

Strawberry Point City Council
Budget Workshop January 30, 2008

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a special meeting on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Fox presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Jan Parkin, Jackie Opperman, Norm Rizer, Al Friederich and Troy Stover.

Claims were discussed. Rizer moved to approve the claims. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passed.

Council also reviewed the TIF District that the committee decided upon. There was much discussion regarding TIF and the advantages for the City. The areas that are to be placed in a TIF District include the west and south areas of town, and the area where the housing subdivision will go. There are expenses related to going through this process, including \$500 to Upper Explorerland and \$2500 to Dorsey & Whitney. Friederich moved to approve the expenses of \$500 and \$2500 to continue with this process. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passed.

The main purpose of this special meeting was to work on the 2008-2009 budgets. Also in attendance were Jeff Robinson, City Superintendent and Fire Chief, Bob Pope, Police Chief, Roland Evans, Ambulance Director, and Noretia Kramer, Library Board Member. The new council members had many questions, since this was their first budget workshop. Another budget workshop will be held on February 13th at 6:00p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

An ordinance needs to be proposed specifying what can and cannot be on the lower level of main street store fronts. The City Clerk will discuss this with the City Attorney and be ready for an upcoming meeting. Chief Pope informed the council that Matt, the new officer, will be testing to enter the Police Academy on February 19th and if he passes, he will begin the Academy on March 3rd. This is an eight week academy held at Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo. It was also discussed about broadcasting the city council meetings. This had been researched last year and the tape had to be to Oelwein during regular business hours for Mediacom, which would not be very convenient. This will be reviewed further at a later date.

With no further business, Stover moved to adjourn at 9:47 p.m. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayors