

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting December 15, 2021

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers within Strawberry Point City Hall. Mayor Evans presided. Council members answering roll call were Hansel, Gould, Courtnage, Gearhart, Rowcliffe.

Mayor Evans advised to table the November Clerk's & Treasurer's Report from the Consent Agenda. Hansel made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Gould seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Gould, Courtnage, Gearhart, Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

### **PRESENTATIONS/GUESTS**

Mark Meyer presented preliminary plans for a housing project on the upper story of his True Value store and requested a City partnership on an application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for the Downtown Housing Grant. Meyer's project proposes four rental units, storage, outdoor living, and ADA compliance. Meyer will work with City Staff to prepare the application for Council consideration at the January 19, 2022, meeting.

Terry Knickerbocker addressed the City Council regarding the automated traffic enforcement. Knickerbocker requested additional speed limit signage southbound on Commercial Street, and also requested additional crosswalks for pedestrian safety. The Council asked staff to communicate with the DOT on both requests.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes from December 1, 2021, City Council Meeting  
Claims

Tobacco Permit – Nading's Service & Sporting, Inc.  
Liquor License Application – Rod & Cal's Pub & Grub

Hansel moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Gould seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gould, Courtnage, Gearhart, Rowcliffe, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **INFORMATION**

The November 2021 Delinquent Account List and November 30, 2021, Ambulance Board minutes were received and filed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The City Council reviewed the volatility of the power market as it pertains to purchasing power for the electric utility, as well as rate history and projections. Gearhart moved to secure the Resource Rate for 2022 and the Market Rate for 2023. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Courtnage, Gearhart, Rowcliffe, Hansel, Gould. Nays: None. Motion passes. There was also discussion on selling the excess generated power to Dairyland Power Cooperative. Council requested additional research of the City's current contract prior to accepting a proposal; item will be on next agenda.

The City Council reviewed the current purchasing policy and recommended the following changes. Any purchase over \$5,000 will require a minimum of two quotes; staff was asked to use their discretion at securing the best price for purchases below that threshold. All Department Heads will be allowed a \$5,000 spending limit, removing an increased threshold for the City Administrator/Clerk. All purchases above \$5,001, and any unbudgeted purchase, will require Council approval. Hansel moved to approve Resolution #21-51 Amending the Employee Handbook as it Pertains to the Purchasing Policy with the noted changes. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Hansel, Gould, Courtnage. Nays: Gearhart. Motion passes.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Following discussion of responding to the automated traffic enforcement complaints, Police Chief Ryan Evans requested all comments be directed to the Police Department. Approximately 3,250 citations have been issued by the system since it was activated in August. Mayor Evans thanked Council Member Rowcliffe for his service to the community.

With there being no other business, Gould moved to adjourn at 7:29PM. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. All ayes.

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Ashley Jasper, City Administrator

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Hannah Evans, Mayor