

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting December 3, 2008

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Fox presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Al Friederich, Jackie Opperman, Norm Rizer, Troy Stover and Jan Parkin.

Rizer moved and Stover seconded to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor and motion passes.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 4) Minutes from November 19th
- 5) Claims
- 6) Motion to approve third 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

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

**INFORMATION**

Council received a copy of the employee handbook for reviewing. A list of improvements to City Buildings was also received by the Council. This list will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ryan Wicks from Tekippe Engineering was present to go over a professional services agreement for the Industrial Park Project. This agreement has an estimated cost of \$30,000. This project is approximately 1400 sq. feet and will be let at the same time as the Westwood Project. Opperman moved to approve the professional services agreement for the Industrial Park project. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Ryan also reviewed a preliminary services agreement for Elkader Street with the council. Ryan briefly provided the council with some options to the problem with construction on this roadway. The project could include small, choppy stages to allow for a detour path that would allow access during the project. This agreement would allow Tekippe Engineering to look at these options in more detail to be presented at a later meeting. The cost of the preliminary services would be approximately \$5000. Council would like to wait to consider this agreement following discussion with the DOT on the schedule of Elkader Street construction.

Council received information concerning adding a \$5.00 base charge to water meters. This base charge will apply to everyone equally and not per water usage. This base charge revenue would be split between water and sewer. Sewer lining is needed on the sewer lines and the additional revenue would help with this project. Council would like to review the need for this during the budget discussions.

Council received much information concerning possible things to consider in an outdoor furnace ordinance. The EPA is going to tighten the emission standards in 2010 and an ordinance passed at this time may not be applicable in 2010. A property owner addressed the council regarding open burning and how dangerous this is to people's health. This danger also comes from wood burning furnaces. There was much discussion about outdoor furnace regulations.

Again a committee will review current outdoor furnace ordinances and bring some recommendations back to the council.

Council received an inquiry from a citizen about the lockers in the Civic Center. Opperman moved that we verify that lockers are not being used and if not, then advertise with a due date of 4:30 pm on December 17<sup>th</sup> with the individuals responsible for hauling and that an entire set of lockers must be purchased. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Friederich 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