

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting November 19, 2008

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Fox presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Al Friederich, Troy Stover, Jan Parkin, Jackie Opperman and Norm Rizer.

Friederich moved and Opperman seconded to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor and motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4) Minutes from November 5th
- 5) Claims
- 6) Motion to approve second 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

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

INFORMATION

Council reviewed October month-end financial reports, Strawberry Point Library Board minutes from October 28th and Planning & Zoning minutes from November 12th. Council also reviewed Tree Board minutes from October 13th, a thank you from the Clayton County Development Group, and the Chamber of Commerce November newsletter. As additional information, Council received the survey results pertaining to the two questions concerning the community center and the Highway 13 bypass and notification that the City Superintendent has passed his Water Distribution test.

NEW BUSINESS

The Tree Board had requested permission to plant some trees at the Civic Center. The Council was to look at the area and decide which area was suitable for more trees. Some area needs to be left alone to allow for future parking, so the prime location would be near the playground equipment and the current trees. Friederich moved to allow the Tree Board to do a special planting of trees at the Civic Center grounds with the stipulation that they leave some areas for parking. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed an agreement concerning the RISE Grant with the Iowa Department of Transportation. Opperman moved to approve the agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for the RISE Grant. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed some recommendations regarding guidelines for outdoor furnaces presented by Wally Rowcliffe. The DNR is putting regulations on these furnaces. States are also beginning to actually outlaw these outdoor furnaces. The EPA standards will be getting tighter starting in 2010. The guidelines would include minimum chimney height levels, the recommended fuels to be used, and the recommended distance from any residence. If a problem arises due to these outdoor furnaces, the City can be held liable if the location is in the City limits. These guidelines will be discussed further at the next meeting and an ordinance will then be drafted.

Council was presented with the idea of having a goal setting training session with the Institute of Public Affairs. Rizer moved that we don't proceed with the goal setting training. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The City Clerk requested permission to sign up for Internet Banking through Citizen's State Bank to allow for more efficiency. Parkin moved to allow the City Clerk to sign up for Internet Banking. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

It is again time to discuss rotation for the City Insurance policy as had been past practice. Mark Zwanziger from Zwanziger Insurance was present to discuss this since it is time for his rotation. He is requesting the record of insurance agent for the next three years. Friederich moved that we rotate to Zwanziger Insurance effective April 1, 2009 as the agent of record per the past precedence. Stover seconded the motion. Ayes: Opperman, Parkin, Stover and Friederich. Nays: Rizer. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

The council needs to review what improvements are needed at the Civic Center and City Hall so we can budget for these needs. The City Superintendent will make a list of these needs to be discussed at the December 17th meeting. Vacation hours that are remaining need to be reviewed. Due to the amount received for special assessments, additional principal payments may be made if allowed by the bonding requirements.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor