

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting December 19, 2007

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Schmidt presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Dale Fox, David Gould, Dean Courtnage, Bill Green, and Norm Rizer.

Mayor Schmidt opened the Public Hearing for the Budget Amendment at 7:00 p.m. After some brief discussion, the public hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m. Rizer moved to approve Resolution No. 07-24 City Budget Amendment and Certification Resolution. Green seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fox, Green, Gould, Courtnage and Rizer. Nays: None. Resolution No. 07-24 passes.

Gould moved to approve the consent agenda with the changes to the minutes from December 5th and the claims plus the added claims to Aquila for \$2,166.11 and Dean Courtnage (XL Trailers) for \$99.00 for reflective tape for the new snow plow truck. Fox seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Courtnage moved to approve the in home occupancy permit to Northeast Iowa Pet Rescue with the stipulations put forth by the Planning and Zoning Board. Gould seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council took no action on the contract with Citizen's State Bank regarding the antenna that will be placed on the water tower, since Citizen's is still reviewing the contract. This will be addressed at a later date.

Council again reviewed the final pay request from Tschiggfrie Excavating in the amount of \$12,530.77. They also received a change order in the amount of 7,053.20 for the project that affected the final pay request of the project for Franklin and Buffalo. Rizer moved to pay the final pay request in the amount of \$12,530.77. Gould seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer and Fox. Nays: Green, Courtnage and Gould. Motion fails. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

The appointment to the Upper Explorerland Regional Housing Authority Board was discussed. Council member Rizer volunteered to be on this board. Gould moved to appoint Council member Rizer to the Upper Explorerland Regional Housing Authority Board. Fox seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

INFORMATION

The council received minutes from the Library Board meeting from November 27th, November month-end financial information, and minutes from Planning and Zoning from December 12th.

NEW BUSINESS

The council received a request from City Superintendent Robinson and Public Works employee Fette to carryover their unused vacation hours to 2008. Gould moved to allow these two employees to carryover unused vacation hours to 2008. Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Fire Chief Robinson requested council permission to purchase a new cutter for the Jaws of Life. Fox moved to allow the Fire Department to purchase a new cutter for the Jaws of Life in the amount of \$5400. Gould seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The Strawberry Point Chamber of Commerce requested reimbursement for the holiday decorations in the amount of \$361.84 to be paid out of the Munter Trust fund. Fox moved to pay \$361.84 to the Chamber of Commerce out of the Munter Trust fund for the holiday decorations. Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed Resolution No. 07-25 Resolution to Transfer From Capital Improvement Street Investment to Capital Improvement Street Revenue Fund in the amount of \$165,406.86. This transfer will cover the expenses that have been incurred so far with the projects. Courtnage moved to approve Resolution No. 07-25. Gould seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Fox, Gould, Rizer, Green and Courtnage. Nays: None. Resolution No. 07-25 passes.

The City Clerk received a resignation from Council Member Fox for his council seat. The City Clerk then led Mayor elect Dale Fox and council elects Jan Parkin and Troy Stover and Treasurer Thomas Munter in the oath of office. City Clerk, Deanna Dement and Deputy City Clerk, Liz Jaster presented Mayor Douglas Schmidt, and Council members Dean Courtnage, David Gould and Bill Green with certificates of appreciation for their valuable service to the City of Strawberry Point.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was discussion on property owner's responsibility to shovel their sidewalks, since there are many properties that have not been shoveled. The City Clerk will publish the City Code on snow removal and begin sending out letters if sidewalks are not shoveled. The farm lease was discussed and the current renter should have bid the rent to include fertilizer costs. Also, when the lease is reviewed again, it should include a clause that states the soil should be in the same condition at the end of the lease as when it began. Council member Courtnage also wanted to commend the city workers on the great job of removing the snow off the City streets. He also commented that Strawberry Point's streets are better than other cities when it comes to snow removal. The retiring council members offered words of appreciation to current city employees and challenges to the newly elected council members.

Gould moved to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Courtnage seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor