

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting June 17, 2009

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 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 and Jackie Opperman. Norm Rizer was absent.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4) Minutes from June 3rd
- 5) Claims
- 6) Cigarette/Tobacco Renewal – Strawberry Foods & Deli

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

OLD BUSINESS

Two members of the IDOT, along with the City Superintendent walked along Commercial to review the possible options for the drainage problems. Nothing has been received as of yet from them so this will be discussed once it is received.

Council reviewed the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 09-03 Amending the Ordinance for removal of animal waste. Opperman moved to approve the 2nd reading. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover and Opperman. Nays: Friederich. Second reading passes.

The property owner at 114 E. Elm was present to discuss the proposed storm sewer replacement on his property. He does not approve the project as is and will not grant permission for us to complete the project on his property. Nothing was decided at this time, but the project cannot proceed.

A resident wanted to address the council regarding bothersome animals. The resident was contacted via phone due the inability to attend the meeting. On June 5th, 2 horses were riding on the sidewalk by her home. Council consulted the City Code and nothing states this is illegal. To get the horses removed from the residential area it has to be deemed a nuisance and it hasn't been proven as of yet.

The council needed to address a couple of issues regarding the Westwood Street Project prior to the construction that came out of the pre-construction meeting. The project will consist of 4 stages. Construction will begin July 6th. The contractor is requesting permission to do saw cutting the week of June 29th. Friederich approved the contractor to do saw cutting the week of June 29th. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. Council also discussed at what point a change order come before the council before proceeding. Opperman moved that City staff can approve up to \$1000 in change orders without council approval, but council wants to see all the change orders. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

INFORMATION

Council received month-end financial reports and a report showing the write-offs from 2005-2009. Council also discussed the date of the 2nd meeting in July due to City Administrator

attending Clerks school. Council received information about an IDOT meeting that was attended by the Mayor, the Economic Development and the City Administrator and about a housing survey that is being developed by Upper Explorerland with the assistance of the City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

Members of the Peppy Pointers 4-H club were present to read a letter communicating their disappointment that their flower service project located at the end of City Hall was ruined due to the window construction. They request \$100 donation and the cost of replanting the flowers that were ruined. Opperman moved to reimburse \$100 to the Peppy Pointers 4-H club plus the cost of the flowers. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The Police Chief requests permission to write the STEP grant for \$4800 for an in-car video system and overtime. Stover moved to approve the Chief to write the STEP grant. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The Community Club from Arlington requested permission to use our baseball bleachers for Arlington Days. Opperman moved to approve Arlington to use our bleachers Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Council reviewed Resolution 09-21 Resolution authorizing the City Clerk/Administrator to make appropriate interfund transfers for the FY2009. Opperman moved to approve Resolution No. 09-21. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The Chamber requests permission to hold a circus August 14th on the grounds of the Civic Center. Two performances will be held, one at 5:00 PM and 7:30 PM. After discussion Stover moved to approve holding the circus at the Campbell Park grounds and proof of insurance is required. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed contracts with Mediacom for phone and Internet service. It could potentially save the City money. Further review is needed before a final decision is made.

It was discussed selling our 2 bucket boom truck and purchasing a smaller truck. The large truck is too big for many of our projects. There is a City that may be interested otherwise we will advertise for sealed bids. The City Superintendent will look into how much we could sell our truck for and how much a smaller truck will cost.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sidewalks that need replaced must be done by August 31st. Strawberry Days seemed to be a huge success this year.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor