

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting February 6, 2019

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 6, 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 Chapman, Evans, Hansel. Absent: Rowcliffe, Johnson.

Oswailer stated that the agenda needed to be amending to address the emergent issue of the sewer blowers. Evans made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from January 16th

Minutes from January 21st Budget Workshop

Minutes from January 28th Budget Workshop

Minutes from February 4th Budget Workshop

Liquor License Approval – Dram Shop, Rod & Cal’s Pub and Grub

Liquor License Approval – Nading’s Service & Sporting Goods

Claims

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council reviewed the second reading of Ordinance 19-01 – An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of The City of Strawberry Point, Iowa, by Amending Provisions Pertaining to the Park and Recreation Board. Evans made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 19-01. Motion failed to receive a second. Ordinance failed.

INFORMATION

Council briefly discussed the delinquent account listing. Oswailer stated that city hall staff is researching the options for write off and also updating the income offset listing for those more recent delinquent accounts.

NEW BUSINESS

Harry Blobaum and Joleen Jansen with the Clayton County Energy District addressed Council. Blobaum gave a history of the organization before introducing Jansen to the Council. Jansen relayed information regarding the various efforts the District has been instrumental in since the district was founded in 2015. She also highlighted some of the local efforts within Strawberry Point specifically. Jansen identified some ways in which the City and the District could partner in the future. Mayor Bente asked about opportunities for local businesses to receive help with upgrading lighting and other upgrades aimed at energy efficiency. Jansen said that the District has already worked with one business in town and the District would help any other business interested. Jansen plans to follow up with Oswailer regarding the issues where the City & District can partner.

Council reviewed a request from Starmont school district for donation for the Starmont Family Fun Night. Evans made a motion to donate a family pool pass for Starmont’s Family Fun Night. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Evans and Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the request from the Park and Recreation Board for a donation for the raffle during the Uptown Saturday Night Event coming up on March 2nd. Hansel made a motion to donate a family pool pass and a single pool pass for the raffle. Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Evans and Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the first reading of Ordinance 19-02 – An amendment to the Zoning Code of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa. With no comments or questions, Evans moved to approve the first

reading of Ordinance 19-02. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapmans, Evans and Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Oswailer presented Council with a quote for the purpose of purchasing 42 water meters to continue converting the city's water meters to radio read. Hansel inquired how many streets were left to convert. Hansel made a motion to approve the purchase of 42 water meters at a cost of \$10,836.00. Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Evans and Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed two proposals for geotechnical evaluations for the proposed building site of the new fire station. The first proposal came from Chosen Valley Testing for \$2600.00. The second proposal came from Team Services for \$3550.00. After brief discussion, Evans made a motion to accept the proposal from Chosen Valley Testing for \$2600.00. Chapman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Evans and Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Mayor Bente stated the public hearing on the proposal to enter into a general obligation fire station loan agreement needed to open. Chapman made a motion to open the public hearing, Evans seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Evans and Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes. Public Hearing opened. There were no comments or questions. Evans made a motion to close the public hearing, Hansel seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Evans and Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes. Public Hearing closed.

Council reviewed Resolution 19-05, a Resolution taking additional action on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Fire Station Loan Agreement. Hansel made a motion to approve Resolution 19-05. Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Evans and Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council spoke with Oswailer and Public Works staff, Ommen & Keppler regarding the need to repair one of the blower units at the South Lagoon. It was relayed that there is currently one unit down and the blower in current operation could fail in the near future. There were some other issues identified that the public works team has recently discovered after working with Lemna Environmental Technologies. Sludge will need to be pumped in Spring and also, some adjustments, possibly new air hoses installed. It is believed the air hoses rather than being suspended, are actually touching the bottom in the sludge, thereby creating more issues for the blowers. There will be more work to do this Spring, however, at minimum, repair to the blower unit is required now. Proposals for new blower units were reviewed. The first proposal from Lemna Environmental Technologies totaled \$37,000. The second proposal from PD Air Systems totaled \$24,300.00. Another option was discussed was repairing the blower unit which is down. The cost of this would be approximately \$8,950.00. This option was most appealing not only because of the cost, but due to the other issues previously mentioned, once corrected should allow the blowers units to function as they were intended without extra strain. Evans made a motion to approve the repair of the blower unit for \$8,950.00 by PD Air Systems. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Evans and Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Bente stated that after the recent budget workshops he felt that it was important for the Council to ensure the library was given an appropriate budget. Increases that were proposed for the library budget by the Library Board were in the areas of salaries and books. Council spoke at length about funding for the 19-20 budget year being allocated to the building maintenance and repair cost line. Mayor Bente reiterated that the Council only designates the dollar amount allocated for the library budget, but how the budget is spent is the responsibility of the Library Board only. Mayor Bente felt that the

dollar amount given for next year's budget should remain the same as the 18-19 budget, which is \$76,000.00. Council was in agreement. Mayor Bente stated that he would contact Library Board President, Sarah Cummer to relay that information. Mayor Bente also mentioned that voting and adoption of the budget will take place per state code, after appropriate publication occurs, on March 6th.

With no further business, Evans moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Hansel seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Osweiler, City Clerk/Administrator

Jeff Bente, Mayor