

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting November 4, 2009

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 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 Jan Parkin, Norm Rizer, Wally Rowcliffe, Troy Stover and Jackie Opperman. Newly elected council member Jacci Meyers was also present.

Mayor Fox opened the Housing Rehab Grant public hearing at 6: 05PM. Larry Leliefeld from Upper Explorerland was present to oversee the public hearing. The need for the Housing Rehab Grant was determined by conducting door-to-door surveys. From the surveys, 145 households were identified as low to moderate income. The City will be contributing \$16,000 towards the project. The housing grant must be submitted by November 13, 2009. The amount of funds being requested is \$312,800. All of the funding will be used to assist Low to Moderate income homes. The money will be spent on homes located within the city limits of Strawberry Point. Through the process, no business or persons will be displaced. The funding will be used for single family owner occupied housing rehabilitation. There were no verbal or written objections to applying for this grant. Public hearing was closed at 6:27 PM. Council reviewed Resolution No. 09-33 Resolution of Strawberry Point, Iowa authorizing the expenditure of funds to be applied as local match for a Housing Fund Grant application. Rowcliffe moved to approve Resolution No. 09-33. Opperman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Rizer, Opperman and Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Resolution No. 09-33 passes.

Mayor Fox opened the public hearing for adoption of the new Strawberry Point City Code at 6: 29PM. There were no verbal or written objections to the new code so the public hearing was closed at 6:30PM. Council reviewed the first reading of Ordinance No. 09-04 An Ordinance Adopting a new city code for Strawberry Point. Rizer move that we adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 09-04. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Rizer, Opperman, Rowcliffe and Parkin. Nays: None. First reading passes.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 6) Minutes from October 21<sup>st</sup>
  - 7) Claims
  - 8) Motion to approve Liquor License Renewal for Bill's Quik Shop
  - 9) Motion to approve the appointment of Don McCullough to the Tree Board
  - 10) Motion to release Housing Rehab Mortgages that are matured for 211 Mechanic St.
- Rizer moved to approve the consent agenda. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Rizer, Parkin, Stover and Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Consent agenda passes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Gary McElroy, owner of Strawberry Foods was going to attend the meeting to discuss the electricity in his store further, but he did not attend the meeting. Alliant is metering the electric voltage at Strawberry Foods to see if the voltage is consistent when entering the store.

**INFORMATION**

The Council received Tree Board minutes from September.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council reviewed renewals rates for the Flex/Cafeteria plan for 2010. Renewal rates with our current company would be \$737.00. There is only one employee who uses the plan so it is not very cost effective to continue. Rowcliffe moved that we discontinue the flex/cafeteria plan. Opperman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Stover, Parkin, Rizer and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Westwood Drive is now open. Valves and piping is done for the emergency valve for the sewer. An interested party has voiced interested in the well house located behind Country Rose. The well will need to be capped before selling. The new fire truck will be here within two weeks.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Rowcliffe 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