

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting May 5, 2021

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers within Strawberry Point City Hall. Mayor Evans presided. Council members answering roll call were Courtnage, Gould, Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe.

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

PRESENTATIONS/GUESTS

Josh Demmer with Demmer Architecture discussed a professional services proposal for the Library and Civic Center improvements. After reviewing preliminary cost estimates, it was the consensus of the Council to pursue the library improvements and acoustics in the Civic Center gym at this time. Further Civic Center improvements were tabled for future review of the use of the space and potential reconstruction to meet the needs of the community. Demmer agreed to work as a project manager for these improvements and will submit a revised proposal for services.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from April 21, 2021: Work Session, Regular Meeting, and Fire Station Tour Claims

Liquor License Application – Strawberry Days

Revised Liquor License Applications – D & J Mart 1 LLC/Strawberry Point Food & Deli Class C and Class E

Cigarette/Tobacco Permit – Nading’s Service and Sporting

Gearhart moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Courtnage seconded the motion. Gould requested to correct the spelling of “Terrie Gould” in the April 21, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting minutes to “Terri Gould”. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gould, Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage. Nays: None. Motion passes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council was in consensus of the placement of the Electric Vehicle Charging Station near the museum on the curb. The downtown location was chosen to draw additional traffic to businesses as well as reduce installation costs.

Courtnage reviewed the Fire Department’s plan to reduce runoff concerns near the Fire Station by installing storm sewer. Swales Construction and Meyer Excavating are donating to the project, with the Fire Association paying the remainder of the project costs. Gould moved to authorize the project and express the City Council’s appreciation to Swales Construction and Meyer Excavating for their generous donations. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gearhart, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould. Nays: None. Motion passes.

INFORMATION

NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Superintendent Erik Sauerbry presented the Public Works Report. Courtnage acknowledged attention to the sidewalk and park inspections and also requested special attention to public nuisance abatements. The Police Department has issued notices pertaining to this and will continue to follow up on properties in violation of code.

Sauerbry recommended approval of quote from Electric Pump for lift station repair in the amount of \$2,484.20. Hansel moved to approve the quote. Gould seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould, Gearhart. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Gould moved to approve Resolution #21-18 Establishing a Public Purpose and Financial Support for Strawberry Point Friday Night Farmers Market. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould, Hansel. Nays: None. Gearhart abstained due to his position on the committee. Motion passes.

Prior to adjournment, Jeff Schuchman reported a tree in need of removal at 212 Park Avenue. Sauerbry indicated the reported tree is first on his list for professional removal. Deb Yokiell also requested the return of an agenda item for Public Comment.

With there being no other business, Rowcliffe moved to adjourn at 6:39PM. Gearhart seconded the motion. All ayes.

Ashley Jasper, City Administrator

Hannah Evans, Mayor