

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting July 1, 2009

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 1, 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 Troy Stover, Jackie Opperman, Al Friederich, Jan Parkin, and Norm Rizer.

Friederich moved to approve the agenda. Rizer seconded this motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

4) Minutes from June 3<sup>rd</sup>

5) Claims

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

The City received bids for the street bonds from Citizens State Bank and Farmers Savings Bank. Citizens State Bank bid the bonds at 4.4% and Farmers Savings Bank bid 5.65%. Jeff Heil from Northland Securities tabulated the bids and recommended that we award Citizens State Bank the bid. Opperman moved to award the bid to Citizens State Bank. Friederich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Friederich, Stover and Parkin. Rizer abstained. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the third reading of Ordinance No. 09-03 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance for removal of animal waste in Strawberry Point, Iowa. Stover moved to approve the third reading. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Rizer, and Opperman. Nays: Friederich. Ordinance passes.

Council reviewed a voluntary easement for Hansel's on Westwood Drive. Rizer moved to approve the voluntary easement for the Hansel's on Westwood. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council also reviewed a temporary easement for 312 Westwood Drive to repair the storm sewer. Friederich moved to approve this temporary easement. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Property owner at 114 E. Elm was here to again discuss the storm sewer issue on his land. Meyer Excavating was consulted. Water runs naturally down into this land. The property owner still feels our proposal is not adequate.

Council received a cost comparison between Iowa Telecom and Mediacom for phone service for the City offices. This would provide a considerable savings for the City. Opperman moved that we switch City Hall, Shop, Fire and Police to Mediacom and leave the pool with Iowa Telecom due to the cost difference. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

**INFORMATION**

Council received a Strawberry Days Survey done by CCDG, electric study committee minutes from June 16<sup>th</sup>, Ambulance Board minutes February 17<sup>th</sup>, and Ambulance Board minutes June 15<sup>th</sup>. Council also received civic center rental stats for 2008-2009, Chamber activities for 2008 and information concerning the DOT providing alternatives and possible cost estimates for Commercial Street drainage problems. Also, received was the Clayton County Development

newsletter and information that the sewer lining is complete. The resident from Commercial Street provided the council a cost proposal from Timmerman Construction on a possible solution to the water runoff on Commercial Street. This plan will be reviewed by the DOT to make sure it is acceptable. If acceptable, then we will get a second bid for the project.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The library requests \$600 from their budget for matching funds for a proposal being written from Upper Mississippi Gaming for a new computer and color printer that is being written by the Clayton County Library Association. Rizer moved to approve the request for this grant writing. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed a housing rehab release for 504 Commercial Street. Opperman moved to approve the housing release. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Personnel committee recommended a pay freeze for 6 months and then it will be reviewed at that time. Stover moved that Resolution 09-22 include a 6 month pay freeze, with a review following that. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The intersection of West Spring and Westwood Drive is getting washed out. This will need to be replaced once Westwood Drive is reconstructed. This will be discussed following completion of Westwood Drive.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Council will be reviewing the City's goals on the Vision 2020 plan at the next council meeting. We need a signed agreement with the Body Shop before the City will do anymore on our part. Our pool is in bad shape and will need some major repairs soon. The date for the next meeting will be Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business, Rizer moved to adjourn at 7:52 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