

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting April 15, 2009

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 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, and Norm Rizer, and Troy Stover. Jackie Opperman was absent.

Mayor Fox opened the Public Hearing for the proposed contract documents and estimated cost for the Westwood Drive Improvement Project at 6:02 PM. Mayor Fox if there were any objections, which there were none. The public hearing was then closed at 6:03PM. Rizer moved to approve Resolution No. 09-13 Resolution finally approving and confirming plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Westwood Drive Street Improvements Project. Friederich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Rizer, Friederich, Stover and Parkin. Nays: None. Resolution passes. Ryan Wicks, engineer for the project reviewed the bids and discussed a concern with the low bidder, which was the TSB requirement and that the contractor not being on the DOT approved list. The contractor is working on meeting these requirements. Council member Stover moved to delay awarding the contract on this job until May 6. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Stover, Parkin and Friederich. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Mayor Fox opened the Public Hearing for the proposed contract documents and estimated cost for the Industrial Park Street Improvement project at 6:08PM. Mayor Fox asked for any objections, which there were no objections. Friederich moved to approve Resolution No. 09-15 Resolution finally approving and confirming plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Industrial Park Street Improvement Project. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Friederich, Stover, Parkin and Rizer. Nays: None. Resolution passes. The public hearing was closed at 6:13PM. Council member Rizer moved to delay awarding the contract on this job until May 6. Friederich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Rizer and Friederich. Nays: None. Motion passes.

The public hearing was opened for the ambulance requesting grant funds through the USDA at 6:14 PM. There were no objections. The public hearing was closed at 6:15PM. Parkin moved to approve Resolution No. 09-12. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Friederich, Stover, Parkin and Rizer. Nays: None. Resolution passes.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4) Minutes from April 1st
- 5) Claims
- 6) Motion to approve outdoor liquor license for Franklin Hotel

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

OLD BUSINESS

Council again reviewed the letter received from Paul Anthes regarding runoff erosion at his barn. The City Superintendent recommended that the City repair the retention basin, which should help with some of this runoff. The City Superintendent will research costs for this and then it will be discussed at a later meeting.

Council reviewed the pool employees for the 2009 summer including manager, assistant manager and lifeguards. Rizer moved to approve the presented pool employees. Friederich seconded the motion. Ayes: Friederich, Stover, Rizer. Nays: None. Parkin abstained. Motion passes.

Carlton, owner of the Body Shop Fitness was present to further discuss the details of his fitness center locating in the basement of City Hall. He would like to purchase the entry security system and the City will replace the lights to high efficiency lighting. A contract will be drawn up with the monthly rent amount and the other details. This will be discussed further on May 6th.

INFORMATION

Council received the April Chamber of Commerce newsletter, a notice of land for sale near the Industrial Park, Strawberry Point Library Board minutes from March 26th and March month-end financial reports.

NEW BUSINESS

Council discussed summer hours for city employees. Friederich moved to approve summer hours of 7:00AM – 4:30PM Mon thru Thurs and 8:00AM -12:00PM Friday from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Parkin seconded the motion. Ayes: Friederich, Stover and Parkin. Nays: Rizer. Motion passes.

Rizer moved to approve the police department to hire Clayton County reserves to help with Strawberry Days weekend. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received a request from Clayton County Development Group to sign a pledge form for a grant they are writing and that the City will donate \$500 for tourism if this grant is awarded. Parkin moved that we sign the pledge letter for the Clayton County Development. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council was presented with a Public Service Proclamation recognizing May 4th – May 10th as Public Service Recognition week. Stover moved to approve the Public Service Proclamation. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Council was presented with an Arbor Day Proclamation stating that National Arbor Day is April 25th. Friederich moved to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Council was presented with a Proclamation declaring April as National Grange Month. Rizer moved to approve the Grange Month Proclamation. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Marvin Kraus, owner of the Fur building has an opportunity to sell to a storage company. According to the City Attorney the property should be re-inspected. The issues not corrected will need to be fixed by the current owner or the potential buyer. The DNR are imposing stricter requirements on sewer lagoons that will be in effect within the next 3 years, which may require a UV lights. Also currently we have to test our lagoons twice a week, which means an increase to our operating costs.

With no further business, Rizer moved to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor