

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting October 6, 2010

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 6, 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, Jacci Meyers, Troy Stover, and Jackie Opperman. Rich Newman was absent.

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

Since Tim Smith is retiring, the Mayor recognized his 27 years of service by presenting him with a retirement plaque.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4) Minutes from September 15th
- 5) Claims

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council reviewed the first 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. Stover moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 10-17. Meyers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Parkin, Stover and Meyers. Nays: None. First reading passes.

INFORMATION

The City Council received Strawberry Point Library Board minutes from August 24th.

NEW BUSINESS

Todd Steffen, general manager from Lady Luck Casino was present to discuss the upcoming gambling referendum that will be on the election ballot in November. The referendum vote is required every 8 years. The casino through Upper Mississippi Gaming gives money back to the County and to cities in the county.

Since October is Domestic Violence Awareness month the council reviewed a Domestic Violence Awareness proclamation. Opperman moved to approve the Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation. Meyers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Meyers and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

The City is applying for a CDBG Housing Rehab Grant and a public hearing is required. A possible date and time for the public hearing was discussed. Opperman moved to set the CDBG Public Hearing for October 20th at 6:00PM. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Meyers, Opperman and Parkin. Nays: None. Motion passes.

The Tree Board writes a grant to Trees Forever/Black Hills Energy each year to purchase trees to be planted in the community. This year they are requesting permission to write the grant for \$1250, with an equal match from the City. Parkin moved to approve the Tree Board to write the grant for \$1250. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Meyers, Opperman, Parkin and Stover. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council discussed changing our agent of record from TrueNorth to Citizens Investment with Norm Rizer. By us changing we will have a local agent so asking questions and reviewing our policy will be easier. Opperman moved that we change the agent of record from TrueNorth

to Citizens Investment. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Parkin, Stover and Meyers. Nays: None. Motion passes.

A resident at 211 Mechanic Street was present to discuss the recent tree trimmings that were done since branches were in the electric lines. The trees look like they were butchered. There was also a big branch left in the tree, which could have fallen out and hurt someone. The resident is afraid the tree is going to die. The way the trimming had to be done is because of the new lines. If a branch touches the new lines it will blow a circuit and this would become a major inconvenience if it happens too much.

Since Christmas is just around the corner the council discussed offering the holiday lighting rebate again this year. The rebate offers a discount of \$10 to anyone who places at least 200 lights on their property. It was suggested that we increase the rebate from \$10 to \$15. Opperman moved to approve the holiday lighting rebate and to include both residential and commercial properties and to increase the rebate amount to \$15.00 and that the property must have at least 200 lights. Meyers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Meyers, Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Economic Development and Chamber of Commerce offices were contacted by Mike Chapman from Iowa History magazine. The next publication of the magazine will feature Strawberry Point. The Strawberry Point cookbook has 591 recipes and is \$20.00. IAMU reviews even cable and phone lines that are in the trees and we get written up if they are. This is also why tree trimming is necessary. Rainbow is in bad condition and it would be nice to seal coat it. This will be looked into since there may be a provision not allowing this. Strawberry Point's Hazard Mitigation Plan has been FEMA approved.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Meyers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor