

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting February 3, 2021

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 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, Rowcliffe. Hansel absent.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes from January 18, 2021, and January 20, 2021

Claims

Liquor License Renewal – Nading’s Service & Sporting Goods

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Rowcliffe moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance #21-01 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa, Articles 68.02 and 68.02A to Change the Water Service Rates and Base Water Rate for All Water Customers. Gearhart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gearhart, Rowcliffe, Courtnage, Gould. Nays: None. Motion passes. There was no action to waive the third reading of Ordinance #21-01.

Gearhart moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance #21-02 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa, Articles 53.02 and 53.02A to Change the Sewer Rental Rate and the Base Sewer Rental Rate for All Sewer Customers. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Gould, Gearhart. Nays: Courtnage. Motion passes. There was no action to waive the third reading of Ordinance #21-02.

It was reported that the Civic Center Gym ceiling project was complete, but the City has received comments about the noise and echo in the room due to the new steel ceiling. The City will research acoustical panels and seek assistance from local organizations who utilize the gym or may be able to assist with the project.

**INFORMATION**

City Administrator/Clerk Ashley Jasper advised of a \$4,000 expense addition to the FY2022 Budget Proposal to cover the cost of codifying ordinances. No other changes have been made to date.

Library Board President Tony Cripe advised of the library reopening and summarized the infection control measures in place.

Mayor Evans conducted the Annual Review of City Council Code of Ethics. Council requested all City Boards review the policy.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Cory Kuzyk from OptoTraffic presented a traffic solution to improve safety via pole-mounted Li-DAR based speed sensors. Over approximately a 24-hour period, Kuzyk used a test system to study traffic on the north side of town, finding 25 vehicles traveling at least 10MPH over the speed limit, and on the west side of town, finding 60 vehicles traveling at least 10MPH over the speed limit. Council posed several questions regarding the system, processes, and oversight. Kuzyk will use the traffic study information to prepare a proposal for the City Council’s consideration.

The City Council reviewed an estimate from Speer Financial indicating the City could save approximately \$60,000 by refinancing the Fire Station debt, with Citizens State Bank proposing a reduced interest rate of 2.1% saving the city approximately an additional \$30,000 less legal fees. Gearhart moved to initiate the process of refinancing the Fire Station Debt with Citizens State Bank. Gould seconded the

motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gould, Gearhart, Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Abstain: Courtnage due to his position on the Fire Department. Motion passes.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Courtnage requested a conversation about rules, regulations, and fees for using the Civic Center as reopening that facility will be considered in March.

With there being no other business, Gould moved to adjourn at 7:01PM. Gearhart seconded the motion. All ayes.

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Ashley Jasper, City Administrator

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Hannah Evans, Mayor