

Public Notice

The City Council of Strawberry Point Will Meet Wednesday, January 3, 2018 Council Chambers,
City Hall 7:00 P.M. Strawberry Point, Iowa Tentative Agenda,
(at discretion of the chair)

- 1) Mayor call meeting to order
 - a) Pledge of Allegiance
 - b) Welcome Visitors
- 2) Roll call of members present
- 3) Motion to Approve the Agenda as (presented) (amended)
- 4) Oath of Office – Jeff Bente, Wally Rowcliffe

Consent Agenda

Note: These are routine items and will be enacted by one motion without separate discussion unless a Council Member requests an item to be removed to be considered separately.

- 5) Minutes from December 20th
- 6) Claims

Unfinished Business

Information

New Business

- 7) Discussion and possible motion to approve renewal of rental agreement with Moser School of Dance & Gymnastics for 2018-2019
- 8) Discussion and possible motion to approve Strawberry Point's participation with the 6a Healthcare Preparedness Coalition
- 9) Employee Annual Review – City Clerk/Administrator - Possible Closed Session Pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session
- 10) Employee Annual Review – Police Chief - Possible Closed Session Pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session
- 11) Adjournment

Posted: January 2, 2018

Alison Osweiler City Clerk/Administrator

Jeff Bente, Mayor

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting December 20th, 2017

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 20th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Bente presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans and Hansel.

Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans and Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Liquor License Renewal Casey's General Store
Minutes from December 20th
Claims

Evans moved to approve the consent agenda. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

INFORMATION

Council reviewed November financials, November delinquent account list and the Fire Department Minutes from October 25th and November 8th.

City Administrator Osweiler stated that she is researching changing how the City handles delinquent accounts during the winter months. Currently, the City does not pursue any disconnections during the winter months. However, legally the City can shut off water year round. The electricity/ electric heat must remain on – but only if the account holder has applied for energy assistance. Osweiler stated, as evidenced by the significant increase in the delinquent account list during the winter months, there are some citizens who simply do not pay over the winter months, knowing that they will not be shut off. City Hall staff feels that this results in large account balances in the spring and numerous disconnection notices sent out in spring as soon as the winter moratorium is lifted. If the City were to pursue water disconnections year round, as many other cities do, this would require all account holders to make some effort to pay their utility bills. The result would reduce the balance of delinquent accounts – helping both the city and the account holder in the long term. Council were receptive to the idea and would like to see more information put together to be discussed at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council reviewed the proposal to change the LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) Funds allocation. Osweiler made a minor change to the proposal based on a suggestion from legal counsel. Council reviewed how the new allocation would impact the funds currently utilized towards loan payments. It was determined that with the change, the city would still have enough funds to continue making the loan payments. Rowcliffe moved to approve the proposal changing the LOST Funds allocation and authorized the collection of voter signatures to support a ballot initiative. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Johnson, Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Chapman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed quotes for the diesel fuel that needs to be purchased for the generation plant. After some discussion, the Council agreed to table the topic until a later meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Park and Recreation Board gave an update on their Splash Pool project to the Council. The Board was happy to report that their efforts to obtain funds from the Iowa Economic Development via the CAT grant had been successful. The Board was given \$59,500.00. With the award of this grant, the Board has all funds necessary to implement the Splash Pool project. Mayor Bente and the Council all congratulated the Board on their accomplishment and thanked them for all of their hard work. The next step will be to have the engineered plan drawings approved by the State. Evans moved to approve sending the splash pool engineered drawings for State approval. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the need to change the Turkey River Watershed Management Authority appointed director. A few Council members questioned why the City was participating in this group.

Evans stated she offered that perhaps appointing Osweiler as the appointed director, she could attend the next meeting and report back to the Council with information. Evans moved to appoint Alison Osweiler as the appointed director and Wally Rowcliffe as the alternate director to represent the City of Strawberry Point with the Turkey River Watershed Management Authority. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the Annual Urban Renewal Report. Evans moved to approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the request by City Staff to purchase 50 radio read water meters to continue the effort to convert all meters in the City. Osweiler stated there are 3 remaining sections to be completed; these meters will be enough to complete one of those sections. Hansel moved to approve the purchase of 50 radio read water meters. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed adding the City Administrator and Deputy City Clerk, as recipients of the allowance based cell phone stipend. The current resolution which was passed in November of 2016 by the Council gives the City Administrator the authority to determine which employees are eligible for the stipend. Since Osweiler is proposing she is added along with the Deputy City Clerk, Osweiler discussed with the Mayor her desire to bring it before Council. Both Osweiler and Deputy City Clerk McDowell use their personal cell phones for city business on a daily basis, sometimes as a main form of communication with Public Works staff. Rowcliffe made a motion to add the City Administrator and Deputy City Clerk as recipients of the allowance based cell phone stipend. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Johnson, Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Chapman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed Resolution 17-16 a resolution of support for the City of Strawberry Point's participation in Clayton County's Housing 360 initiative. Johnson moved to approve Resolution 17-16. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson. Nays: None. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, Rowcliffe moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Hansel seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Osweiler, City Clerk/Administrator

Jeff Bente, Mayor

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KATTIE PAYNE-SCHULTE

I am writing once again
to ask permission to continue
renting as in the past for the
2018-2019 Season
Sept. thru May - Friday -
Sept. 7th thru May 17th

Thank-You
Debbie Moser

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