

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting March 4, 2020

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 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, Rowcliffe, Hansel. Absent: Chapman.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from February 19th, 2020

Claims

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council reviewed the second 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.

Courtnage moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 20-02. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Hansel, Johnson, Courtnage. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Johnson waived the third reading of Ordinance 20-02. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Johnson, Courtnage, Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

INFORMATION

NEW BUSINESS

Council reviewed the request to hold the annual Tractor Pull during Strawberry Days 2020. Rowcliffe moved to approve the request. Courtnage seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Johnson, Courtnage, Rowcliffe, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Mayor Evans moved the discussion on gWorks Physical Asset Management until later in the meeting.

Council reviewed the letter of acceptance from Fehr Graham regarding the Well House #5 project. After brief discussion, Hansel moved to approve the letter of acceptance for the Well House #5 project. Courtnage seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Courtnage, Rowcliffe, Hansel, Johnson. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Sauerbry and Osweiler discussed the results of the sewer isolation at the Strawberry Point Lutheran Home. After a month of isolation, Sauerbry felt he was unable to definitively determine the source of the towels & other debris that is causing issues in the city's sewer system. After further discussion, Johnson moved to end the additional sewer charges assessed to the Lutheran Home. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Hansel, Johnson, Courtnage. Nays: None. Motion passes. Mayor Evans requested Osweiler send a letter to the Strawberry Point Lutheran Home regarding the matter.

Steve Cook reviewed the city's insurance renewal with the Council. Cook outlined the areas of increase and reviewed some coverage options. After significant discussion Johnson moved to approve the insurance renewal and elect to increase water & wastewater treatment plans liability coverage to \$2,000,000 at a cost of \$300, also increase property deductible to \$5000 on the Commercial Output policy and increase business auto comprehensive deductibles (except police vehicles) to \$1,000. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Johnson, Courtnage, Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the proposal from gWorks for purchase of their Physical Asset Management system. The system will serve as a database for information regarding all of the city's utility systems. The system also has a maintenance schedule component to ensure the city stays on track. The system allows the city to finally have all of their maps, data, system information, etc all in one location and no longer on paper maps. The company provides a comprehensive implementation component and will result in the most accurate information the city has had in some time. After additional discussion, Johnson moved to approve the proposal from gWorks for the purchase of their Physical Asset Management system. Courtnage seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Johnson, Courtnage, Rowcliffe, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the need to update the signature card at Citizens State Bank. Hansel moved to remove former Mayor Jeff Bente and Council member Wally Rowcliffe from the signature card and add current Mayor Hannah Evans and Council member Duane Johnson to the signature card. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Courtnage, Rowcliffe, Hansel, Johnson. Nays: None. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council agreed to tour the City Hall building and "old" fire station after the next regular meeting in an effort to continue their review of city buildings and assets.

Council wanted to advertise city wide garage sales for 2020 which will take place on May 1st – May 3rd followed by city wide clean-up on May 9th.

Also, due to recent tree board resignations, the Council asked Osweiler to advertise the vacancies for a month to determine if volunteers would step forward.

Courtnage inquired whether a street light can be added in the vicinity of the south side of the new fire station.

With no further business, Courtnage moved to adjourn at 7:33 PM. Hansel seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Osweiler, City Administrator

Hannah Evans, Mayor