

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting April 7, 2010

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 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 Jacci Meyers, Jan Parkin, Troy Stover, and Jackie Opperman. Rich Newman was absent.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4) Minutes from March 17th
- 5) Claims
- 6) Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-09 Resolution Committing to Creation and/or Assignment of Personnel to and Duties of Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee
- 7) Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-07 Resolution to Transfer Funds from Capital Equipment Improvement Garage Fund to the Capital Equipment Improvement Street Fund

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council again discussed Resolution No. 10-06 Early Retirement Policy and a cost savings comparison that includes paying single insurance coverage until the employee would reach Medicare age. Theresa Breitbach 301 W. Mission voiced her strong objection to this particular policy. Stover moved that we approve Resolution No. 10-06. Parkin seconded the motion. Stover amended his motion to include approving Resolution No. 10-06 where the insurance qualifications would include paying single coverage for the retiree until Medicare eligible and the retiree can elect to purchase family health insurance at their cost through the City. Parkin seconded the amended motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover and Parkin. Nays: Meyers and Opperman. Motion dies. This will be revisited once more information is received and reviewed.

Council reviewed the second reading of Ordinance No. 10-02 An Ordinance to Dispose of Lot 7 (the well house behind Country Rose). Stover moved that we approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 10-02. Opperman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Parkin, Opperman and Meyers. Nays: None. Second reading passes. Stover moved that we waive the 3rd reading of Ordinance No. 10-02. Meyers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Opperman, Meyers and Stover. Nays: None. Ordinance No. 10-02 passes.

Council reviewed Resolution No. 10-08 A Resolution Authorizing Upper Explorerland Submit a Grant Application to the Iowa Department of Economic Development for the Single Family New Product 2 Program and Authorizing the Mayor to support said application. Opperman moved to approve Resolution No. 10-08. Meyers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Opperman, Meyers, Stover. Nays: None. Motion passes.

INFORMATION

The council received minutes from the Electric Study Committee from March 22nd, information concerning an increase to the cost proposal for the Wilder Museum roof, information regarding the new requirement for outdoor furnaces to have a white tag designating energy

efficiency that became effective January 1, 2010 and a utility delinquent report and collection efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

A council member questioned two trees that had been recently removed and the process for tree removal. Were the two trees dead? Was a forester asked to review these trees? Should a tree be denied from being removed if the property owner is willing to replace the trees? The past Tree Board chairman addressed the council and the questions that were asked. The current Tree Board chairman also addressed the council. The right procedures were followed with the removal of these two trees. Two trees that were denied for removal in the past were also discussed with the procedure that was followed.

Council reviewed the list of pool employees for formal approval. Two people were interviewed for the assistant manager position; Taylor Baumgartner and Tony Parkin. Jobs committee recommended the position of Assistant Manager to Taylor Baumgartner. The other pool employees were Samantha Rolfes, manager, lifeguards: Tony Parkin, John Miersen, Eileen Putz, Jared Cordes and Blake Johnson. Opperman moved that we approve the pool employees with Samantha Rolfes as manager and Taylor Baumgartner as assistant manager. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Meyers, Stover and Opperman. Nays: None. Parkin abstained.

Council reviewed 2 cost proposals for doing an electric conversion that will include St. Foods and Park Avenue. Proposals were from Alliant Energy for \$89,500 and Hooper Corporation for \$148,200. Opperman moved to proceed with Alliant Energy to do this conversion for the not-to-exceed price of \$89,500. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Meyers, Stover, Opperman and Parkin. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council was presented with a cost proposal for a 31 hp, 60" deck zero turn mower from John's Repair for \$8500. Stover moved that we approve the purchase of this mower. Meyers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Opperman, Parkin and Meyers. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed a request from Farmer's Savings Bank to use the Civic Center as a temporary location in case a disaster strikes their bank. Stover moved that we approve Farmer's Savings Bank request to use the Civic Center for a temporary location. Meyers seconded the motion. Ayes: Opperman, Parkin, Meyers and Stover. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Dean Courtnage, Assistant Fire Chief was present to ask permission to write a grant for a mobile training trailer for the fire department through FEMA. The State has made training requirements stricter and this would help with some of the training requirements. Basic rope training and air tank training can be done on this unit plus use smoke training. The training trailer cost is \$110,000 and the grant would cover \$90,000. We are asking fire departments in Delaware, Clayton, Buchanan, and Fayette counties to partner with us on this. Parkin moved that we approve the fire department to write this FEMA grant. Meyers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Meyers, Stover and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

The council reviewed the list of properties who have not complied with putting sidewalks in. Council decided to advertise for bids with the exception of properties on Elkader Street. Meyers moved that we advertize for bids to replace these sidewalks. Opperman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Meyers, Opperman, Parkin. Nays: None. Stover abstained. Motion passes.

Dean Courtnage, Clayton County communications member was present to discuss a grant that Clayton County received that will replace and add new repeaters that will eliminate

land lines for police, EMS and fire pages for 911. This will require putting repeaters on the water tower. This will save the City money in landline fees. This will create a better emergency paging system for the entire County and State. Dean is requesting permission to put the repeaters on the water tower. Parkin moved that we allow the repeaters to be placed on the water tower. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Meyers, Stover, Parkin and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion was passed.

A resident at 211 Mechanic Street of Strawberry Point was present to discuss dog waste being on her yard and being dropped on her yard. She also showed council little pebbles that came out of her water faucet. The Police Chief discussed this with her and that there is nothing we can do unless we know who is doing it.

The council discussed properties that should be inspected for repair and/or demolition. This procedure is typically done in the Spring of each year. This will be addressed at the next meeting so council members have time to review the community.

Officer Josh Johns graduated from the Police Academy on April 2nd. Congratulations Josh. Per the details when Officer Johns was hired his pay was to increase \$1.00 per hour following graduation. Opperman moved that we increase Josh's wage by \$1.00 per hour due to graduation. Meyers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Meyers, Stover, Parkin and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

National Library Week is April 11 -17, 2010. Parkin moved that we approve the Nation Library Week Proclamation. Opperman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Meyers, Parkin, Stover and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

The council discussed the fence issue at 301 Oak Street. The case against this property was dismissed. The council will address this at the next meeting. Wessels Electric is still working on putting security switches at the ball diamond. Council member Opperman and Stover completed NIMS training last night.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Stover seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor