

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting May 19, 2010

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 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 Jan Parkin, Jackie Opperman, Jacci Meyers, Rich Newman, and Troy Stover.

Mayor Fox opened the public hearing for the 2009-2010 budget amendment at 6:00 PM. The Mayor asked if there had been any written or oral objections. Since there were no objections the public hearing was closed at 6:02PM. Parkin moved to approve Resolution 10-11 City Budget Amendment and Certification. Newman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Newman, Opperman, Parkin, Stover and Meyers. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Opperman moved to approve the agenda. Meyers 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 May 5<sup>th</sup>
- 5) Claims

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council again discussed Resolution No. 10-06 Early Retirement Policy and a cost savings comparison of all employee related costs again. It was in the Press Journal, which allowed citizens to see the information. Theresa Breitbach was present to address the city council and her objections to this early retirement policy and she openly read a letter stating her objections to this policy. Mary Kay Kellogg Strong was also present to discuss this policy in more detail regarding the actual costs to the tax payers to offer this early retirement policy. Carl Strong questioned the timing on such a policy in the light of such hard economic times still on all of us as taxpayers. Stover moved to table this again for further review since new information has been received. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Parkin, Newman, Stover and Meyers. Nays: None. Motion passes.

The City Council again reviewed Resolution No. 10-10 Resolution of Flood Insurance for the City of Strawberry Point. This has been reviewed by the City Attorney and it is acceptable to move forward with. Stover moved to approve Resolution No. 10-10 Resolution of Flood Insurance for the City of Strawberry Point. Newman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Meyers, Newman and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

**INFORMATION**

The council received minutes from Electric Study Committee from May 6, 2010, Tree Board minutes from April 12, 2010 and April month-end financial reports. Council also received a reminder that personnel evaluations should be to the Job and Wage committee by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ryan Wicks from Tekippe Engineering was present to discuss the Elkader Street project. There are 5 different alternatives to completing the construction. The major benefit with going with alternative #5 is to keep the road opened during construction by doing it in stages and half of the street at a time. The cost is relatively close to the other options. Alternative # 5 was the most popular option at the public meeting that was held last week. The road will not be widened

using this option. Newman moved that we approve Alternative #5 for construction. Meyers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Newman, Opperman, Parkin, and Meyers. Nays: None. Stover abstained. Special assessments were addressed as far as what will be assessed to the property owners. There will be no curb assessments since the DOT will be paying for the curb and gutters in this project. Any driveway replaced past what is required for the street construction will be assessed and will be replaced with concrete. Sidewalks affected by the construction will also be replaced at no cost to the property owners. Service lines will also be assessed. Parkin moved that we special assess for water service lines, sewer service lines, driveways, sidewalks and retaining walls, if more work is needed past what is normal practice for the construction project. Meyers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Newman, Stover, Opperman, and Meyers. Nays: None. Stover abstained. Motion passes. All manholes will be reconstructed. Sanitary mains will slip lined and service lines will be reviewed during the project to see which method is best for repairing them such as slip line or replacement. The water main will not be replaced at this time. All storm sewers will be reconstructed during construction. The City will be getting utility easements for storm sewers. The city will be requesting a temporary 24 foot easement just during construction. The City will be requesting a five foot utility easement on the West side of the road on the back side of sidewalks for the electric poles. The electric poles will be located on the property lines on the West side. Council member Opperman asked if we reduce the speed limit to 25 mph can the clear zone be dropped to 6 feet. The DOT sets the speed limit on a state highway not the City. Ryan will mention this to the DOT. Design will begin in July or August this summer.

The Manchester Martial Arts Academy requests permission to hold a pool party on June 19<sup>th</sup> from 9-12pm as a fund raiser for their trip to Florida to attend Nationals. Parkin moved that we approve the Manchester Martial Arts request to hold a pool party. Newman seconded the motion. Ayes: Meyers, Opperman, Parkin, Newman and Stover. Nays: None. Motion passes.

The Mud Runners are requesting permission to hold their annual event for Strawberry Days on Saturday. Opperman moved to approve the Mud Runners to hold their annual event. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Newman, Parkin, Opperman, Stover and Meyers. Nays: None. Motion passes.

The VFW requests permission to hold their annual breakfast at the fire station on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Parkin moved to approve the VFW to hold their breakfast at the fire station. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Opperman, Newman, Meyers and Stover. Nays: None. Motion passes.

City council reviewed 2 cost proposals for surveying the alley behind south Commercial Street. The current proposals that were requested were not as in depth as was requested by the council. New request for proposals will be sent and available for review and discussion at the next council meeting.

Council reviewed numerous ordinances that will address things pertaining to the zoning of Strawberry Point for accessory buildings and the definition of accessory building. Stover moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 10-04 an Amendment to the Zoning Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, setting the required yards for accessory buildings in R-1 zoning districts. Opperman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Meyers, Newman and Opperman. Nays: None. First reading passes. Opperman moved to approve first reading of Ordinance 10-05 an Amendment to the Zoning Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, setting the required yards for accessory buildings in R-2 zoning districts. Meyers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Meyers, Newman, Opperman and Parkin. Nays:

None. First reading passes. Opperman moved to approve first reading of Ordinance 10-06 an Amendment to the Zoning Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, setting the required yards for accessory buildings in R-3 zoning districts. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Meyers, Stover, Newman, Opperman and Parkin. Nays: None. First reading passes. Opperman moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 10-07 an Amendment to the Zoning Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, setting the required yards for accessory buildings in R-4 zoning districts. Meyers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Newman, Opperman, Parkin, Stover and Meyers. Nays: None. First reading passes. Stover moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 10-08 an Amendment to the Zoning Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, setting the required yards for accessory buildings in R-5 zoning districts. Opperman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Parkin, Stover, Meyers and Newman. Nays: None. First reading passes. Stover moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 10-09 an Amendment to the Zoning Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, setting the required yards for accessory buildings in R-6 zoning districts. Meyers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Meyers, Newman and Opperman. Nays: None. First reading passes. Stover moved to approve first reading of Ordinance 10-10 an Amendment to the Zoning Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, to define accessory uses. Newman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Meyers, Newman, Opperman and Parkin. Nays: None. First reading passes.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Hazard Mitigation plan is now on the website to review. At the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting the council will formally approve the plan. The plan then goes to FEMA for final approval. The City did not receive the housing rehab grant due to scoring low on a couple points that could have been avoided by the grant administrators. The city will be receiving a sizeable gift from the Georgia Wing estate.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Newman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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Deanna Dement, City Clerk

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Dale Fox, Mayor