

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting July 23, 2008

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 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, Norm Rizer, Jan Parkin and Troy Stover.

Council reviewed minutes from July 2 and July 9, claims and an additional claim to Iowa Telecom for \$726.99, Iowa Telecom for \$51.83 and Qwest \$.48. Rizer moved to approve the consent agenda with the claims and the additional claims. Opperman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The lights and timers for the ball field will be discussed at the next council meeting, since we were waiting for some additional information.

The council reviewed a proposal from Wessels Electrical Service to provide electric service to the City. Some additions to the proposal were requested by the council. He will add a clause stating that the rate charged will be his current rate, that he will be available for 24 hour service. He will also add a termination clause stating that the proposal can be terminated by either party with a 30 day notice. This proposal will be reviewed by the City Attorney and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Ryan Wicks, engineer from Tekippe Engineering was present to discuss the water runoff occurring on Commercial Street. The curb and gutter and driveway elevations were not affected by the highway construction project. Storm sewers had been discussed in the planning phase of the project and it was determined not to construct these due to the cost. A possible option to take care of this problem would be installing a storm sewer, with a large cost to the City. The water runoff is essentially due to the large amounts of rain at given times. At this time, no action was taken.

Ryan also discussed some errors on the special assessment schedule for the highway project. There were seven assessments that were reviewed, which some errors were found. Some of the issues concerned a property being assessed and should not have been. Others included a property owner not being assessed and should have been. There were two property owners who have already paid their assessment and the assessment was to increase slightly due to some oversight. Opperman moved to adjust the assessments on highway 3/13 project for all property owners affected by the changes. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

INFORMATION

Council received minutes from electric study committee meeting from July 2, 2008, tree board fiscal year-end report and police department fiscal year-end report. Council also received fiscal-year financial information and library fiscal year-end report. Council also received a FEMA newsletter. The city clerk also gave a report from the Municipal Professionals School that was attended the week of July 14th and July 22.

NEW BUSINESS

The property owner of 217 E. Elm received a housing rehab grant and is requesting permission to rent out the house. Her grant is paid in full on December 13, 2008. Opperman moved that the request to rent the house be denied. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in

favor and motion passes. Opperman moved to follow the contract that says that if the property is rented between the fourth and fifth anniversary 20% if due. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Mayor Fox opened the public hearing at 7:05pm to dispose the bus barn property to Strawberry Point Leisure Homes. Attorney John Compton was present to discuss this with the people in the audience. There was discussion concerning the ownership and maintenance of the driveway. The City will find the stakes and measure the driveway and the City will maintain ownership of the driveway. Mayor Fox closed the public hearing at 7:28pm. No further action was taken on this due to the changes needing to be made.

Council reviewed Resolution No. 08-27 A Resolution approving a competitive rating R.I.S.E. application and funding commitment for Strawberry Point Industrial Park Road, to be submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation in Ames, IA. Opperman moved to approve Resolution No. 08-27. Stover seconded the motion. Ayes: Opperman, Friederich, Stover and Parkin. Nays: Rizer. Resolution No. 08-27 passes.

Council received a project proposal from Prairie Road Builders to repair Forrestville, Oak, Ash and Lincoln Streets. The proposal is for \$36,378.70. This repair is to fix the frost boils from this winter. Friederich moved that we accept the proposal from Prairie Road Builders. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

The power supply at the south lift station went out last Saturday night. A new power supply has been ordered, installed and is working. The power supply tells the pump to start and stop. The new air conditioning units at the library have been installed and are working. The air conditioning compressors stopped working due to an error on Alliant Energy's part while doing an electric conversion last year, not anything that Weber's Plumbing and Heating did. The council expressed their thanks to Joe Weber for finding this error.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Rizer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

Deanna Dement, City Clerk

Dale Fox, Mayor