

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting March 16, 2022

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers within Strawberry Point City Hall. Mayor Evans presided. Council members answering roll call were Hansel, Yokiell, Courtnage, Gearhart and Gould.

Hansel moved to approve the agenda as amended and posted on March 15, 2022. Gearhart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Yokiell, Courtnage, Gearhart, Gould. Nays: None. Motion passes.

PRESENTATIONS/GUESTS

Roger Reed, 207 Cherry Street, registered concerns from personal experience about loose and aggressive dogs. Reed also asked the City Council to more strictly enforce the pet registration ordinance and leash requirements. Police Chief Ryan Evans advised he would respond to Reeds questions in a written statement. Mayor Evans requested these ordinances be added to the next agenda for review and discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from March 2, 2022, City Council Meeting

Claims

Liquor License Renewal – The Franklin Hotel, LLC

January 2022 Treasurer’s Report showing receipts and disbursements by fund as follows:

Fund	Expenses	Revenues
General	\$ 55,823.05	\$ 71,823.17
Munter Trust	\$ -	\$ -
Library Capital Improvement	\$ -	\$ -
Fire Department	\$ -	\$ -
Swimming Pool	\$ -	\$ -
Tree Board	\$ -	\$ -
Ambulance	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Civic Center	\$ -	\$ -
Police Equipment Reserve	\$ 789.68	\$ 500.00
Fire Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Ambulance Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Street Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Industrial Park Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Pool Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Administrative Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Parks Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Veteran’s Memorial Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Road Use Tax	\$ 6,074.76	\$ 12,708.14
I-Jobs	\$ -	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$ 4,685.03	\$ 403.28
Emergency Fund	\$ -	\$ 29.41

Local Option Sales Tax	\$	-	\$	-
Tax Increment Financing	\$	-	\$	-
FEMA	\$	-	\$	-
Debt Service	\$	-	\$	117.41
Civic Center Library Improvements	\$	453.62	\$	-
American Rescue Plan Infrastructure	\$	-	\$	-
CDBG Rehab Housing Project	\$	-	\$	-
Water	\$	11,065.09	\$	18,128.10
Water Deposits	\$	200.00	\$	50.00
Water Capital Project	\$	-	\$	-
Sewer	\$	11,610.91	\$	29,257.68
Sewer Sinking	\$	-	\$	-
Sewer Capital Project	\$	-	\$	-
Electric	\$	104,869.43	\$	96,585.36
Electric Generator Sinking	\$	-	\$	-
Electric Sinking	\$	-	\$	-
Electric Meter	\$	831.62	\$	300.00
Electric Capital Projects	\$	-	\$	-
Electric Required Improvements	\$	-	\$	-

Gould moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Yokiell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Yokiell, Courtmage, Gearhart, Gould. Nays: None. Hansel abstained due a conflict of interest. Motion passes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Evans opened a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Proposal at 6:18PM. With no comments, written or oral, received, Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 6:18PM. Gearhart moved to approve Resolution #22-15 Approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Proposal. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Courtmage, Gearhart, Gould, Hansel, Yokiell. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed more flexible uses of the American Rescue Plan funds. Council requested cost estimates for suggested projects be secured for discussion at the next meeting.

INFORMATION

The February 2022 Delinquent Account List and Police Department Quarterly Report were received and filed. Chief Evans advised of his discussion with the company which owns the traffic cameras; they are satisfied with the effectiveness of the West Mission Street camera and would not recommend a new location for that unit at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Doug Guilford and Luke Dement requested approval for the Strawberry Days Truck and Tractor Pull to be held on June 12, 2022. The event plans to add a kiddie pull prior to the main pull this year. Hansel moved to approve the Strawberry Days Truck and Tractor Pull to be held on June 12, 2022. Yokiell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gearhart, Gould, Hansel, Yokiell, Courtmage. Nays: None. Motion passes.

The City Council discussed possible incentives to encourage pool staff applications for the upcoming season. Deputy City Clerk Jessi Jared and Park and Recreation Board Chairperson Danielle West also participated in the discussion. It was determined to address starting wages and private lesson pay now, while seeking additional input from the staff on retention incentives. Gearhart moved to increase the starting lifeguard pay to \$9.00 per hour with an additional \$0.25 per hour per returning year; he further moved to charge \$60 per private lesson series with \$50 of that being paid to the lifeguard teaching the complete series. Assistant Manager and Manager wages will be determined by qualifications and experience. Yokiell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gould, Hansel, Yokiell, Courtnage, Gearhart. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Steve Cook with Backbone Insurance reviewed the City's insurance renewal. He was pleased to report a 9% increase over the previous year, which was less than the company advised to budget for. Gearhart moved to accept the insurance renewal. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Yokiell, Courtnage, Gearhart, Gould. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Gearhart moved to approve the use of the Civic Center for Moser's Summer Clinic. Gould seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Yokiell, Courtnage, Gearhart, Gould, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Hansel moved to approve Resolution #22-16 Approving the FY2022 Audit Proposal. Yokiell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Courtnage, Gearhart, Gould, Hansel, Yokiell. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council discussed the city's disaster preparedness in terms of supplying water and emergency services to the community in the event of a disaster. Council requested staff prepare a proposal with cost estimates for consideration and the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Courtnage suggested adding backstops to the basketball court and inquired about using Local Option Sales Tax funds to pay for the library roof project.

With there being no other business, Hansel moved to adjourn at 7:26PM. Gould seconded the motion. All ayes.

Ashley Jasper, City Administrator/Clerk

Hannah Evans, Mayor

