

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting April 21, 2021

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at the Council Chambers within Strawberry Point City Hall. Mayor Evans presided and called the meeting to order at 6:20PM due to the prolonged work session held in advance of the meeting. Council members answering roll call were Rowcliffe, Hansel, Courtnage, and Gearhart; Gould participated via speakerphone.

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

PRESENTATIONS/GUESTS

Wilder Museum Director Kris Morarend invited the City Council to hold their next meeting at the museum for a tour. The consensus of the Council was to hold the regular meeting in the Council Chambers at City Hall, and follow the regular meeting with a tour of the Wilder Museum.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from April 7, 2021, Claims, Cigarette/Tobacco Permit for Casey's General Store, Liquor License Application for Strawberry Food/D & J Mart 1 LLC, and the March Treasurer's Report showing receipts and disbursements by fund as follows:

Fund	Expenses	Revenues
General	\$ 57,149.28	\$ 70,289.02
Munter Trust	\$ -	\$ -
Library Capital Improvement	\$ -	\$ -
Fire Department	\$ -	\$ 1,540.00
Swimming Pool	\$ -	\$ -
Tree Board	\$ -	\$ -
Ambulance	\$ 525.00	\$ -
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	\$ -	\$ -
Road Use Tax	\$ 12,284.76	\$ 5,536.30
I-Jobs	\$ -	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$ 5,081.33	\$ 6,185.19
Emergency Fund	\$ -	\$ 500.82
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ -	\$ 19,546.44
Tax Increment Financing	\$ -	\$ -
FEMA	\$ -	\$ -

Debt Service	\$ 17,248.16	\$ 2,921.82
CDBG Rehab Housing Project	\$ -	\$ -
Water	\$ 9,463.99	\$ 12,062.70
Water Deposits	\$ 1,189.61	\$ 150.00
Water Capital Project	\$ -	\$ -
Sewer	\$ 10,569.27	\$ 23,785.71
Sewer Sinking	\$ -	\$ -
Sewer Capital Project	\$ -	\$ -
Electric	\$ 55,894.64	\$ 96,804.37
Electric Generator Sinking	\$ -	\$ -
Electric Sinking	\$ -	\$ -
Electric Meter	\$ 4,080.46	\$ 600.00
Electric Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ -
Electric Required Improvements	\$ -	\$ -

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rowcliffe moved to approve Resolution #21-14 Approving Hiring and Wages for Pool Staff. Courtnage seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gearhart, Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould. Abstain: Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Rowcliffe moved to approve Resolution #21-15 Approving Agreement with Radius Global Solutions LLC. Hansel seconded the motion. It was clarified that the fees are only assessed on charges that are collected by this entity. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould. Nays: Gearhart. Motion passes.

Courtnage moved to approve Resolution #21-16 Relating to the Financing of a Proposed Project to be Undertaken Establishing Compliance with Reimbursement Bond Regulations Under the Internal Revenue Code. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould, Gearhart, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

INFORMATION

Council reviewed the March 2021 Delinquent Listing.

NEW BUSINESS

Rowcliffe moved to approve Resolution #21-17 Setting Date of Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Amendment. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Courtnage, Gould, Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes. The Public Hearing will be held at the May 19, 2021 City Council meeting at 6:00PM.

Fire Chief Nic Stelken presented three bids for paving the gravel section in front of the Fire Station to the street. The bids were tallied as follows: EFM Construction – \$33,750, Swales Construction – \$32,410 (which was revised from the original submission of \$33,220 to remove the cost of sales tax), and C. Wicks Construction – \$44,626. After discussing the City’s estimated General Fund ending deficit and the request to complete the project in the current fiscal year and the Fire Association’s proposal to pay for 50% of the project, Rowcliffe moved to accept the bid from Swales Construction with \$16,205 being paid by the City from the Fire Department’s General Fund budget. Gould seconded the motion. A

roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gould, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage. Nays: Gearhart indicating the desire to reconsider the project once the budget is balanced. Motion passes.

The American Rescue Plan will award the City approximately \$169,000; the funds are restricted to limited purposes, including water and sewer infrastructure. Council reviewed Public Works Superintendent Erik Sauerbry's list of project priorities. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with cost estimates for Sauerbry's top two priorities: improvements to the north lift station and retaining a professional to reduce inflow and infiltration into the City's sewer system.

Council received the 2020 Water Quality Report; with no concerns reported, the report was filed.

Council reviewed legal advice on a large outstanding utility bill. It was the consensus of the Council not to seek legal action at this time, but to maintain the account on record in hopes of receiving future payment.

There was no action on an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa, By Amending the Provisions Pertaining to Parking Regulation.

After receiving a request to move the regular City Council meetings to Mondays, there were Council members in support of the amendment, and also Council members opposed to the amendment. Terri Gould commented via speakerphone in support of amending the meeting night to maintain Wednesday evenings as dedicated to religious traditions. After the discussion, no action was taken on an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa, by Amending the Provisions Pertaining to Council Meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was a request not to detail the comments made under this section in the official minutes of the City, and for the item to be removed from all further agendas.

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

Ashley Jasper, City Administrator

Hannah Evans, Mayor