

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting August 19, 2009

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 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.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4) Minutes from July 30th
- 5) Claims
- 6) Motion to approve Resolution No. 09-27 City Street Financial Report 2009
- 7) Motion to approve re-appointment of Theresa Callahan to Board of Adjustment

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The property owner from 114 E. Elm was again present to discuss the storm sewer issue on this property. He provided a packet of information regarding the requirements for this particular storm sewer. He is saying what we are proposing to do is not adequate. The council would like to know who is financially responsible for storm water from the street to the waterway it empties into. Opperman moved that we check with the City Attorney as to who is financially responsible for this problem. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. Following these findings, the Council will again address this situation.

INFORMATION

Council received the July month-end financial reports and a brochure from the Northeast Iowa Community-Based Dairy foundation.

NEW BUSINESS

A water test came back with a high fluoride results from Hygienic Labs. We retested and the results were within the normal levels. For precautionary purposes we shut down the fluoride, but now are slowly adding fluoride back to the water. We will be watching this very closely.

We received 3 proposals for electric poles for Elkader Street. The bids were from Burmeister for \$8,172, Terry Durin for \$7,684 and Baldwin Pole & Piling for 9,996. Opperman moved that we accept the low bid of \$7,684 from Terry Durin for 20-40' and 8-35' poles. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

We need to install a shutoff valve for the sewer lift station. This should have been done when the new lagoon was installed. This would be needed in an emergency situation with the new lagoon system. This would connect us back into the old gravity flow pipes. Parkin moved that we proceed with getting this emergency shutoff valve installed. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

We need to conduct a generator test in September to fix a problem with the generators not coming on automatically when the power goes out. This outage will be done at night and should practically undetectable by homeowners.

Council reviewed pay estimate #1 from Tschiggfrie Excavating for Industrial Park for \$23,855.29. Friederich moved to approve pay estimate #1 to Tschiggfrie Excavating for \$23,855.29. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed pay estimate #1 from Baker Enterprises for Westwood Drive for \$28,485.16. Friederich moved to approve pay estimate #1 for Baker Enterprises for \$28,482.16. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. The construction is behind a little due to the rain. There has been additional core out due to the condition of the project. The engineer is looking at installing geogrid or limestone. There will be additional costs to the project due to these problems. The subgrade will need additional drying time prior to paving.

The Mayor opened the bids for demolishing 310 E. Mission. There were 3 bids received. Bids were from Crane & Sons Excavating \$12,000, Meyer Excavating \$13,500 and Lansing Bros Construction \$13,570. Opperman moved that we award the bid to Crane & Sons for \$12,000 and the money will come from the Housing Rehab Fund. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council received bids for radios, antennas and installation of radios for the new ambulance. Friederich moved that we send the ambulance bids back to the Ambulance Board for their recommendation. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Parkin, Friederich, and Rizer. Nays: None. Opperman abstained. Motion passes.

Council reviewed Resolution No. 09-28 Citizen Complaint Policy. Stover moved to approve Resolution No. 09-28. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council discussed the additions and exclusions to the new Code book. There were some minor adjustments to the recommendations. The City Clerk will now take back to the City Attorney to begin putting the new information and ordinances passed in the last 5 years in the new Code book.

Software for City Hall was discussed. The software is getting outdated and creating some problems. The City Clerk will get some cost proposals for software companies and take back to the council for approval.

OTHER BUSINESS

Brush and trees growing in the right of way on Lincoln Street are creating visibility problems. The housing surveys that are being conducted need to be finished by Monday. The Civic Center floor has had the asbestos removed and we will now smooth the floor and put a clear coat of epoxy on it. The City Superintendent will get bids for grubbing the waterway on the City Farm. For personal reasons Al Friederich is resigning his council position effective at the end of this meeting.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor