

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting November 18, 2009

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 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, Troy Stover and Jackie Opperman. Newly elected council member Rich Newman was also present.

Since one of the council positions on the ballot was to fill a position that had been resigned and appointed, newly elected council member Rich Newman can assume the position now. The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to newly elected council member Rich Newman.

Mayor Fox opened the public hearing for the budget amendment at 6:05 PM. There were no verbal or written objections. Public hearing was closed at 6:06 PM. Council reviewed Resolution No. 09-32 Resolution of Strawberry Point, Iowa Amending the current budget for the fiscal year ending June 2010. Stover moved to approve Resolution No. 09-32. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Rizer, Opperman and Newman. Nays: None. Resolution No. 09-32 passes.

The City Clerk requested council to approve the appointment of Theresa Callahan as Ambulance Training Director pending approval of the Ambulance Board. Rizer moved to approve the agenda. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Rizer, Opperman, Stover and Newman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6) Minutes from November 4th
- 7) Claims
- 8) Motion to approve the appointment of Theresa Callahan as Ambulance Training Director
- 9) Motion to release Housing Rehab Mortgages that are matured for 305 Commercial

Stover moved to approve the consent agenda with the approval of Theresa Callahan as the Ambulance Training Director pending approval of the Ambulance Board. Newman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Rizer, Parkin, Stover and Newman. Nays: None. Consent agenda passes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council reviewed the second reading of Ordinance No. 09-04 An Ordinance Adopting a New Strawberry Point City Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa. Rizer moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 09-04. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote Ayes: Opperman, Newman, Parkin, Stove and Rizer. Nays: None. 2nd reading passes. Stover moved that we waive the 3rd reading of Ordinance No. 09-04. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Newman, Parkin, Stover, Rizer and Opperman. Ordinance No. 09-04 passes.

Council reviewed many items concerning the Westwood Drive Street Project. A walk through of the project was completed. A few things will need to be fixed in the spring. The contract change order for the entire project was \$29,577.64, which were mostly stabilization materials. The overall project looks good and is a good finished project. Council needed to approve a few items. The contract change order for \$29,577.64. Rizer moved to approve the contract change order. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Stover, Parkin, Newman and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes. Council reviewed the final pay estimate in the amount of \$137,122.81. Opperman moved to approve final pay estimate of \$137,122.81. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Parkin, Rizer,

Opperman and Newman. Nays: None. Motion passes. Council then needed to formally accept the project. Rizer moved to accept the project. Newman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Rizer, Opperman, Newman and Parkin. Nays: None. Motion passes. The council reviewed the final special assessments. Rizer moved to approve the final special assessments. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Newman, Opperman, Rizer, Stover and Parkin. Nays: None. Motion passes.

INFORMATION

The Council received minutes from the Board of Adjustment meeting held May 4, 2009, October month-end financial reports and a letter regarding the City easement at the former Spang Barn property.

NEW BUSINESS

Council reviewed 2010 insurance renewal costs. Josh from Truenorth was present to discuss the renewal rates with the council. The current plan has an estimated 6.3% increase and a \$1500 and \$3000 deductible. One option is to raise the deductible and the City pay the employee the difference in deductible, which would keep the premiums the same. This ultimately would create a savings for the City. The council would like more time to review this information so this will be placed on the next agenda.

The Police Department was awarded a Step Grant for \$4500 and the Chief would like to purchase an in-car camera system with this money. Council was presented with a cost proposal for \$4,360 from Tactical Solutions. Rizer moved to approve the purchase of the in-car camera and use Step money. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Rizer, Newman and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Police Chief Pope was present to discuss scheduling when Officer Johns attends the police academy at Camp Dodge beginning in January. Josh will test on December 15th for the academy. January 4 through April 2nd are the dates for the Academy. Josh can pick up weekend hours if he wants, otherwise we will rely on certified officers. Rizer moved to approve up to 96 hours of service for our police department not to exceed \$1500. Newman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Newman, Parkin, Stover, Rizer, and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

The Mayor and City Clerk would like to hold a training session with the newly elected council members and as a refresher course for the current council members. The training will be held December 30th.

The Fire Department received a grant from the DNR for pagers. The grant will pay \$1162 for 5 pagers. Council reviewed a cost proposal from Graybill Communications for \$4,452.95. Parkin moved that we allow the fire department to purchase pagers using the grant money. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Parkin, Stover, Opperman and Newman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed 2 cost proposals for capping the well at the pump house located behind Country Rose Café. Cost proposals were received from Northway Well and Pump Co for \$3,000 and from Cahoy for \$3,015. Rizer moved that we go with Northway Well for \$3000. Opperman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Opperman, Newman, Parkin and Stover. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed 2 cost proposals for a submersible pump for the East Well House. This is included in our capital project plan and money has been set aside for this expense. Cost proposals were received from Cahoy for \$11,418 and Northway Well and Pump Co for \$11,373.15. Rizer moved to approve purchasing the submersible pump from Northway Well for

\$11,373.15. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Opperman, Newman, Parkin and Stover. Nays: None. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

We can go through the Clayton County Conservation to put a buffer strip in at the City Farm and it will be a cost share project.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor