

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting January 7, 2009

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board Room at the Strawberry Point Library. 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.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 4) Minutes from December 17<sup>th</sup>
- 5) Claims
- 6) PCC Billing Services Agreement

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

**INFORMATION**

Council received Electric Study Committee minutes from December 11<sup>th</sup>, a cost proposal for windows for the Civic Center and the monthly police department report. The council also received an email that stated the bid letting for Highway 13 will be in 2011 and the construction will be done in 2012.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Citizens from Sunset Knoll were present to discuss snow removal from their sidewalks. The sidewalks are very close to the road and it is very hard to keep the snow removed due to the snowplow putting the snow from the road on the sidewalk. One option that was discussed included pushing the snow into the middle of the road and then moving the snow into the field at the end of Sunset so that reduced amounts of snow are placed on the sidewalks. This option will be used for now to see if this alleviates extra snow to be placed on the sidewalks. The property owners are to continue to remove snow and ice from their sidewalks as set forth by the City Code.

Council received information concerning outdoor furnace requirements. This information needs to be reviewed further by the committee and compiled and then an ordinance will be drafted. The outdoor burning ordinance may also include banning open burning of leaves. Some options for banning open burning may include purchasing a leaf blower for picking up residential leaves.

The Council received information from the Electrical Study Committee regarding the St. Foods utility account. A problem with a meter at St. Foods occurred in January 2007 and continued to occur, which caused electricity not to be metered correctly. This problem was being addressed, but was never completely corrected until August 2008. During this time St. Foods was receiving electric service at a much reduced cost. The Electric Study Committee would recommend that a representative from the City Council sit down and talk with St. Foods regarding this situation. Legally the City can collect 6 months of undercharged bills from St. Foods. Following the meeting with St. Foods, it will again be discussed at the next city council meeting.

There has been a request for an appeal regarding the recommendations from a property inspection at 114 E. Elm. Opperman moved to set the date for the public hearing for January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm for 114 E. Elm. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

There was a request for a public hearing so an extension may be granted to comply with the recommendations from a property inspection at 115 E. Mission. Opperman moved to set the date for the public hearing for January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:10pm for 115 E. Mission. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed Resolution 09-01, A Resolution accepting the work covering the sidewalk improvement project. Rizer moved to approve Resolution 09-01. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed Resolution 09-02 Resolution adopting final assessment schedule specifying final assessments for the sidewalk project. Rizer moved to approve Resolution 09-02. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Moser School of dance requested permission from the City Council to rent the Civic Center to hold gymnastic classes from September 2009 through May 2010. Opperman moved to approve Moser School of Dance to hold gymnastics at the Civic Center for the 2009-2010 school year. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Budget workshops will be held January 28<sup>th</sup> and February 11<sup>th</sup> if needed. The Council then moved the meeting into the Civic Center to conduct a tour of the building to see what improvements are needed. Ceiling tiles, energy efficient lighting, windows, insulation, a new heating system and a new floor for the multi-purpose room and other improvements are needed.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 8:28 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