1,700 from Mark Meyer. Parkin seconded the motion. Ayes: Opperman, Stover, Parkin, and Rizer. Nays: Friederich. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-19 An Ordinance Setting Fees and Conditions for Installation of underground electric service in the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa. Rizer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-19. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Friederich, Opperman, Rizer, Stover and Parkin. Nays: None. First reading passes.

Council reviewed the employee benefits renewal rates for 2009. There is a 10.57% increase in medical premiums and a 9.5% increase dental rates for 2009. After some discussion on costs, Stover moved to go with the City paying 94% and employees 6%. Friederich seconded the motion. Ayes: Parkin, Friederich, and Stover. Nays: Opperman and Rizer. Motion passes.

Council reviewed a cost proposal from Alliant Energy for more electric conversion on West Mission for \$11,982.42. This would take care of Industrial Drive and West to the end of town. Opperman moved to approve the conversion with Alliant Energy for \$11,982.42. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed Article 48 dog and cat licensing and limiting the number of animals a household can have. After much discussion, Rizer moved not to approve the first reading of Article 48. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Stover, Parkin. Nays: Friederich and Opperman. Motion passes. Article 48 failed.

Council reviewed a proposal of \$33,723.25 to purchase a new Chevrolet ambulance chassis. Councilman Parkin attended the ambulance board meeting and it was a very nice chassis. A box will be purchased at a later date. The ambulance department has Capital Equipment CDs and T&A CDs to cover the expense. A grant will be applied for when purchasing the box. Rizer moved to approve the purchase the 2009 Chevrolet ambulance chassis \$33,723.25. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed a proposal of \$55,000 for a new chassis for the 2009 rescue fire unit from Carl's Chevrolet. The Fire Dept has \$25,000 in a CD, \$5,000 in a CD and \$4000 budgeted for new equipment and they have \$4000 in their T&A. The remaining funds needed will come out of their general fund budgeted expenses already approved for the year. Opperman moved ordering a 2009 rescue unit chassis for \$55,000. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The smoke testing is complete with nothing really found. Camera work will be done soon. The covering area at the swimming pool is complete thanks to City employees, contractors and Upper Mississippi Gaming for the Grant.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Stover 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