

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting February 20, 2019

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 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.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from February 6th

Liquor License Approval – Dram Shop, Franklin Hotel

Annual Financial Report 2018

Claims

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council reviewed the second reading of Ordinance 19-02 – An Amendment to the Zoning Code of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa. Hansel made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 19-02. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Evans made a motion to waive the third reading of Ordinance 19-02 – An Amendment to the Zoning Code of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

A full copy of Ordinance 19-02 is available at City Hall.

INFORMATION

Council had no questions regarding the Strawberry Point Library Board Minutes from November 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

Strawberry Point Lutheran Home Board President, Pastor Gary Hatcher addressed the Council regarding the upcoming expansion of the Memory Care Units. Several changes will take place, including repurposing the Grenand Center and possibly eliminating the Pebblar Point and Swales Assisted Living areas. The anticipated expansion project will cost approximately \$7.5 million dollars. Estimated timeline has the project starting in Fall 2019 and completed within 14-18 months. Pastor Hatcher thanked the Council for allowing him to speak.

Council reviewed two applications from individuals interested in serving on the Strawberry Point Library Board. Applications were from Sara Gilson and Kathy Pickart. Evans made a motion to appoint Kathy Pickart to the Strawberry Point Library Board. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the following requests from the Chamber of Commerce regarding Strawberry Days 2019. 1) Approval for the use of the Civic Center & grounds, 2) Access to power and water for the events, 3) Approval for a Beer/Alcohol Tent on the premises. Rowcliffe moved to approve the Chamber requests. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the first reading of Ordinance 19-03 – An ordinance amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa Article 55.12 to raise solid waste collection fees. Osweiler stated that the ordinance was drafted after the discussions that took place during the budget workshops. The increases are over two years and mirror the increases in the City's contract with Bi-County Disposal plus \$0.25 to help offset the cost of spring clean-up. Evans moved to approve the first

reading of Ordinance 19-03. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed a contract with Demmer Architecture regarding the proposed fire station. Signing the contract would allow the architects to be preparing the bid specifications for the building in anticipation of the project going out to bid next month. Evans inquired what would occur should the financial plans (to be voted on at the March 6th Council meeting) not be approved by Council. Much discussion occurred including why the Park and Recreation Board was made to wait until all funds were raised for the splash pool project. Hansel suggested there is a difference between a splash pool project and a project for an emergency service department. After further discussion, it was suggested that the discussion return to the matter at hand, the contract with Demmer Architecture. Rowcliffe moved to approve the contract with Demmer Architecture for \$33,600.00, with the understanding that should the funding/loan not be approved at the March 6th meeting, the fees for Demmer Architecture would be paid by the Strawberry Point Firefighters Association. Otherwise, said fees will be included in the proposed loan put forth on the March 6th meeting. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council discussed the option of adding soft starts to the sewer lagoon blowers. It is believed this will help with the wear and tear on the engines. After brief discussion, Evans made a motion to approve the purchase of soft starts in the amount of \$3917.00 from Electric Pump. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Oswailer updated Council on the clean-up timeline she received for the fire damaged property located at 622 & 624 Commercial Street. Further, after discussion with the City Attorney, it was determined that the situation would be closely monitored and steps for abatement would occur should that be warranted.

With no further business, Evans moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Chapman seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Oswailer, City Clerk/Administrator

Jeff Bente, Mayor