

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting January 5, 2022

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 5, 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, and Gearhart, with Gould participating via speakerphone.

Hansel moved to approve the agenda as presented. Courtnage seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Yokiell, Courtnage, Gearhart, Gould. Nays: None. Motion passes.

**PRESENTATIONS/GUESTS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes from December 15, 2021, City Council Meeting

Claims

November 2021 Treasurer's Report showing receipts and disbursements by fund as follows:

Fund	Expenses	Revenues
General	\$ 71,714.78	\$ 77,691.75
Munter Trust	\$ -	\$ -
Library Capital Improvement	\$ 1,379.44	\$ -
Fire Department	\$ -	\$ -
Swimming Pool	\$ -	\$ -
Tree Board	\$ -	\$ -
Ambulance	\$ 5,482.62	\$ 100.00
Civic Center	\$ -	\$ -
Police Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Fire Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Ambulance Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Street Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Industrial Park Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Pool Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Administrative Equipment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Parks Equipment Reserve	\$ 490.99	\$ -
Veteran's Memorial Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Road Use Tax	\$ 6,181.63	\$ 10,137.61
I-Jobs	\$ -	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$ 5,016.99	\$ 9,304.06
Emergency Fund	\$ -	\$ 678.39
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 26,200.96	\$ 38,159.13
Tax Increment Financing	\$ -	\$ -
FEMA	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Service	\$ 6,037.50	\$ 8,742.52
Civic Center Library Improvements	\$ -	\$ -

American Rescue Plan Infrastructure	\$	-	\$	304.06
CDBG Rehab Housing Project	\$	-	\$	-
Water	\$	10,933.08	\$	18,280.63
Water Deposits	\$	100.00	\$	300.00
Water Capital Project	\$	-	\$	-
Sewer	\$	12,927.19	\$	29,355.51
Sewer Sinking	\$	-	\$	-
Sewer Capital Project	\$	-	\$	-
Electric	\$	59,423.54	\$	84,551.89
Electric Generator Sinking	\$	-	\$	-
Electric Sinking	\$	-	\$	-
Electric Meter	\$	115.60	\$	1,050.00
Electric Capital Projects	\$	-	\$	-
Electric Required Improvements	\$	-	\$	-

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Yokiell moved to approve Dairyland Power’s offer to purchase the electric utility’s generation load excess at a rate of \$1.67/kW. Gearhart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Courtnage, Gearhart, Gould, Hansel, Yokiell. Nays: None. Motion passes. Council requested the minutes clarify that this is not the sale of the electric utility, rather the sale of excess power generated during monthly generation events.

Council reviewed the DOT’s response to inquiries about adding speed limit signs and crosswalks. It was within DOT specifications to add one speed limit sign on the southbound lane of Commercial Street; as of the meeting, the sign had already been installed. In response to requests for additional crosswalks, of the proposed locations, only the intersection of Elm and Commercial has adequate sidewalk and ADA access. Courtnage moved to add a crosswalk at the intersection of Commercial Street and Elm Street. Gearhart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gearhart, Gould, Hansel, Yokiell, Courtnage.

### **INFORMATION**

Mayor Evans assigned Committee Appointments; the Ambulance Board was asked to appoint a representative to the surrounding County E911 Boards. The Library Board minutes of October 18, 2021, November 23, 2021, December 13, 2021, and December 21, 2021 (draft), and the Fire Association minutes of December 22, 2021, were received and filed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Gearhart moved to appoint Jacob Hahnemann to the Library Board. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gould, Hansel, Yokiell, Courtnage, Gearhart. Nays: None. Motion passes.

The Council reviewed a cost estimate to replace the Caprice squad car with a new Tahoe, with the option of upfitting the vehicle to serve dual purpose as a squad car and emergency medicine first responder. The vehicle would be assigned to Sergeant Owens who also serves on the Ambulance Service, allowing him to respond to calls immediately without waiting for a full ambulance crew. The Tahoe is available for upfit in March, with other options having a longer lead time, lower trade in value, and less compatibility for the needs of the Departments. Owens was asked to explain this thoroughly to the

Ambulance Board at their next meeting, and also to work with the Iowa Department of Public Health in satisfying all requirements of the first responder options. The vehicle will be financed using the budgeted allotment in the current fiscal year and an advance of the Police Department's equipment allowance in next year's budget. Yokiell moved to accept the bid from Karl Chevrolet for a 2021 Police Tahoe and upfit, including the first responder options. Gearhart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Yokiell, Courtnage, Gearhart, Gould. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Courtnage moved to approve a bundled quote from Axon Enterprise for four body cameras and tasers, with accessories. Hansel seconded the motion. The units are linked together for the body camera to automatically trigger when the taser is drawn. This equipment replaces decade-old used equipment donated to the department that is no longer in working order. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Yokiell, Courtnage, Gearhart, Gould, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Courtnage moved to appoint Mike Tucker to the UERPC Regional Housing Authority Board. Gearhart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Courtnage, Gearhart, Gould, Hansel, Yokiell. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Courtnage moved to extend the Civic Center lease for Moser School of Dance & Gymnastics for their 2022-2023 season. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gearhart, Gould, Hansel, Yokiell, Courtnage.

Council reviewed Ordinance #22-01 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sidewalk Regulations, proposing a 24-hour time frame to clear snow and ice accumulations. Yokiell moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance #22-01. Gearhart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gould, Hansel, Yokiell, Courtnage, Gearhart. Nays: None. Motion passes. Gould moved to waive the Second and Third Readings of Ordinance #22-01. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Yokiell, Courtnage, Gearhart, Gould. Motion passes. Hansel moved to approve and adopt Ordinance #22-01. Gearhart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Yokiell, Courtnage, Gearhart, Gould, Hansel. Motion passes.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Council recognized Jeremiah Owens for earning certification as an Advanced EMT. Staff was asked to confirm correct placement of the snowmobile trail signs, prepare a proposed rate schedule for services, and prepare and post a FAQ page on the City's website pertaining to traffic camera questions. Approximately 3,700 tickets have been issued from the traffic cameras.

## **BUDGET WORKSESSION**

The City Council reviewed budget proposals for the Road Use Tax, Water, Sewer, and Electric funds. The funds were balanced with no proposed rate increases for utility customers. Council requested the Public Works Department implement a rotation to maintain the seal coated alleys.

With there being no other business, Gearhart moved to adjourn at 7:17PM. Hansel seconded the motion. All ayes.

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Ashley Jasper, City Administrator

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Hannah Evans, Mayor