

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting January 27, 2010

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 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 Jackie Opperman, Jan Parkin, Troy Stover, Rich Newman, and Jacci Meyers.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4) Minutes from January 6th
- 5) Claims plus additional claims
- 6) Motion to approve urban revitalization program for 527 Commercial Street

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion of employees wages were tabled at the last meeting so more research could be done regarding wages. After much discussion, Meyers moved to approve a 2% wage increase across the board for employees beginning January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010 and then beginning July 1, 2010 wage increases will be based on performance. Newman seconded the motion. Ayes: Newman, Meyers, Stover and Parkin. Nays: Opperman. Motion passes.

INFORMATION

The council received December month-end financial reports, a Happy New Year Letter from UERPC, delinquent utility report, Tree Board minutes from December 17, 2009, an award letter from Power of Trees Program sponsored by Black Hills Energy for \$1250.

NEW BUSINESS

There is a situation on Oak Street where two property owners both put up privacy fences. The problem is that the one fence is not in compliance with the zoning height requirements. A letter was sent directing the property owner to alter the fence, which was not done completely. The other property owner is asking that the City Council step in to resolve this issue. After much discussion, Opperman moved that with a statement from the abutting property owners the fences in violation be completely removed and if desired, rebuilt according to code with the proper permits. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Meyers, Opperman, Newman, Stover and Parkin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Body Shop Fitness center is located in the basement of City Hall. He is asking that the City Council amend his contract to keep the monthly rent at \$200 instead of increasing it to \$300. Parkin moved that we extend the \$200 a month rent and review the contract in June. Newman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Meyers, Parkin, Stover and Newman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The owner of the Body Shop Fitness Center brought up the idea of holding a winter recreation program. It may be a little late this winter, but we can discuss this for next winter.

Spring is just around the corner and it is time to set the date of the annual spring cleanup day. We typically hold it the second Saturday of May. Opperman moved that the spring cleanup day be May 8th. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Meyers, Opperman, Parkin, Stover and Newman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

The City will begin working on their Hazard Mitigation plan in March. Two meetings need to be held to complete the process. The council decided that March 24 and 31 would be the best dates to hold these meetings.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Newman seconded the motion. Motion passes. The council then moved into the budget workshop to review the budget for FY2011. The budget workshop adjourned at 9:45PM.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor