

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting June 18, 2008

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Fox presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Jackie Opperman, Norm Rizer, Jan Parkin, Al Friederich, and Troy Stover.

Council reviewed minutes from June 4th and claims plus additional claims to Aquila \$1975.93, Cass Cemetery \$10,106.59, Kuhlman Construction \$1625.54, Petty Cash \$35.00, and Andy Waterhouse \$391.02. Rizer moved to approve the consent agenda, including the additional claims and with the addition to the old business first paragraph to state the fine for violating the sump pump ordinance in the City Code is \$500 per day. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS

The council received two bids for inspecting, smoke testing. The bids were from Visu-Sewer and Municipal Pipe Tool. Doug Severson was present from Visu-Sewer to present their proposal. This proposal also includes house-to-house inspections of their sump pumps. It would also include lining pipes that have bad spots to remedy the situation. There was a large quantity of clear water running through the manholes when a few were opened, which means there is significant infiltration. Council will review this information and make a decision at the next meeting.

Council reviewed Resolution No. 08-19 Resolution Accepting Work Covering the Highway 3-13 Improvement Project. Opperman moved to approve Resolution No. 08-19. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Rizer, Opperman and Friederich. Nays: None. Resolution No. 08-19 passes.

Council reviewed Resolution No. 08-20 Adopting Final Assessment Schedule for the Highway 3-13 Improvement Project and Amending, Confirming and Levying the Assessments. Friederich moved to approve Resolution No. 08-20. Parkin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Friederich, Opperman, Rizer, Parkin and Stover. Nays: None. Resolution No. 08-20 passes.

Council reviewed 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. There were a couple of business owners present to voice their objections, since the increase is substantial. The City will review rates from Alliant for commercial users. Stover moved to send this ordinance back to electric study for review of section D the over 5000KW rates. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The storm sewer and tile issue on East Elm was again discussed. This had been previously discussed and the cement box in the field is in poor condition, but the problems are due to bad tile in the field. It was discussed that the tile should be replaced prior to the box being replaced. Stover moved that the tile needs to be replaced prior to the box being replaced. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. A letter with the previous minutes will be sent to the property owner.

INFORMATION

Council received minutes from the Planning and Zoning board from June 11th for review. They also received Electric Study Committee minutes from June 3rd. Council also received month-end financial information from May and an adjusted April. The library board provided

minutes to the council from their May 27th meeting. Council received a reminder that FEMA courses are due by June 30th. The council also received information that credit/debit cards will be available beginning in July and a "Storm Central" consideration for the City in case of a disaster.

NEW BUSINESS

A property owner on Mechanic Street was present to discuss the horses located on East Elm. This resident feels that the horses are a nuisance and that it is decreasing her property value. This issue was taken to court previously and the last court case was thrown out, since it was not deemed a nuisance. The Mayor stated that the City will be taking no action on this issue.

Police Chief Pope requested council approval to apply for a STEP Grant program through the Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau for overtime in the amount of \$3000. These often can be used for equipment, which has been done in the past, but we have to wait a year for that. Stover moved to approve the police chief to apply for the STEP Grant in the amount of \$3000. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received a cigarette/tobacco permit renewal for Strawberry Foods. Friederich moved to approve the cigarette/tobacco permit for Strawberry Foods. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Resolution No. 08-22 Resolution Authorizing the city clerk/administrator to make the appropriate interfund transfer of sums in the appropriate manner for FY2008 for the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa. Opperman moved to approve Resolution No. 08-22. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Resolution No. 08-23 Resolution to approve capital improvement plan 2008-2012. Stover moved to approve Resolution No. 08-23. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Resolution No. 08-24 Resolution to transfer from streetscape special assessment to debt service. Opperman moved to approve Resolution No. 08-24. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council received an invoice from Tekippe Engineering for \$5,122.42, the final one for the Highway 3/13 project. Rizer moved to approve the invoice to Tekippe Engineering in the amount of \$5,122.42. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Council was presented with an agreement between Early Childhood Programs and Strawberry Point Civic Center. Rizer moved that we approve this agreement with the addition of \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate liability insurance coverage and copy of certificate of insurance and that the City provides additional coverage. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council was presented with wage recommendations by the salary and wage committee for city employees. Opperman moved to approve the recommended wages. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. These wage amounts will be officially approved by resolution at the July 2nd meeting.

Compensation for electric generator trainees was addressed. The council would like to have the two trainees submit compensation proposals, since they will be independent contractors. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Council reviewed changing the second meeting date in July since the clerk and deputy clerk will be at Municipal Clerk's School in Ames. Opperman moved to approve changing the second meeting date in July to July 23rd. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Two members of the planning and zoning board are up for re-appointment. Rizer moved to re-appoint Herb Surom and Mark Zwanziger to the planning and zoning board. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council was presented with two names for appointment to the planning and zoning board due to Dave Baumgartner's asking to be removed. The two candidates were Harold Wessels and John Bockenstedt. Friederich moved to appoint Harold Wessels to the planning and zoning board. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The lights at the ball field were discussed. These lights have been left on all night occasionally so a solution must be found. There should be some type of timer or something installed on these lights so they will automatically go off if they are turned on or have them so they run for a set time. This will be researched further and discussed at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor