

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting April 1, 2020

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via the online platform ZOOM. Mayor Evans presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Johnson, Courtnage, Chapman, Rowcliffe, Hansel.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from March 18th, 2020

Claims

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Council discussed with City Attorney Pat Dillon the rental inspection program that City of Oelwein uses. Mayor Evans will gather a list of names of Council members and Landlords to form a group or committee to work on this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Council discussed the city leaf pick-up offered to residents. After some discussion, it was determined that the City will resume fall leaf pick-up. The window of pick-up will be narrowed to two weeks in October and two weeks in November.

Council reviewed the first reading of Ordinance 20-03 – An ordinance updating the City of Strawberry Point's Floodplain Management Ordinance. Johnson moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 20-03. Courtnage seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Rowcliffe, Hansel, Johnson, Courtnage. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed Resolution 20-04 – A resolution adopting a policy for the investment of public funds. Courtnage moved to approve Resolution 20-04. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Hansel, Johnson, Courtnage, Chapman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

The topic of late fees applied to utility accounts were discussed. After brief discussion, Rowcliffe moved to suspend the application of late fees to city utility accounts for the month of April, with the topic being revisited at the first meeting in May. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Johnson, Courtnage, Chapman, Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council discussed the matter of the old fire station building. Fire Chief Recker indicated that the Fire Department had moved out of all of the building, except for the west most bay which the department still needs to utilize for storage purposes. The Ambulance and Police Departments will move forward with moving into the building and will be utilized for their department's purposes.

Council discussed the City's response to the COVID-19 epidemic. The City will continue to function with doors closed to the public. Osweiler stated all employees have been trying their best to maintain safe distancing and good hygiene practices. There has been discussion of alternating work days should things continue to progress. Mayor Evans and Council expressed that safety of employees is most important and encourage employees to continue to communicate regarding their needs.

OTHER BUSINESS

Courtnage stated that during recent rains that water backed up on the North side of Westwood. Sauerbry indicated he would address the concern.

With no further business, Courtnage moved to adjourn at 7:08 PM. Hansel seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Osweiler, City Administrator

Hannah Evans, Mayor