

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting February 4, 2009

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 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 Al Friederich, Jan Parkin, Troy Stover, Norm Rizer and Jackie Opperman.

Opperman moved to remove item 5 - claims and 6 - In Home Occupancy Permit from the consent agenda. Friederich seconded this motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

4) Minutes from January 21 and 28

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

OLD BUSINESS

Council reviewed claims and additional claims. Parkin moved to approve the claims and the additional claims. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

A representative from St. Foods was present to read a letter from the manager of St. Foods. St. Foods is willing to reimburse the City the 6 months that we can back bill for this. The City is willing to set up a payment arrangement with St. Foods. Parkin moved to approve the City Clerk to meet with Gary McElroy of St. Foods to present 6 months worth of back billing which was incorrectly billed being based an average of 3 months KWh usage before and 3 months KWh after the problem at the applicable rate during the improper billing and to set up a payment arrangement. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed recommendations from the outdoor furnace committee. Some recommendations include a \$25.00 permit, proof insurance, URL certified, furnace must have the URL and CA tag still on it, existing outdoor furnaces must be permitted also, furnaces must be 100 ft from adjoining residence and 25 ft from lot line. The furnaces may operate September through May and have spark arrestors. Suspension of permit will occur if there is harmful omission. The Enforcement officer will respond to complaints. An informal ordinance will be drafted for the next meeting.

Ryan Wicks was present from Tekippe Engineering to discuss proceeding with Westwood. Council reviewed Addendum #1 for the agreement for professional services to include the sewer repair. Preliminary assessments will be discussed at the next meeting. Another public meeting will be held shortly with the property owners. Letting for Westwood will be done at the same time as the Industrial park. Rizer moved to approve Addendum #1 to include the sewer engineering. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. Special assessments should be done similar to the Highway 13 project, which would include driveways, curb and gutter and sewer service lines. Rizer moved to proceed with the special assessments to include driveways, curb and gutter and sewer service lines. An average assessment would be near \$3500. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. Opperman moved to approve that we proceed with the Westwood project during the summer of 2009. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed police department staffing again. It had been discussed using reserves previously, but this is just temporary and is not a long-term solution. Police calls went up 236

calls in 2008-2009 from 2007-2008. Police Chief Pope is requesting that we hire a second officer. Parkin moved that we advertise for a police officer. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

INFORMATION

Council received a letter from Clayton County Development Group and minutes from the Planning and Zoning meeting held on January 29th.

NEW BUSINESS

Council reviewed the In Home Occupancy Permit for 212 Elkader that was removed from the consent agenda. Following brief discussion Stover moved to approve the in home occupancy for 212 Elkader. Rizer seconded the motion. Ayes: Rizer, Parkin and Stover. Nays: Opperman and Friederich. Motion passes.

Council reviewed Resolution No. 09-03 – Resolution to fix a date for a public hearing on a loan agreement not to exceed \$390,000. This resolution is necessary to be able to levy for funds to assist in making the principal and interest payments on this debt. This levy must be approved and to the County Auditor by March 30, 2009. Opperman moved to approve Resolution No. 09-03 with the public hearing being at 6:00pm on February 18th. Friederich seconded the motion. Ayes: Rizer, Friederich, Stover, Parkin and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Dan Paris was present to present the VISION2020 plan and the goals that the City is responsible for. Many of these goals are not new, but carryovers from previous strategic plan. The goals assigned to the City do not mean that the City is the only one responsible for these goals, but the community is also responsible. Opperman moved to approve the presentation and accept the goals with enthusiasm. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council discussed pool staffing for the upcoming summer. Stover moved to approve the City Clerk to advertise for manager, asst manager and life guards and that pay will be dependent on qualifications. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. The price of pool passes was discussed. Opperman moved that we keep the passes the same as last year and offer discounted prices until June 1st. The family discounted pass will be \$80 single pass \$40 and \$35 for sitter/companion. Friederich seconded the motion. Ayes: Opperman, Rizer, Friederich and Parkin. Nays: Stover. All voted in favor and motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Northeast Iowa Mudrunner Association wants to use the Industrial Park for the St. Days Mud Run. They will provide proof of insurance and this will then be placed on an agenda for approval. Council member Friederich commented that the Industrial Park looks very good after it is burned off.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor