

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting January 15, 2020

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. inside the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Evans presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Johnson, Courtnage, Chapman, Rowcliffe, Hansel.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from January 2, 2019

Claims

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Council did not have any questions regarding the delinquent listing for December 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Council briefly discussed how the “old” fire station building would be utilized after the department moves into the “new” fire station. Rowcliffe moved to have the current department heads from Fire, Police, Ambulance and Public Works meet to come to an agreement and present their recommendation to the Council at a future meeting. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Rowcliffe, Hansel, Johnson, Courtnage. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Mayor Evans presented the second reading of Ordinance 20-01 – An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to nuisances. The ordinance seeks to amend the nuisance ordinance to specifically ban roosters. Johnson moved to approved the second reading of Ordinance 20-01. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Hansel, Johnson, Courtnage, Chapman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Johnson moved to waive the third reading of Ordinance 20-01. Courtnage seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Johnson, Courtnage, Chapman, Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Steve Cook presented the Council with the reports from a recent visit by an advisor from Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities. Cook indicated that the City is already working on the few areas of improvement suggested. Cook went on to discuss the ongoing project of updating City dept inventory and the recent completion of the Public Works portion. There were some gaps identified. Johnson moved to approve the additional premium increase for \$138,000 additional coverage. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Johnson, Courtnage, Chapman, Rowcliffe, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council discussed the Civic Center ceiling. After some time, it was agreed city staff would seek quotes/estimates for removing the grid system and for spraying insulation.

Oswailer relayed the advisement by the City Attorney against open gym without a monitor. He suggested continuing to seek out volunteers to staff the program.

Strawberry Point Lutheran Home Board President, Pastor Gary Hatcher addressed Council regarding the current agreement in place to split the cost with the City for sewer clean out at the North Sewer Lagoon. After some discussion, Johnson moved to suspend the agreement while further investigation occurs regarding damaging materials in the sewer line. Courtnage seconded the motion. A

roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Courtnage, Chapman, Rowcliffe, Hansel, Johnson. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council discussed additions to the electrical power available at the Civic Center grounds in anticipation of the continued success of Strawberry Days. An initial estimate was thought to cost approximately \$21,000.00. However, alternative configurations were discussed. Alan Wessels will take the discussed information, consult with the Chamber and present a new estimate to Council at the next meeting on February 5th, 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was identified the necessity to hold a Special Meeting to discuss the purchase of a new ambulance. The special meeting will take place at 5:30 PM on January 23rd, 2020 before the Revenue work session at 6:00 PM.

A citizen brought up the topic of speed signs or something similar on Commercial Street in the vicinity of the library. It was identified that there may be potential grant funding coming that would cover that.

Rowcliffe mentioned taking care of the brush pile at the city farm ground.

With no further business, Rowcliffe moved to adjourn at 7:18 PM. Hansel seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Osweiler, City Administrator

Hannah Evans, Mayor