

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting December 17, 2008

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Fox presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Al Friederich, Jan Parkin, Norm Rizer, Jackie Opperman and Troy Stover.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 4) Minutes from December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 5) Claims
- 6) Motion to approve Urban Revitalization for Development Resources of Iowa, Inc
- 7) Motion to approve Resolution No. 08-39 – Resolution to transfer funds from T&A Electric Meter Deposits to Capital Equipment Improvement CD
- 8) Motion to approve Resolution No. 08-40 – Resolution to transfer funds from T&A Water Meter Deposits to Water Capital Equipment Improvement CD

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

**INFORMATION**

Council received library board minutes from November 25<sup>th</sup>, a Christmas Greeting from Clayton County Development Group, Electric Study Committee minutes from November (December) 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Tree Board Minutes from November 10<sup>th</sup>. Also, received by the Council was November month-end financial reports and a Thank You from Strawberry Point Development Fund.

**NEW BUSINESS**

McKenzie Johnson, Economic Development Director was present to ask the council for an in-kind contribution with a Clayton County Foundation for the Future Grant that she is applying for. The grant is due in January and the Chamber of Commerce will match the grant up to \$500.00. The grant will be for a speaker system to be used by the Chamber, as well as, other groups. The City's contribution would include storing the speaker system and renting out the system. Rizer moved to approve the in-kind contribution for the Chamber for storing the speaker system. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The City received sealed bids for the sets of lockers in the Civic Center. Mayor Fox opened the sealed bids, which consisted of two bids. The first bid was for two sets of flat top lockers for \$81.76 from Mark Zwanziger and the second bid was for 4 sections of lockers and 1 section of grey lockers for \$300 from Pam Vaske and Melissa Brooks. Opperman moved to accept the bid for \$300 from Pam Vaske and Melissa Brooks for sections of green lockers and 1 section of grey lockers and to tag the money for the Civic Center and if there are any lockers left to be sold to Mark Zwanziger for his bid price if they are the lockers he bid on. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The Council reviewed a list of needed improvements to the City buildings including City Hall, the Civic Center, City Garage, Band Shell and the Park Shelters. The priority of these improvements should be to make City Hall handicap accessible. Council would like cost

estimates for each of these improvements and possibly take a tour of the buildings to see what is actually needed. The first meeting in January will be held at the Library and will include a tour of the Civic Center to go over needed improvements.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The owner of Aunt B's Inn was present to ask about the transformer that provides electricity to them and find out if this problem is being addressed. This transformer problem is approved to be fixed as soon as the weather permits. He also brought up the idea to the council about coordinating a theme for the downtown store fronts to possibly attract new businesses and to offer incentives. Abby Cline from Upper Explorerland was present to introduce herself. She will be handling the hazard mitigation plan for the Strawberry Point. She gave an overview of the updates to the hazard mitigation grant requirements. The City needs to develop a committee and then pass a Resolution to approve this committee at the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:10 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