

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting May 21, 2008

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Fox presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Jan Parkin, Al Friederich, Troy Stover, and Norm Rizer. Jackie Opperman joined the meeting via webcam and speakers during the consent agenda and for the duration of the meeting.

Mayor Fox opened the public hearing at 6:00pm to establish the urban renewal amendment area. This area includes the Pheasant Ridge Subdivision. Mayor Fox asked if there were any oral or written objections. With no objections, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:05pm. Council reviewed Resolution No. 08-18 Resolution Approving Urban Renewal Amendment Plan and Establishing Urban Renewal Amendment Area. Parkin moved to approve Resolution No. 08-18. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Rizer and Friederich. Nays: None. Opperman was absent. Resolution passes.

Since it was not quite time for the next public hearing, the council reviewed minutes from May 7th, and the claims and the additional claims to Aquila for a total of \$554.45. Stover moved to approve the consent agenda plus the additional claims to Aquila and with the following changes to the May 7th minutes, "The council also put a one-year time limit for placing signs and the reason for a concrete roadway for the access road for Elkader Street is to keep traffic flowing. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Mayor Fox opened the public hearing at 6:16pm for the budget amendment. There were no written or oral objections. The public hearing was closed at 6:19pm. Opperman moved to approve the budget as amended. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rizer, Stover, Friederich, Parkin, and Opperman. Nays: None. Budget amendment passes.

OLD BUSINESS

Council reviewed the second the reading of Ordinance No. 08-05 An Ordinance Providing for Handicapped parking in the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa. Opperman moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 08-05. Friederich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Rizer, Opperman and Friederich. Nays: None. Second reading passes. Rizer moved to waive the third reading of Ordinance No. 08-05. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Friederich, Rizer, Stover and Parkin. Nays: None. Ordinance No. 08-05 passes.

Council reviewed the second reading of Ordinance No. 08-04 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 second reading of Ordinance No. 08-04. Friederich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Stover, Rizer, Opperman, Friederich, and Parkin. Nays: None. Second reading of Ordinance No. 08-04 passes.

Council received the bus barn lease agreement between the City of Strawberry Point and Swales Precast, Inc. The tenant will pay the City \$10,000 on June 1, 2008 for a five-year lease. If the tenant chooses to renew the contract, they would pay an additional \$10,000 for another five-year lease. Council had some problems with the amount that would be covered by the tenant if the roof should collapse. They also had some problems with the cost the Leisure Home would pay if they wanted to purchase the property. Additionally, there were some questions concerning the insurance liability coverage. The City Clerk will consult the City Attorney on these issues and this will be addressed at a later date.

Council received a request to hold lap swim at the pool. The majority of the people requested lap swim to be held from 6:00-7:00pm. Opperman moved to hold lap swim from 6:00-7:00pm Monday through Friday except when the swim team is holding a home meet. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed whether or not to open the baby pool this season. It was not open last year due to drain problems, cement work needed and a new heater and no complaints were received. The council would like an estimate of the repairs so that it may be open next summer. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

Headstart is requesting permission to use the pool from 12:00-1:00pm on a day when Daycare is not. They were told the cost would be \$15.00 a time, which was approved by their board. Stover moved to approve Headstart to use the pool from 12:00-1:00pm on Wednesdays for \$15 a time. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council addressed whether the City Superintendent and Public Works Manager should be hourly or salary. After a brief discussion, Parkin moved to make both the City Superintendent and Public Works Manager hourly effective July 1st. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received a request to write-off a utility account that was from 2003. We had filed a judgment, which was unsuccessful in being delivered, so the judgment was dismissed. Stover moved to write-off this past due utility account for \$216.55. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

INFORMATION

Council received library board minutes from April 29. They also received a housing needs assessment questionnaire to be completed. Council also received April month-end financial information and information about horse manure in streets.

NEW BUSINESS

The SAFE Coalition requested permission to close East Mission to hold a dance on Saturday, June 14th for Strawberry Days. Stover moved to approve the SAFE collation to close East Mission to hold dance their dance. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council reviewed a liquor license transfer for Chaser's, since he will be providing the alcohol for the Fireman's dance. Chasers will need to be closed that Friday and Sunday. Parkin moved to approve the liquor license transfer for Chasers' for June 13. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-06 An Ordinance providing for the division of taxes levied on taxable property in the Strawberry Point Urban Renewal Area, pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa. Opperman moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-06. Friederich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Friederich, Rizer, Opperman, Stover and Parkin. Nays: None. First reading passes.

Council received the parade route for Strawberry Days, which will be the same as last year. Friederich moved to approve the parade route for Strawberry Days as proposed by Chief Pope. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The VFW requests permission to use the fire station June 14th for a breakfast. Stover moved to approve the VFW to use the fire station on June 14th. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The Lion's Club requests permission to use the fire station on June 14th and 15th for Strawberry Days. Rizer moved to approve the Lion's Club to use the fire station on June 14th and 15th. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council received two proposals for sidewalk repairs at the Civic Center. One proposal was from Payne Concrete Construction for \$5,974.65 and the other proposal was from Swales Construction Inc for \$6,695.00. The estimates seem to be different as far as square footage. The City Superintendent will get them to resubmit their proposals so they are comparing the same footage. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

The police department will be holding a STEP wave May 19th through June 1st and the Police Chief is requesting to be paid overtime for this so we can get reimbursed through the STEP Grant program. This would require the chief to be paid hourly only during a STEP wave time. Friederich moved to approve this request to have Chief Pope be paid hourly during a STEP wave to receive reimbursement for overtime. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The police department is requesting permission to purchase two Tasers. Officer Moser is already trained on Tasers, Chief Pope will have to attend four-hour training on them. Tasers can shoot 35 feet through 2 layers of clothing. Friederich moved to approve the purchase of two Tasers for \$1909.68 plus shipping. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

There was some discussion to extend open burning dates since it was very wet during the previously approved times. Opperman moved to extend open burning from May 30 to June 11. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council reviewed summer hours for City Hall. It had been done last summer without any problems. Parkin moved to approve 7:00am to 5:30pm as summer hours for city hall Monday through Friday starting June 9th through August 29th. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was miscommunication between the garbage haulers and the City regarding TVs and computers. These may be picked up with regular garbage.

Parkin and Stover volunteered to be on the Hazard Mitigation Committee. There will be additional members on the committee, which will work on developing the hazard mitigation plan for the City.

With no further business, Friederich moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor