

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting June 4, 2008

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Fox presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Jackie Opperman, Al Friederich, Jan Parkin, Norm Rizer and Troy Stover.

Council reviewed minutes from May 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and claims plus additional claims to RPGI for \$30,762.72 and the US Post Office for \$69.16. Rizer moved to approve the consent agenda with the change to the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, which includes the omission of the sentence "Chasers will need to be closed that Friday and Sunday" under New Business. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A property owner on Prospect that has been experiencing sewer backups during the past five weeks during heavy rains addressed the council. The DNR and Public Health Department was contacted and they felt that eaves or drains running into the sewer are causing the problem, which is against City Code and Federal regulations. The City will have to address this problem. The City will smoke the lines and then fix the problems before the DNR starts fining the City. Inspections of property's sump pumps and eaves will be done and fines will be assessed for violators per the City Code.

A representative from the Swales family was present to discuss giving the walking bridge located between Eder Street and Westwood to the City. The bridge just had a new handrail installed. Friederich moved to accept the gift of the walking bridge and the ground that goes along with it. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

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

Council received two proposals again for the sidewalk at the Civic Center. One was from Swales Construction \$6,695 and the other from Payne Concrete Construction \$7,270. Rizer moved to approve the Swales proposal for \$6,695. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The cost for lap swimming was addressed. Opperman moved to have a charge of \$2.00 per time if there is not a single or family pass already purchased or a \$40.00 pass for lap swimming. Parkin seconded the motion. Ayes: Opperman and Nays: Rizer, Stover, Parkin and Friederich. Motion fails. Following discussion, Opperman moved to have a single lap pass \$20.00 and family lap pass \$40.00 or \$2.00 a time with a review of costs next year. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed the second 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. Stover moved to approve Ordinance No. 08-06. Rizer seconded the motion. Ayes: Opperman, Stover, Friederich, Parkin and Rizer. Nays: None. Second reading of Ordinance No. 08-06 passes. Stover moved to waive the third reading of Ordinance No. 08-06. Friederich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Opperman, Rizer, Friederich, Stover and Parkin. Nays: None. Ordinance No. 08-06 passes.

Council conducted a final review of the capital improvement plan prior to adopting it by resolution. Council had no changes so a resolution officially adopting this plan will be addressed at the next meeting.

Council reviewed a list of sidewalks that still need to be repaired/replaced. Rizer moved to continue with this process of getting bids to replace the sidewalks for those who have not complied and assess the cost. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed the bus barn lease agreement between the City and Swales Precast again, since there had been some questions brought up at the last meeting. Mike Breitbach was present to address the council that Leisure Homes would like to purchase the property on contract. The city attorney will be consulted on this process. Friederich moved to proceed to sell the bus barn property. Rizer seconded the motion. Ayes: Opperman, Friederich, Rizer and Stover. Nays: Parkin. Motion passes.

## **INFORMATION**

Council received police reports from January 1 to May 20, 2008 for review. They also received Electric Study Committee minutes from May 14 and May 21.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Council received a request to close off the alley behind City Hall and the Fire Station and the north side of City Hall to grocery store to hold the old-fashion carnival games during Strawberry Days. Stover moved to approve the Chamber to close off the alley behind City Hall and the Fire Station and the alley to the North of City Hall to the grocery store parking lot. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received a Cigarette/Tobacco permit renewal for Bill's Quik Shop. Rizer moved to approve the cigarette/tobacco permit for Bill's Quik Shop. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received a Cigarette/Tobacco permit renewal for Nading's. Friederich moved to approve the cigarette/tobacco permit for Nading's. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received a Cigarette/Tobacco permit renewal for Bottom's Up. Friederich moved to approve the cigarette/tobacco permit for Bottom's Up. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council reviewed the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-07 An Ordinance Amending the City Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, to Consolidate Electric Rates into One Article and to Adjust Rates. Parkin moved to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 08-07. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Friederich, Opperman, Rizer, Stover and Parkin. Nays: None. First reading of Ordinance No. 08-07 passes.

Council received Resolution No. 08-21 Resolution to Transfer and Close the Capital Improvement Street Investment to Capital Improvement Street Revenue Fund. Opperman moved to approve Resolution No. 08-21. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Friederich, Opperman, Rizer, Stover and Parkin. Nays: None. Resolution No. 08-21 passes.

Council received the invoice from the Iowa Department of Transportation for the Highway 3/13 street project in the amount of \$501,790.58. Opperman moved to approve this invoice in the amount of \$501,790.58. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Accepting the work and filing the special assessments for the Highway 3/13 project was tabled. The City is looking into some issues with the project yet.

A courtesy break was requested. Following the courtesy break Westwood Avenue was discussed. Westwood will be replaced the summer of 2009 with subdrains to be included. Ryan Wicks, Tekippe Engineer was present to provide an estimate for the project and timeframe schedule. The estimate is \$267,579 for asphalt or \$288,967 for concrete. Council also received a professional agreement with Tekippe Engineering. Opperman moved to approve entering into the professional agreement with Tekippe Engineering for Westwood. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received two releases of mortgage for property at 213 East Elm. Stover moved to approve the release of mortgages since the property owners have met all the grant obligations. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Adam Fette addressed the council to thank them for the opportunity to work for the City and he expressed the interest to return someday to Strawberry Point. He commented that he was not leaving due to any problems.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The electric plant was struck by lightning on May 25<sup>th</sup> in the storm. Ziegler was called out to make the necessary repairs to the generator. The City insurance company was notified of this. Also, the City will be getting two used storm sirens from another City as soon as they install their new ones. The new sirens will be placed on the West side of town.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

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Deanna Dement, City Clerk

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Dale Fox, Mayor