

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting December 16, 2009

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Fox presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Jan Parkin, Troy Stover, Rich Newman, and Jackie Opperman. Rizer was absent.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

6) Minutes from December 2nd

7) Claims

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council reviewed Resolution No. 09-36 Resolution proposing to dispose of Lot 7 in Industrial Park. This resolution is the first step in selling a lot at the Industrial Park. Parkin moved that we approve Resolution No. 09-36. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Newman, Parkin, Stover. Nays: None. Opperman abstained. Resolution No. 09-36 passes.

INFORMATION

The Council received a letter from the City Attorney regarding the drainage obligation on Elm Street, the annual report and a holiday letter from the Clayton County Development Group, a report from the Strawberry Point Police Department and Strawberry Point Library minutes from November 23.

NEW BUSINESS

The roof at the Wilder Museum began leaking recently. There is considerable damage happening and the roof may collapse. The valuable items in the museum must be relocated to keep them safe. Council received two cost proposals, one from K.J.'s Roofing & Construction for \$19,500 and \$22,348.00 from Lynch Roofing and Siding, Inc. Opperman moved to accept the bid from K.J.'s Roofing with a 20 year warranty for \$19,500. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Parkin, Stover and Newman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

A resident from Oak Street was present to discuss why a garbage fire in town was permitted to burn in his neighborhood for 4 days that caused his family to be sick. The Fire Chief had approved this and the Police Chief investigated this and found that the Fire Chief had approved this. The Fire Chief had also notified the Clayton County Sheriff's office that this was approved. The fire was set to be burned during the open burn time, but the Fire Chief wanted to wait until the crop was harvested to prevent a fire from spreading to the field. According to the Fire Chief the fire only occurred on one day, not four days. No garbage or building materials were witnessed by the Police Chief or the Fire Chief. The resident cited City Code sections that dealt with prohibiting burning garbage and building materials. He would like this to be avoided in the future. Neighbors of this property owner were present to discuss that the fire didn't burn for four days.

The council reviewed a cost proposal for purchasing a leaf vacuum machine through Elliott for \$18,000 with a diesel engine. Financing is available for 2 or 3 years with an interest rate of 4%. With financing like this a public hearing is required and legal fees would be incurred.

It would be more costly to finance than to purchase the vacuum outright. Opperman moved to approve this purchase pending positive referrals. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Opperman and Newman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

The cost proposal from Alliant regarding the electric conversion for part of downtown was not received yet so this will be tabled until that is received.

The council reviewed the proposed contract from Bi-County which will take effect February 1, 2010. After some discussion on the terms included, Stover moved to approve the contract with no fall cleanup. Parkin seconded the motion. Ayes: Parkin, Stover and Newman. Nays: Opperman. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Officer Johns passed his physical agility test to enter the Police Academy in January. Good luck Josh.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. Newman seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor