

## **Strawberry Point City Council Regular Meeting September 1, 2010**

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 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: Newman, Opperman, Parkin, Stover and Meyers. Nays: None. Motion passes.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 4) Minutes from August 18<sup>th</sup>
- 5) Claims
- 6) Motion to Approve Resolution No. 10-17 – City Street Financial Report 2010

Parkin moved to approve the consent agenda with the added claim to RPGI for \$66,702.00. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Parkin, Stover, Meyers and Newman. . Nays: None. Consent agenda passes.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Council discussed disposing of the alley located behind the homes on South Commercial Street. Before formally proceeding with disposing of the alley council must make some decisions on specifics with the disposal. One property owner questioned how this sale might affect their property taxes. The City will call the Clayton County Assessor's office to see how much this may increase the property owner's taxes. This will be on the next agenda for continuing discussion.

Council reviewed the proposal again by Farmer's Savings Bank to use the parking area at Inger Park for their bank parking due to their expansion. In their proposal they would be willing to give the City the area to the East of the playground. Troy moved to approve the proposal by Farmer's Savings Bank as proposed. Newman seconded the motion. Since the City will then own the area to the East of the playground we will advertise bids for the retaining wall again since it will be one continuous wall. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Meyers, Newman and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

### **INFORMATION**

The council received Electric Study Committee minutes from August 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

It is nearing fall and time to set dates to place leaves and yard waste at the curb for City pickup. Stover moved that we pick up leaves at the curb beginning September 27 through November 8<sup>th</sup> on Mondays. Meyers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Meyers, Newman, Opperman and Parkin. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council had discussed adding what they should do when a request to remove a tree is denied by the Tree Board to the City Code or just developing a policy. The Clerk will check with the City Attorney to see which way is better to add this. The Clerk will also check with other cities to see how they handle this.

The Library Board approved getting a credit card for the library to make purchases and to pay for postage with a \$1000 limit. The council discussed this and since the other city employees only have a \$500 limit this seems appropriate for the library staff also. Meyers moved to approve the authorization of a credit card for the Library with a \$500 limit instead of \$1000.

Newman seconded the motion. Ayes: Meyers, Newman, Opperman, Parkin and Stover. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed cost proposals for both Prospect and Elkader Street. Prospect proposal is \$217,939 and Elkader Street is 681,894. It was the consensus of the council to continue with doing both streets at this time and hopefully if we do both streets at the same time we can get a better bid price for each project.

When converting to the new software, we reviewed each utility account for accuracy. We found that some garbage customers are either being charged for service they don't receive or not charged when they do have garbage collected. The clerk will develop a proposed ordinance for the garbage to reflect these changes to be reviewed at the next meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The trees at the Cemetery were reviewed by the Tree Board and some are to be removed and some are only going to be trimmed. The Clerk and the City Superintendent met with representatives from FEMA to get reimbursed for the flood cleanup and other storm related expenses. Tree trimming is being done in town right now and some trees are being really trimmed, this is because if branches touch the lines it will blow circuits.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Meyers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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Deanna Dement, City Clerk

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Dale Fox, Mayor