

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting January 2, 2019

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. inside 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, Hansel.

Oswailer stated that the agenda needed to be amended to include November City Financials given to the Council, as well as removing the Fire Department Minutes from the information section. Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from December 5th
Liquor License Renewal – Rod & Cal’s Pub and Grub
November 2018 City Financials
Claims

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council reviewed the second reading of Ordinance 18-08 – An Ordinance Amending the City Code of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa by amending Title III, Chapter One: Nuisances. With no questions or comments from citizens present, Council asked Oswailer whether there had been feedback given directly to City Hall. Oswailer stated there had been no questions or concerns brought forward. Hansel made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 18-08. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Johnson, Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Chapman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Hansel made a motion to waive the third reading of Ordinance 18-08. Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson. Nays: None. Motion passes.

A complete copy of the ordinance is available at City Hall.

Council reviewed the response from Joyce Goedken on her bid to clean the Civic Center. Goedken’s counter offer was \$100/week cleaning fee, with the understanding that once per month she would also deep clean the kitchen. Evans made a motion to accept the counter offer submitted by Goedken. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson and Evans. Nays: None. Motion passes.

INFORMATION

Council had no questions regarding the Strawberry Point Park and Recreation Board Minutes from November 26, 2018, the Strawberry Point Ambulance Board Minutes from November 13, 2018, or the Insurance Agent Change Notification from Backbone Insurance Group.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Bente inquired if there were any members of the Clayton County Board of Supervisors or the Starmont Community School District present for the consultation session regarding the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment. No members/representatives were present. Council acknowledged both entities have 7 days after this meeting to submit written comment if they desire.

Council reviewed Resolution 19-01 – A Resolution to Appoint a Representative and Alternative Representative to the Clayton County E-911 Service Board. After some discussion, Evans made a motion to approve Resolution 19-01 and appointing Kaleb Payne as the Representative and Duane Johnson as the Alternate Representative. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Abstain: Johnson. Motion passes.

Council reviewed a letter submitted from Moser School of Dance & Gymnastics requesting to

enter into a rental agreement/lease for the 2019-2020 season. Rowcliffe moved to approve the request for the 2019-2020 season with the same lease terms as last year's contract. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed Resolution 18-15 – A resolution setting the date for a public hearing on the designation of the expanded Strawberry Point Urban Renewal Area and on the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment. Evans made a motion to approve Resolution 18-15, setting the date of the public hearing for January 16th, 2019. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson and Evans. Nays: None. Abstain: Hansel.

Council reviewed the first reading of Ordinance 18-08 – An ordinance amending the City Code of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa by amending Title III, Chapter 1, Articles 45 & 46. Resident, Deb Yokiel inquired whether the ordinance was available to the public. Osweiler stated that the ordinance is always available at City Hall, but is also available online, as part of the agenda packet posted on the City website. Johnson moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 18-08 – An ordinance amending the City Code of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa by amending Title III, Chapter 1, Articles 45 & 46. Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel and Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Park and Recreation Board President Danielle West addressed Council about the current board make up. The board is currently down 1 person, additionally many of the current members are moving outside the city limits. The current board make up also has 7 members. West discussed that within the next year only 1 person on the board will still be residing in town. Many of the board members who are moving outside the city limits are still willing to serve however, due to the requirements set in the ordinance, there are only two non-resident seats allowed. West indicated the board has advertised in the local paper, advertised via social media and also directly in person. They have been unsuccessful in finding someone willing to serve on the board. West requested that the Council amend the ordinance to allow for more non-resident seats to be allowed on the board. It was suggested that the total number of board members could be reduced, as was done for other city boards. West said that would help, but also suggested that perhaps board members should just be limited as having a Strawberry Point address. There was concern raised by a few Council members regarding not having a residency restriction/requirement. Further discussion occurred regarding this being a long-standing problem for all city boards. People who live within the city limits are not willing to volunteer. Evans suggested drafting an ordinance amendment reducing the Park and Recreation Board to 5 members with the residency requirement being any member with a Strawberry Point address. Osweiler will draft the amended ordinance and put on the next agenda.

Council reviewed Change Order #4 regarding the Splash Pool project. This change order changes the substantial completion date for the project to May 1, 2019. There were no financial changes on this change order. Evans made a motion to approve change order #4 for the Strawberry Point Splash Pool project. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Johnson, Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Chapman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council re-visited the need to purchase fuel for the generation plant fuel tank. Osweiler stated that after some discussion with Public Works, they wondered if the Council wouldn't grant an increased spending limit to Osweiler for this item only. Due to the nature of fluctuation of fuel prices, it was not feasible to obtain quotes, present to the Council in the agenda packet and have the item voted on without the possibility of fuel prices changing. Hansel made a motion to approve the purchase of fuel for the generation plant up to \$7500.00 and a requirement Osweiler obtains two quotes prior to purchase.

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

Oswailer addressed Council regarding her vacation time stating that at the end of calendar year 2018 she had 75 hours un-used vacation time. Per the handbook, Oswailer would only be able to carry over and be paid out for 40 hours and would thereby lose 35 hours. Due to the unique nature of 2018, with employee turnover, new system installation, and maternity leave for the deputy city clerk, Oswailer was unable to utilize much vacation time and requested an extension for 35 of those hours to be utilized in 2019. Evans made a motion to allow Oswailer to carry over 35 hours (in addition to the 40 hours allowed to be carried over and paid out per handbook), the 35 hours is to be utilized in 2019. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans. Nays: None. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Oswailer spoke to Council about the need to set budget workshop dates. After some discussion, the dates agreed on were as follows:

Revenues: Monday, January 21, 2019 at 6:00PM at City Hall

Expenses: Monday, January 28, 2019 at 6:00PM at City Hall

Oswailer also informed the Council that one of the Library Board members recently appointed has resigned, so the board is again seeking a new board member.

Also shared was the good news that the Civic Center floors are also re-finished and complete.

With no further business, Evans moved to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Hansel seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Oswailer, City Clerk/Administrator

Jeff Bente, Mayor