

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting July 21, 2010

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 21, 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 Troy Stover, Jackie Opperman, Jan Parkin, Jacci Meyers, and Rich Newman.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4) Minutes from July 7th
- 5) Claims

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council reviewed the third reading of Ordinance No. 10-03-An Amendment to the Zoning Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, to Define Height and Setback Requirements of a Fence. Stover moved to approve the third reading. Meyers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Meyers, Newman, Parkin, Stover. Nays: Opperman. Third reading passes.

INFORMATION

The council received Board of Adjustment minutes from June 23rd, Tree Board minutes from June 7th, Strawberry Point Ambulance Year-End Report, Strawberry Point Police Department 2009-2010 Annual Safety Report, information concerning rabbits at 202 Park Avenue and June month-end financial reports.

NEW BUSINESS

Council received proposal on a street sweeping contract from Kluesner Construction. Parkin moved to sign a three year contract with Kluesner Construction for street sweeping at a rate of \$90 per hour. Newman seconded the motion. Ayes: Newman, Opperman, Parkin, Stover, Meyers. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Jon Schack presented the Strawberry Point Tree Board 2009-2010 Annual Report to the Council. Schack pointed out that Waterhouse is not re-running for Tree Board after term expiration, thus there are now two vacancies to fill.

Council reviewed the first reading of Ordinance No. 10-16 – An Ordinance Doubling the Fine for Moving Traffic Violations in Any Road Work Zone in the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa. Parkin moved to approve the first reading. Opperman seconded the motion. Ayes: Opperman, Parkin, Stover, Meyers, Newman. Nays: None. First reading passes.

Council reviewed the Plat of Survey for the Alley in Caroline Fult's Addition provided by Mohn Surveying. Once Plat of Survey approved it will be recorded at the County office. Opperman made the motion to approve the plat of survey. Stover seconded the motion. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Meyers, Newman, Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council discussed the next steps for action regarding the tree removal at 511 Commercial Street. Opperman expressed concern over the disregard to City Code, loss of healthy trees and previous instructions to property owners. Other Council discussed future use of alley, State Code guidance and retention of possible fine. Council instructed Clerk to research State Code and consult with City Attorney before further discussion and action at a future council meeting.

Mark Meyer presented information to Council on purchasing a new dump truck. Meyer personally went to inspect the dump truck at Karl's Chevrolet in Ankeny. The truck is a 2009 C5500, 2 wheel drive, with only 17 miles. Opperman made the motion to approve the purchase of the 2009 C5500 Dump Truck from Karl's Chevrolet, located for the City by Rodas Chevrolet, at a price of \$40,500. Newman seconded the motion. Ayes: Stover, Meyers, Newman, Opperman, Parkin. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed information regarding the purchase of electric transformers from Solomon Corporation. Newman made the motion to approve the purchase of one 240/120 Three Phase Padmount Transformer at the cost of \$5,200. Parkin seconded the motion. Ayes: Meyers, Newman, Opperman, Parkin, Stover. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the request for a Pool Birthday Party to be held on August 7th from 11 am – 1 pm. Newman made the motion to approve the party at a cost of \$75. Opperman seconded the motion. Ayes: Newman, Opperman, Parkin, Stover. Nays: None. Abstain: Meyers. Motion passes.

Council was presented with information regarding plans for the City's animal kennel. Chief Pope wrote a Miccio Foundation Grant to cover some of the costs of expanding the kennel. The grant was not approved, thus Chief Pope is requesting Council permission to proceed with project using City funds. After discussion, Council directed Chief Pope to advertise for the project and request sealed bids for Council consideration.

Council was informed of the immediate need for new City Hall computers. A technician came to City Hall to troubleshoot networking and computer issues. After his review, it was suggested that new computers be purchased as soon as possible due to low capacity and motherboard issues with the main server. The last purchase of computers for City Hall was in November 2007. Bids were received from different vendors. An email was sent to Council prior to the meeting requesting authorization to purchase. Stover, Parkin and Newman all agreed to the purchase at that time. Opperman moved to formally approve the purchase of City Hall computers from the lowest bidder of Strawberry Computing at a total cost of \$1,885.00. Newman seconded the motion. Ayes: Opperman, Parkin, Stover, Meyers, Newman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Jeff Robinson presented information to the council regarding the need to purchase a replacement digger truck. The current truck is a 1982 model, which has barely passed inspection. A 1997 digger truck with 44,000 miles has been found in Kalona. The current price set for this truck is \$15,000. Meyers made the motion to approve the purchase of the 1997 Digger Truck from Farmers REC at their stated price of \$15,000. Stover seconded the motion. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Meyers, Newman, Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resident at 204 Park Avenue was present to discuss her complaint about a rabbit nuisance at 202 Park Avenue.

Resident at 203 Park Avenue was present to discuss the recently passed lawn mowing fees. Discussion also included the need for a list of people/businesses that do lawn mowing in the area.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Newman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Liz Jaster, Deputy City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor