

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting May 6, 2009

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 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, Norm Rizer, Jackie Opperman, and Troy Stover. Al Friederich was absent.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 4) Minutes from April 15<sup>th</sup>
- 5) Claims
- 6) Motion to approve recommendation of Nick Neal to the Fire Department

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Concerned citizens from 423 and 425 Commercial Street were present to discuss again the water runoff during the heavy rain that runs into their driveways. The citizens had pictures of the water from the heavy rain. A possible solution is raising the sidewalks, therefore channeling the water back into the street. Another option would be to add another storm sewer. The engineer from the Highway 3/13 project was present and he commented that the water problem may be due to the design of the road. Stover moved that we have Tekippe Engineering put together a proposal for services to review the water problem on Commercial Street. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

A property owner from Westwood was present to discuss the extreme water during heavy rain storms that appears to be coming from the field and the lots located behind the homes on the West side of the street. The erosion problem has increased since there are no trees or tall grass to stop the water. There is a similar problem further South on Westwood. A couple council members, the City Superintendent, City Administrator and the business owners will hold a meeting to discuss this.

Council reviewed Resolution No. 09-19 Awarding Contract for the Westwood Drive Street. Low bid for this project was submitted by Baker Concrete & Excavating for \$324,218.64. Opperman moved to approve Resolution No. 09-19 awarding the contract to Baker Concrete. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Rizer, and Stover. Nays: Parkin. Resolution passes.

Council reviewed Resolution No. 09-20 Awarding Contract for the Industrial Park Street Improvement Project. Low bid for this project was submitted by Baker Concrete & Excavating, but they were not on the DOT approved list, therefore, Baker withdrew his bid. The next low bid was from Tschiggfrie Excavating Co. for \$163,523.90. Opperman moved to approve Resolution No. 09-20 awarding the contract to Tschiggfrie Excavating Co. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Opperman, Stover and Parkin. Nays: None. Resolution passes.

Council reviewed a claim for reimbursement for the Industrial Park project through the RISE grant for \$9,416.47. Parkin moved to approve submitting the reimbursement claim to the RISE grant. Stover seconded. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Carlton, owner of the Body Shop Fitness Center was present to finalize the details of his fitness center that will be located in the basement of City Hall. He would need 4 more electric outlet installed. Wessel Electric has some additional lights ordered for the area. Opperman moved to approve the lease with the Body Shop Fitness with the changes discussed including the start date of June 1, 2009 and the address change. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Summer hours for City employees was again added to the agenda. Stover moved to continue City Hall hours 8:00 AM– 4:30 PM for the summer. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

#### **INFORMATION**

Council received Tree Board minutes from March 9, 2009.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The property owner from 511 Commercial was present to discuss the denial from the Tree Board regarding pine trees in the back yard of their property. They had offered to remove the trees at their cost and they would replant some hard wood trees. He would at least like to trim the trees. No action was taken. The request to trim the trees will go back to the Tree Board.

The renter of the City farm is requesting some repairs to the creek and tiling at the City Farm. The council would like some opinions from a farm manager on this. This will be tabled until a later meeting.

Council reviewed the first reading of Ordinance No. 09-03 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance for removal of animal waste in Strawberry Point, Iowa. Stover moved to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 09-03. Rizer seconded the motion. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Rizer. Nays: Opperman. First reading passes.

Council reviewed some items with Strawberry Days, including the parade route which will be West Spring to Park to West Mission up to Commercial and then to West Elm to Park Avenue. Opperman moved to approve the parade route as the same as last year. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The Mudrunners is requesting permission to hold their annual event for Strawberry Days. Opperman moved to approve the mudrunners to hold the event pending receipt of their insurance certificate. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The VFW requested permission to hold their Strawberry Days breakfast at the fire station on Saturday, June 13. Rizer moved to approve the VFW to hold their annual breakfast. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed the swimming lesson dates and times. Swimming lessons will be held June 8 – June 20 and July 13 – July 24 and will be \$20.00. Forms will be sent to school or can be picked up at City Hall. Opperman moved to approve the swimming lessons as listed above. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. Council also discussed purchasing uniform swimwear for lifeguards. Opperman moved to that the City will purchase 1 swimming suit, tankini for girls and shorts for boys, for lifeguards. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

City Superintendent requested permission to purchase a 3 phase transformer for the Lutheran Home for \$8200, but we can trade in 3- 100 KV transformers for a total of \$1500. Rizer moved to approve purchasing the 3 phase transformed. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

City Superintendent request to purchase 100 single phase meters. Stover moved to have the City Superintendent order a pallet of single phase meters. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council was to review prices of retention basin for 114 East Elm to prevent erosion. This will be added to the May 20<sup>th</sup> agenda for review.

Council reviewed the police manual with recommended changes by the City Attorney. The City Attorney will review this again with the changes made and then it will be placed on the next agenda to be formally approved by council.

The council was presented with a Proclamation declaring May 10-16 as Iowa School Board Recognition week. Opperman moved to approve this proclamation. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed a subordination agreement for 305 Commercial. Stover moved to approve the subordination agreement. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed Resolution No. 09-18 Resolution designating hazard mitigation authorized representative. Opperman moved to approve Resolution No. 09-18. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received a request to have a representative to the Fayette County Communications Board. Bob Pope volunteered for the position. Stover moved to appoint Bob Pope to the Fayette County Communications Board. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The business owner at East Mission has a building inspector coming to re-inspect his building to make sure he has met the requirements he was to make by the City. The City parks are being vandalized by local kids. An ad will be placed in the paper looking for information.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Rizer 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