

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting January 21, 2009

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 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, Jackie Opperman, Al Friederich, Norm Rizer and Troy Stover.

3) Public Hearing for appealing notice of defects of unsafe building and requiring demolition or repair at 114 East Elm.

Mayor Fox opened the public hearing at 6:01PM. The property owner of 114 East Elm was present to address the structure conditions listed in the inspection report. The property owner does not want water or electric service to this property. The property owner has consulted with a structural engineer for possible problems and agencies to test for lead-based paint. The property owner will scrape the peeling paint and replace the roof. This is no longer being used as a house, but as a storage garage and it is zoned residential. Council would like to review the zoning for this property before a decision is made. Stover moved to table this discussion until further research has been done. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Hearing was closed at 6:46PM.

4) Public Hearing for extension to make repairs to 115 East Mission

Mayor Fox opened the public hearing at 6:47 PM. The property owner of 115 East Mission is requesting an extension until April 15, 2009 to meet the recommended repairs. He has already made some improvements that were on the list and has plans to do the remaining. He has requested a structural engineer to review the property once the repairs have been made. Parkin moved to approve an extension for the property at 115 East Elm until April 15, 2009 with an additional inspection at the owner's expense. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Hearing was closed at 6:51PM.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

4) Minutes from January 7<sup>th</sup>

5) Claims

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

**INFORMATION**

Council received Library Board minutes from December 8<sup>th</sup>, the 2008 Fireman's Association financial reports and the December month-end reports. Also, provided to the council was a reminder of the upcoming budget workshops scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup> and February 11<sup>th</sup>, if needed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Economic Development requested permission to apply for the Clayton County Foundation for the Future grant using the City's Tax ID. This grant is for a speaker system and the City will store the system. Friederich moved to approve Economic Development to use the City's Tax ID to apply for this grant. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Mayor Fox moved to the agenda item discussing Westwood. Ryan Wicks from Tekippe Engineering was present. He reviewed sewer tapes and there is some areas that need addressed. It would be wise to repair the sewer as part of this project. By doing the sewer the road would go from 6" to 7" and the subgrade would increase from 8" to 14". This would increase the project by approximately \$115,000. A review of the budget will be done before a decision will be made whether we construct Westwood this year or next fiscal year.

The Strawberry Days Tractor Pull requested permission to hold the annual tractor pull on Sunday of Strawberry Days at Campbell Park. Rizer moved to approve the Strawberry Days Tractor Pull to be held on Sunday of Strawberry Days at Campbell Park. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Councilman Parkin talked with the owner of St. Foods to discuss their under billed utility account. This will be discussed at the next meeting and the involved individuals will be present to discuss this.

Council was presented with setting the date for the annual Spring Cleanup. Friederich moved to set May 9<sup>th</sup> as the Annual Spring Cleanup day. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed a proposal to replace the windows at the South end of City Hall to more energy efficient windows. This would reduce the heating and cooling bills for City Hall. An additional quote will be obtained and this will be addressed at the next meeting.

The council took a tour of the Civic Center building and there are numerous improvements that need to be done. Perhaps a third-party should review this building and see what is needed and how our money can be most effectively used. Opperman moved to table this discussion until after budget workshops. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Alliant is doing the conversion on West Mission. There have been problems with the water tower. Automatic Systems was here to make adjustments to the water tower. The DNR conducted an inspection on our water system and there are some minor changes that will be made.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 8:21 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