

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting April 1, 2009

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 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.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 4) Minutes from March 18, 21, 22, 23 and 25
- 5) Claims
- 6) Motion to approve liquor license renewal for Strawberry Foods & Deli
- 7) Motion to approve liquor license renewal for Nading's Service & Sporting Goods

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

The council discussed the outdoor furnace moratorium that is in effect. The council would like this moratorium to remain in effect.

The council reviewed cost proposals for upgrades to the Civic Center. The proposals included window replacement. There were 2 proposals one from Strawberry Building for \$28,886.80 and Oelwein Glass for \$29,392. Both quotes are for 16 energy efficient windows. We are still waiting for quotes for heaters/air conditioning units and lights. The floor in the multi-purpose room needs to be replaced soon. The City will apply for a CDBG grant to assist with window replacement, heating/cooling units, and ceiling tiles. Rizer moved to approve removing the existing floor tiles of the multi-purpose floor for \$6000. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. The option for the floor will be discussed following the removal of the floor tiles. There may be a grant available to assist with the floor removal. This grant availability will be addressed at the next meeting.

The council again discussed approving The Body Shop Fitness & Rehab Center using the basement. Opperman moved that we offer The Body Shop Fitness & Rehab Center the basement for \$200 per month for the first 6 months, which includes utilities and then \$300 per month after 6 months, which includes utilities with an annual review, and with him providing the paint and the City provides bulbs, bulb protection and keyless lock and he will provide proof of insurance and the City will install all electrical items.. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Dustin Dallenbach declined our offer for police officer. We then offered the position to Joshua Johns. He excitedly accepted the offer. Opperman formally moved that we offer the police position to Joshua Johns at \$13.00 per hour with a \$1 an hour raise following completion of the Police Academy. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

**INFORMATION**

Council received a letter from Clayton County Foundation regarding the grant Strawberry Point Development Fund applied for which states we were not accepted and Electric Study Committee Minutes from March 25.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mark Zwanziger, City insurance agent from Fliehler-Zwanziger Agency was present to review the insurance premium renewals with the Council. The premium for workers compensation increased 40%, which contributed to the increase in our insurance premiums. Overall the insurance premium went up \$3,191.

The Chamber of Commerce was present to request reimbursement for insurance for Strawberry Days. Opperman moved to reimburse the Chamber of Commerce for insurance for \$1085.75. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. The Chamber also requested permission to apply for a gaming license for the carnival games and a fund raising raffle. Opperman moved to approve the Chamber of Commerce to apply for a gaming license for carnival games and the raffle. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. The Chamber also requests permission to use the outdoor water faucet at City Hall so that a 4-H group can water the flowers located in front of the businesses. Rizer moved that we allow the 4-H group to use the city hall water faucet with no donation from the Chamber. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received a request to close off East Mission Street for Strawberry Days weekend. Opperman moved that we approve closing East Mission Street from the 4 corners to Mechanic Street from noon on Friday, June 12 till Sunday, June 14 at noon. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council was presented with writing off delinquent utility accounts that have been attempted, but unable to be collected. Parkin moved that we write off these delinquent utility accounts. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. The City Administrator and Deputy City Clerk are currently working on ways to decrease delinquent utility accounts.

Council was presented with a proposal from Swales to purchase part of Lot 2 to place a detention basin to help offset the water runoff issue on Westwood. This was presented as a possible solution to the problem. This may create weed and erosion control problems if the dirt is stockpiled and not used. At this time the Council is taking no action on this item.

The council discussed adopting a policy requiring the police officers to log in with the County whenever on duty. There are times when having this information broadcast on the radio may hinder the process. There was much discussion about this issue. The police chief and Mayor will review procedures for the police department.

The council was presented with 6 housing rehab grants that have matured. Friederich moved that we approve releasing the matured housing rehab grants. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

With no further business, Rizer moved to adjourn at 8:22 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