

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting October 7, 2009

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 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 and Jackie Opperman. Troy Stover was absent.

Rizer moved to approve the agenda. Rowcliffe seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Rizer, Opperman and Rowcliffe. Nays: Motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6) Minutes from September 16th
- 7) Claims
- 8) Motion to approve Resolution No. 09-29 Transfer of Funds for New Ambulance Box
- 9) Motion to approve Release of Matured Housing Rehab Mortgage for 213 E. Elm

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Property owners at 425 Commercial Street were present to inform the council that the repair of their sidewalk is complete and wondering who will be paying for this. There had been conversations prior to the repair that there may be some cost sharing involved. The total cost of the project was \$3531.00. Parkin moved that we table this discussion until the next meeting to obtain additional information. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Opperman, Rizer and Parkin. Nays: None. Motion passes.

The council discussed items concerning the Westwood Drive Street Project. The contractor needed to add geo grid in the amount of \$5496.25 to stage 4 just like stage 3 due to the poor soil conditions, which had been verbally approved. Council also discussed a draft change order which includes the geo grid and quantity changes of \$25,500.01. This was for information only. Rizer moved to approve geo grid for stage 4 for \$5496.25. Opperman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Rizer, Parkin and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes. The contractor is requesting an additional 15 days to complete the job due to the extra work due to the poor soil. Tekippe recommended that the council approve this extension. Rizer moved to approve the extra 15 days to the contract. Opperman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Rizer, Opperman and Rowcliffe. Nays: Motion passes. Council reviewed pay estimate No. 3 for \$97,206.10. Opperman moved to approve pay estimate no. 3 for \$97,206.10. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Opperman, Rowcliffe, and Parkin. Nays: Motion passes.

INFORMATION

The Council received Tree Board minutes from August 17th and the Strawberry Point police report from July 1st through September 27th.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Meyer received his Grade I Sewer Certification and with this comes a pay increase which has been common practice. Rowcliffe moved that we give Mark Meyer a \$1.50 an hour increase with the next pay period. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Opperman, Parkin and Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion carries.

Council was presented with a Fire Prevention Week Proclamation, which is October 4 – 9. Opperman moved to approve the fire prevention week proclamation. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Opperman, Parkin and Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed a penalty for a tobacco violation for Strawberry Foods. Opperman moved to approve the 30 day suspension of tobacco license from Jan 1 to Jan 30, 2010. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Rizer, Parkin and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council received a dedication of street extension and utilities. This is ordered by the court to finish the sale of the Spang barn property. Opperman moved that we approve the extension of Hanover that is ordered by the court. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Rizer, Opperman, and Parkin. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed an agreement for professional services for Highway 13 north with Tekippe Engineering. Tekippe will be the engineer for the IDOT for this project. It is being proposed that a gravel road run parallel to the highway during construction to allow local access. The cost to run overhead electrical wires will be included in the planning phase for comparison purposes. Opperman moved to approve the agreement for professional services for Tekippe Engineering for Highway 13. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Parkin, Rizer and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Trick or Treating in Strawberry Point was discussed. Opperman moved that we set trick or treating Oct 31 from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Rizer, Opperman and Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Fall burning dates were discussed. Parkin moved fall open burning to run from Oct 10 through November 14 unless there is a burn ban imposed by the County. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Opperman, Rowcliffe and Parkin. Nays: None. Motion passes.

The bids were opened to do the sewer intake and road work at the intersection of W. Spring and Westwood Drive. Bids were from Timmerman Construction for \$39,500.00 and Swales Construction for \$33,141.00. Rowcliffe moved to award the bid to Swales Construction for \$33,141.00. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Parkin, Rizer. Nays: None. Opperman abstained. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the City Code with changes that had been discussed earlier. At the next meeting we will set the date to hold the public hearing to address the new code.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sidewalks that have not been fixed by the due date will be discussed at the next meeting. We will go out for bids and fix the sidewalks and assess the property owners.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor