

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting November 3, 2010

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 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, and Troy Stover. Jackie Opperman came late. Jacci Meyers was absent.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

4) Minutes from October 20th and 26th

5) Claims

6s) Motion to approve liquor license renewal for Bill's Quik Shop

Parkin moved to approve the consent agenda with additional claims to Hygienic Lab and RPGI.

Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Newman and Parkin.

Nays: None. Consent agenda passes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council reviewed the third reading of Ordinance No. 10-17 An Ordinance amending the City Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, Article 55.12 to Change Some Solid Waste Collection Fees. Parkin moved to approve the third reading of Ordinance No. 10-17. Newman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Newman, Parkin and Stover. Nays: None.

Ordinance No. 10-17 passes.

INFORMATION

The City Council received September month-end financial reports.

NEW BUSINESS

The resident from 108 E. Elm Street was present since she had requested a hearing to discuss the notice to abate a nuisance. The nuisance was for allowing a bothersome animal within the city limits and the electric fence that contained the horse. The fence is not an electric fence, but it is a solar fence, which is still electric, but a very low voltage fence. The horse is only contained in this fence when the horse is sick, not full-time. The property owner must remove the fence since it was installed without a permit and the horse must not be allowed in a residential zoned area. A new fence requires a permit and it cannot be an electric fence.

Council reviewed Work Order No. 2 from Alliant Energy to replace service to SMI and install underground primary service for \$12,000. Parkin moved that we approve Work Order No. 2 for \$12,000. Newman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Stover, Parkin and Newman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council received a request to write off specific utility accounts that have too low amounts to collect on the Income Offset Program and they have low balances that are not worth spending the \$85.00 plus mileage to file a judgment. Stover moved that we write off the six delinquent utility accounts. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Newman and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Chief Pope presented some information regarding a police reserve program for Strawberry Point. Uncertified reserves typically get paid \$9.00 per hour. Certified reserves normally get paid \$10-12 per hour. The County also can provide us with reserves. County reserves normally get paid \$15 per hour but they won't write anything under a City Code. We can also hire certified officers from another department as our own reserves. Uncertified officers

cannot do an implied consent, but can pick someone up for drunk driving. Advertise for reserves in the Press Journal. Chief Pope can hire up to 2 or 3 reserves as soon as possible. Opperman moved that we authorize Chief Pope to hire up to 3 reserves to work a maximum of 40 hours a week for \$12.00 per hour if certified or \$9.00 per hour if uncertified reserves. Newman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Newman, Opperman and Parkin. Nays: None. Motion passes.

The old street sweeper is not needed any more. Jeff will contact Clayton County Recycling about regarding scrapping the sweeper out. Newman moved that we sell the street sweeper to the highest bidder. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Newman, Opperman, Parkin and Stover. Nays: None. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Vision 2020 goals were presented to the council again. This will start being addressed at the next council meeting. Strawberry Point Cookbooks are here and are available at City Hall, Citizens State Bank and Farmers Savings Bank, Strawberry Point Drug, Press Journal and Economic Development office.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Newman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor