

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting October 21, 2009

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 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.

The native wine permit renewal for Mission Street Gallery was removed from the consent agenda, since it is not ready to be approved. Opperman moved to approve the agenda with the removal of the native wine permit renewal for Mission Street Gallery. Rowcliffe seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Rizer, Opperman, Stover and Rowcliffe. Nays: Motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6) Minutes from October 7th
- 7) Claims

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The sidewalk, driveway and approach for 425 Commercial were discussed. The total cost of the project was \$3531.00. It is a State highway and the City should not be held responsible for this. Parkin moved that we deny paying for these improvements. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Rizer, Rowcliffe, Parkin and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

INFORMATION

The Council received minutes from the Strawberry Point Library Board from September 29th, September month-end financial reports, a copy of the Water Fluoridation Quality Award for 2008, and a copy of the FY09 Annual Financial Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Gary McElroy discussed how an electric utility board has changed a grocery store in Hudson. The rates have not lowered, but the electric customers seem to be happier. He knows someone who could discuss this further with the council if desired.

Gary McElroy, owner of St. Foods would like to put new scanning registers, but is concerned about the electric service coming into the store and would like to install some power surge protectors so that the power supply is consistent. He is asking the City to assist with this purchase by using TIF. TIF requires the City to incur debt. We are looking at converting the power going to the store, which may help with this situation first.

The council reviewed utility write-offs due to bankruptcy. Stover moved that we write off these accounts. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Rizer, Rowcliffe and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed 2 cost proposals for purchasing a 3-phase transformer for Bard and Swales Precast and Swales Construction. The proposals were from Solomon Corporation for \$7650 and Burmeister for \$7897. Opperman moved that we approve purchasing the 3-phase transformer from Solomon Corporation for \$7650. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Rowcliffe, Parkin, Stover and Rizer. Nays: None. Motion passes.

The council discussed offering the holiday lighting rebate again this year. Stover moved that we offer the \$10 holiday lighting rebate for all electric customers. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Parkin, Stover, Rizer and Opperman.

The council had to set a date for the public hearing for the Housing Rehab Grant Program. Rizer moved that we set the public hearing for the Housing Rehab Grant for November 4th at 6:00 PM. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Stover, Parkin, Opperman and Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

The council also discussed the number of houses and the amount per house to be spent for the housing rehab project. Opperman moved that we pledge \$2000 per house for 8 houses. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. Ayes: Stover, Rizer, Opperman, Rowcliffe, and Parkin. Nays: None. Motion passes.

The council needed to set a time and place for a public hearing on the proposed adoption of the new Strawberry Point City Code. Rizer moved that we set the public hearing for the proposed City Code for November 4th at 6:15. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Opperman, Rowcliffe, Parkin and Stover. Nays: None. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

The complaints that were received were reviewed. They are being taken care of currently.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor