

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting May 7, 2008

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Fox presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Al Friederich, Jackie Opperman, Jan Parkin, Norm Rizer, and Troy Stover.

Mayor Fox opened the public hearing at 6:00pm for the tobacco violation for Strawberry Foods. Strawberry Foods has paid their penalty and there were no written or oral objections, the public hearing was closed at 6:02pm. The council needed to authorize the Mayor to sign the Order Assessing the penalty for first violation. Friederich moved to approve the Mayor to sign the Order Assessing Penalty First Violation. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council reviewed minutes from April 16th and 30th, and the claims plus an additional claim to Clayton County Recorder for \$75.20. Opperman moved to approve the consent agenda with the change to the April 16th minutes, which changes the resolution number from 08-12 to 08-15. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS

Strawberry Building Supply wants to place a sign and a product in the Industrial Park to track his business product demand. The only concern of the council was the sign and products cannot block vision of drivers. The DOT will have to assess how far the sign and product has to be from highway. Opperman moved to approve Strawberry Building Supply to place a sign and product in the Industrial park pending approval from DOT. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Job descriptions were reviewed and updated. All employees have reviewed his or her proposed job description and are in approval. Stover moved to approve the job descriptions with the changes discussed tonight. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. Salary or hourly pay for Jeff and Adam will be discussed at the next meeting.

The request to hold water aerobics on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00-6:00pm was presented before the council. Friederich moved to approve water aerobics to be held on Tuesday and Thursdays from 5-6p.m. except when there are home swim meets. Rizer seconded the motion. The council was also presented with pool hours the first week of operation. Opperman moved to approve the hours for the pool from 6:00-8:30 on May 27-30 and June 2 and beginning June 3rd 1-5pm and 7-8:30pm. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

INFORMATION

Council received the Chamber of Commerce newsletter for May 2008. They also received the Electric Study Committee meeting minutes from April 29th. Councilman Rizer gave some information about the Regional Housing Authority from a meeting he attended.

NEW BUSINESS

Ryan Wicks, engineer from Tekippe Engineering was present to give an overview for the scope of the project for the access road for Elkader Street. He presented the council with an agreement for professional services to continue with their services. He also presented council with an estimated project schedule. The estimated cost for a 24 foot, 6 inch concrete road with 6 feet shoulders would be \$1.5 million. It was suggested that the City put in a temporary roadway to allow emergency vehicles to get to the Lutheran Home during construction of Elkader Street. The reason for a concrete roadway being constructed is to allow for development in the area. It

was discussed if the sewer mains could be installed between the sidewalks and the curb instead of in the middle, therefore the possibility of doing one lane at a time. This option will be investigated. The City should have an idea of when Elkader Street will be reconstructed in June, following the inspection by the IDOT. This agreement will be addressed once the City hears from the DOT in June.

Council received the Iowa School Board Proclamation. Opperman moved to approve the School board Proclamation, declaring week May 11-17 as School Board Recognition Week. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received a cost proposal from Swales Construction to replace box and 15' of curb and gutter on East Elm for \$1920 and replace 35' of curb and gutter on East Mission and Mechanic for \$1250. Opperman moved to approve replacing the box and 15' of curb and gutter on East Elm for \$1920. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. Rizer made a motion to approve the proposal to replace 35' of curb and gutter on East Mission and Mechanic. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received an urban revitalization application from Donna Duarte. Opperman moved to approve the urban revitalization for Donna Duarte for her home improvements. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The Fire Department is requesting permission to close down East Mission to hold the annual fireman's dance on Friday night of Strawberry Days. Opperman moved to approve closing down East Mission to hold the annual fireman's dance during Strawberry Days. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion.

Berry Tender is requesting permission to use the pool 12:00-1:00pm a couple of days a week. Rizer moved to propose that Berry Tender use the pool with a cost of \$15 per day that they go. Stover seconded the motion. Ayes: Rizer, Friederich, and Stover. Nays: Opperman and Parkin. Motion passes.

Council received Resolution No. 08-16, A Resolution of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa Requesting the Assistance of the Staff of the Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission. Opperman moved to approve Resolution 08-16. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. Council also received the Contract for Services between City of Strawberry Point and Upper Explorerland Regional Planning commission. Rizer moved to approve this contract. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Friederich, Stover, Rizer and Opperman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council received Resolution No. 08-14 Laptop Computer Policy. Friederich moved to approve Resolution No. 08-14. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Opperman, Friederich, Rizer and Parkin. Nays: None. Resolution passes.

Council received three utility accounts to be written-off due to inability to find these people. Judgments were filed and due diligence searches were performed unsuccessfully. The accounts were \$538.45, \$216.55 and \$630.69. Additional information is needed prior to making a decision. This item will be placed on the next agenda.

Council reviewed the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-04 An Ordinance Specifying Times and Fees for Discontinuation of Electric Service for Nonpayment and Reconnection in the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa. Stover moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-04. Rizer seconded the motion. Ayes: Friederich, Opperman, Rizer, Stover and Parkin. Nays: None. First reading passes.

Council reviewed the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-05 An Ordinance Providing for Handicapped Parking in the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa. Parkin moved to approve the first

reading of Ordinance No. 08-05. Opperman seconded the motion. Ayes: Opperman, Rizer, Stover, Friederich and Parkin. Nays: None. First reading passes.

Council received a proposal from Schlee Masonry Construction for city hall repairs. The prep coping stone for roof repair for \$50.00 would be removed at this time due to additional roofing repairs being needed. Opperman moved to approve the proposal from Schlee Construction for \$2545, which includes all items listed except the last one dealing with the roof. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. There will be a proposal to make repairs to the roof at a later date.

Council received two estimates for the damage at the civic center due to the flooding. Gaffney Construction for installation of cabinets, countertops and ceiling tile for \$2840.00 and Strawberry Building Supply for cupboards for \$3767.00. The City insurance will cover these expenses minus a \$1000 deductible. Friederich moved to approve these quotes for \$6607. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Police Officer Matt Moser graduated from the Police Academy on April 25th. Due to his graduation from the Academy, Rizer moved to increase his pay to \$14.00 per hour. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council received a memo from the Mayor pertaining to accessing the email on the new computers. Council members are encouraged to check their emails daily. The sidewalk at the Civic Center will need to be done and quotes will be discussed at the next meeting. The City will be looking at other sidewalk issues at a later date.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor