

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting July 2, 2008

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 2, 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, Troy Stover, and Norm Rizer.

Council reviewed minutes from June 18th, claims and an additional claim to RPGI for \$43,591.95. Friederich moved to approve the consent agenda with the claims and additional claim. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Property owners from 212 Prospect Street were present to discuss the City reimbursing some of their expenses related to sewer backups at their property and the property at 213 Prospect Street. The property owners provided the City with estimates for materials to replace the damages. The installation of a backflow valve was mentioned and the contractors have not got the job done yet due to being backlogged. The one property owner did receive a small amount from an insurance company, but is only allowed one claim per year. FEMA was contacted and they were of no assistance concerning this particular situation, but the property owners have appealed their decision. Council would like to table this until FEMA responds to the appeal.

The air conditioner compressors that are needed for the Library was discussed. The Library Director and President of the Board were present. It was discussed which funds this expense would come out of. There are currently five units, but the Library can get by with three units, which one unit has already been replaced. Stover moved to approve purchasing two compressors. Rizer seconded the motion. Following some discussion, Stover withdrew his motion. Rizer withdrew is second. We will get a second quote and have someone take a look at the air conditioning units. A special meeting will be held once we get the quotes.

The appointment of Anne Beyer to the Library Board was presented before the city council. Opperman moved to approve Anne Beyer to the Library Board. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. The council also was presented with the reappointment of Martha Engert to the Library Board. Opperman moved to approve the reappointment of Martha Engert to the Library Board. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Two property owners along Commercial Street were present to discuss rain water running into each of the driveways. The rain water runs into the first driveway and then down the sidewalk into the second driveway. This has only happened since the new road was constructed. The Mayor will discuss this with the DOT and we will get some estimates from a couple of drainage contractors. This will be addressed at a later meeting once more information can be obtained.

The council reviewed again the proposals for sewer smoking and investigating from Visu-Sewer and Municipal Pipe Tool. The proposal from Visu-Sewer included sump pump investigations. The City is having a large capacity of water running from somewhere. Parkin moved to approve the proposal from Visu-Sewer to do inspections and smoke testing without the sump pump investigations. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council asked for proposals from independent contractors who will operate the electric generators temporarily. Nothing was received, so this will be addressed at a later date.

The council discussed how to proceed with filling the vacant electric position, since no resumes were received with journey/lineman qualifications. It was discussed to consider hiring an employee with water/wastewater and to subcontract electric. We will discuss this with the Electric Study Committee at a special meeting on July 9th at City Hall.

Council reviewed Resolution No. 08-26 Resolution Proposing to dispose of the Bus Barn Property. There was much discussion concerning whether we should sell or retain this property. Rizer moved to approve Resolution No 08-26. Stover seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Stover, Rizer and Friederich. Nays: Parkin, Opperman. Resolution No. 08-26 passes. The public hearing regarding this property will be held July 23 at 7:00pm.

Council reviewed Resolution No. 08-25 Resolution setting the wages and salaries for appointed officers and employees of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Stover moved to approve Resolution No. 08-25. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Opperman, Stover, Parkin, Friederich, and Rizer. Nays: None. Resolution No. 08-25 passes.

INFORMATION

The first town hall meeting for the VISION2020 was held on Monday, June 30th. There was low attendance, but the surveys that are being collected are available at City Hall or on the city's website. The Highway 13 road construction to the North through town will tentatively be done in 2011 according to a person from the IDOT. The council also received a report from the Strawberry Point Police Department for May.

NEW BUSINESS

The Spanish Club requested permission to hold a midnight swim on August 8th to raise money for the Costa Rica trip. Opperman moved to approve the midnight swim on August 8th for a fee of \$60.00 with posting a sign that no pool passes will be accepted. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

The council discussed the ad that will be placed in the paper concerning getting bids for contractors to replace sidewalks. An ad will be placed asking for bids per square feet. The specifications and further details will be available at City Hall.

A city compost pile was discussed. There are some items that will need to be addressed before this is implemented, such as location, cost and security. Due to lack of a good location, this will be discussed at a later time when a location has been determined.

Council was presented with an agreement with Interstate Power, which was set to expire. Stover moved to approve the agreement with Interstate Power. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sump pumps draining into neighbors property was discussed. This will be researched further and action taken if necessary. There will be a pre-design meeting concerning construction of Westwood Drive on July 31st at 6:00pm.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor