

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting May 5, 2010

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 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 Rich Newman, Jan Parkin, Troy Stover, Jacci Meyers, and Jackie Opperman.

Stover moved to approve the agenda. Newman 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 April 28th
- 5) Claims

Stover moved to approve the consent agenda. Meyers 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 since all members of the council were present. The resolution and the cost savings comparison was published in the Press Journal so people could see the cost savings. Stover moved that this gets tabled until next meeting so people can have more time to review the information. Newman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Meyers, and Newman. Nay: Opperman. Motion passes.

Council again reviewed a pay increase for the city clerk since she has earned the city clerk municipal certification. There was much discussion regarding this. Parkin moved that we hold off on a raise decision until evaluations are complete and take into consideration the certification. Newman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Meyers, Newman, Opperman and Parkin. Nays: None. Motion passes.

INFORMATION

The council received a letter from the USDA regarding single family housing funding.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor opened bids for constructing sidewalks in town that have not been finished yet. Three bids were received from Timmerman Construction for labor and materials for \$10,885.00 and a separate bid for \$500.00 for a retaining wall for a total of \$11,385, 2nd bid was from TRX Inc for \$12,383.00 and it includes \$1,200 for the retaining wall, 3rd bid was from C. Wicks Construction for \$6511.40 (he only bid on 5 out of the 6 sidewalks). Since C. Wicks only bid on 5 the bid was removed. Stover moved that we award the sidewalk bid to Timmerman Construction for \$11,385. Newman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Newman, Parkin and Stover. Nays: None. Motion passes. Meyers and Opperman abstained.

The council addressed Resolution No. 10-10 Resolution for Applying for flood insurance for the City of Strawberry Point. This will allow people in Strawberry Point to be able to purchase flood insurance at a much lower rate. When the new flood plain maps are adopted Strawberry Point will have 5 separate locations listed in the flood plain. The City was originally listed on the flood map, but it was rescinded in 1976. The City will then complete an application to NFIP. The city clerk will have the city attorney review this and check on the name of the resolution. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

Council reviewed the first 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. This will set more specific requirements for property owners wanting to put up a fence. Opperman moved that Planning & Zoning review lattice, light pole, clothesline and definition of structure and review this ordinance further. Stover seconded the motion. Ayes: Newman, Opperman, Parkin, Stover and Parkin. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed an Iowa School Board Recognition Proclamation for the week of May 9-15, 2010. Stover moved that we approve this proclamation. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Meyers, Newman and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kids are playing in the old Yoder building and this should be locked. There was a power outage in town that was caused by bad arrestors and when the lines were switched to the new 13.8 lines they blew. Mobile homes are to be in mobile home parks, but one mobile home owner was allowed to put this in another location and is this to be allowed. A trailer got loose from a truck and caused damage to a City fire hydrant and curb and gutter. There have been some breaking and entering and robberies in our community, please lock doors and don't leave keys in vehicles.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Newman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor