

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting February 18, 2009

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 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.

Mayor Fox opened the public hearing to enter into a loan agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$390,000 at 6:00PM. Mayor Fox asked if there were any written or oral objections to these proceedings. Since there were no objections, the public hearing was closed at 6:02pm. The \$390,000 is the maximum that would be needed, but it is anticipated that we will not need that amount. Rizer moved to approve Resolution No 09-04 Resolution Authorizing a loan agreement and general obligation corporate purpose bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$390,000 and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Opperman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Friederich, Stover, Parkin and Opperman. Nays: None. Resolution passes.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5) Minutes from February 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>
- 6) Claims
- 7) Motion to approve In Home Occupation Permit for Andy's Chainsaw Creations
- 8) Motion to approve Liquor License Renewal for Chaser's
- 9) Motion to approve Liquor License for Rod & Cal's Pub
- 10) Motion to approve Liquor License Renewal for Franklin Hotel

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

The outdoor furnace committee is not ready so this item will be tabled until next meeting.

The council reviewed procedures for the Westwood Project. Stover moved to designate Tekippe Engineering as the project engineer. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Friederich, Opperman, Rizer, Stover and Parkin. Nays: None. Motion passes. Council reviewed Resolution No. 09-05 Preliminary resolution pursuant to Section 384.42 of the Iowa Code covering the Westwood Drive Street Improvements Project. Parkin moved to approve Resolution No. 09-05. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Rizer, Opperman and Friederich. Nays: None. Resolution No. 09-05 passes. Council reviewed Resolution No. 09-06 Resolution approving and adopting preliminary plans and specifications, estimate of cost and plat and schedule. Friederich moved to approve Resolution No. 09-06. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Friederich, Stover, Parkin and Opperman. Nays: None. Resolution No. 09-06 passes.

Council reviewed Ordinance 09-01 (First Reading) An Ordinance Fixing and Establishing Grades on Westwood, in the City of St. Pt, Iowa. Stover moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 09-01. Friederich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Friederich, Rizer, Opperman, Stover and Rizer. Nays: None. First reading passes.

Council discussed the civic center multi-purpose room floor. It needs to be resurfaced due to problems with the existing floor. The City Superintendent is getting a number of options to address this which will be discussed at the next meeting. We are getting quotes for windows and we will continue working on making needed improvements.

#### **INFORMATION**

Council received a copy of the 2008 goals/accomplishments of the Strawberry Point Development Fund and the February Chamber newsletter. Council also received a letter to the Strawberry Point Economic Development Board and the Electric Study Committee minutes from February 9<sup>th</sup>. The Tree Board minutes from December 8<sup>th</sup> and January month-end financial reports were also received by the council for review.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Council reviewed the first reading of Ordinance No. 09-02 An Ordinance Amending the City Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, to adjust electric rates. The reason for raising the rates is due to our rates increasing 22% from our wholesale company RPGI. Stover moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 09-02. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Parkin, Opperman, Friederich, Stover. Nays: None. First reading passes.

Council reviewed some costs for improvements that are needed for City Hall. We will table the door lock until City Superintendent can review this. Council also reviewed a proposal for a fire-proof file cabinet. Parkin moved to authorize the city clerk to spend up to \$2700 on a fire proof file cabinet. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion.

Council reviewed window replacement for City Hall. Two proposals were received one from Oelwein Glass, which would be replacing the existing windows with same size windows but with low-e glass for \$3285.00. The second proposal was from Schlee Masonry for replacing the existing windows with 5' x 4' and then bricking in the rest for \$4200.00 Opperman moved to approve the bid for windows from Oelwein Glass for replacing the existing windows on the South end of City Hall for \$3285.00. Friederich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman and Friederich. Nays: Stover, Parkin, Rizer. Motion fails. Rizer moved to approve the proposal from Schlee Masonry. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Parkin and Stover. Nays: Friederich, Opperman. Motion passes.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There is NIMS training being held for city officials and city clerk's next Wednesday evening in Elkader. There will be an additional training for EMS, Police and Fire Chiefs during the day. The electric meter for St. Foods was tested and everything checked out ok. The City will check to see if we can qualify for any stimulus funds to assist with the bypass road.

Al, new chamber of commerce president was present to present some ideas to the council. He was wondering what else the City can offer to attract new businesses. He also mentioned the C.O.P.S grant program and the City Clerk has already begun researching this.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:40 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