

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting February 19, 2020

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 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.

Johnson 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 February 5, 2020

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

Council reviewed estimates obtained by Council member Rowcliffe. Estimate 1 was from Strawberry Building Supply for \$17,250.00. Estimate 2 was from Popham Construction for \$18,500.00. The estimates were for the removal of the existing drop ceiling, adding insulation and a steel ceiling. There was also an alternate estimate provided by Strawberry Building Supply using spray foam insulation which totaled \$28,000.00. After some discussion, Johnson moved to approve the estimate from Strawberry Building Supply for \$17,250.00. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Rowcliffe, Hansel, Johnson, Courtnage. Nays: None. Motion passes.

INFORMATION

Council reviewed the delinquent listing for January 2020. After some discussion, Council advised Osweiler to do some research and revisit the City's options for ensuring the city is not left holding the debt from delinquent utility customers, particularly those linked with rental properties. Options will be discussed at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Evans opened the public hearing for the proposed maximum property tax dollar requested for fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Hearing no comments or questions from the public Mayor Evans closed the public hearing.

Johnson moved to approve Resolution 20-01 – A resolution approving the maximum property tax dollars requested for fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Hansel, Johnson, Courtnage, Chapman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Osweiler and Sauerbry reviewed their interviews for the public works operator position. After their overview, Osweiler stated that it was the recommendation for the Council to hire Applicant #1 at the step 2 level of \$17.50/hour. Rowcliffe moved to approve the recommendation hiring Applicant #1 at the step 2 level of \$17.50/hour. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Johnson, Chapman, Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Abstain: Courtnage. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the first reading of Ordinance 20-02 – An ordinance changing the City Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, Article 68.02A to change the base water rate for all water customers. Hansel moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 20-02. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Johnson, Courtnage, Chapman, Rowcliffe, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed two estimates for paving a portion of the city shop floors. Estimate 1 was from Swales Construction for \$11,925.00. Estimate 2 was from Timmerman Construction for

\$14,500.00. After brief discussion, Johnson moved to approve the estimate from Swales Construction for \$11,925.00. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Courtnage, Rowcliffe, Hansel, Johnson. Nays: None. Abstain: Chapman. Motion passes.

Council discussed the need to set a date for public hearing for the budget estimate for fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020. Johnson moved to set the public hearing date for Monday, March 9th, 2020 at 5:30 PM at the Council Chambers inside City Hall. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Rowcliffe, Hansel, Johnson, Courtnage. Nays: None. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, Rowcliffe moved to adjourn at 6:53 PM. Chapman seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Osweiler, City Administrator

Hannah Evans, Mayor