

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting April 4, 2018

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Bente presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Rowcliffe, Johnson, Evans and Hansel. Absent: Chapman

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from March 21st

Liquor License Renewal for Franklin Hotel

Claims / Additional Claims

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
INFORMATION**

Council had no questions regarding Strawberry Point Library Board minutes from February 20th. 2018. Council Committee Appointments were reviewed. It was determined that the position of Council Liaison for the Tree Board had not been appointed. Mayor Bente appointed Hannah Evans for this role.

NEW BUSINESS

Council reviewed Resolution 18-09 – a resolution approving a revised electric utility inspection and maintenance plan. Evans made a motion to approve resolution 18-09 – a resolution approving a revised electric utility inspection and maintenance plan. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Ron Thole addressed Council regarding a potential plan to expand the concession stand at the ballfield. The expansion would allow for a larger concession stand and also provided needed storage. Another small project would be the installation of protective netting near the concession stand, so that individuals cannot be hurt while at the concession stand. The proposed projects would be at no cost to the City as there are grants being written by groups outside the city for these projects. Johnson made a motion to approve the proposed concession stand expansion and protective netting projects when fundraising monies have been obtained. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Rowcliffe, Johnson and Evans. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Members of the Park and Recreation Board gave a brief overview of where the splash pool project stands currently. Martin Gardner Architecture has been hired to oversee the project. Specifications are being prepared for the various aspects of the project and as soon as the state approves the splash pool plans, the bid process will begin. As things move forward with the project, it was recently identified that gas, electrical and water lines will need to be moved further East because current lines will be right in the middle of the worksite. The Board asked if the City would be willing to help share the cost of moving the lines. The estimate given to the Board was approximately \$22,000.00 for all three utility lines. Council discussed where the money would come from for moving the lines. It was identified that Water funds could be used for water, Electric funds for moving the electrical lines but there was uncertainty regarding the gas lines. Osweiler suggested that she contact Black Hills to inquire whether they would consider an in-kind donation/grant/cost reduction for moving the gas line. Evans made a motion to help cover the cost of moving utility lines for the splash pool project, not to exceed \$22,000.00. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Johnson, Evans and Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the list of recommended staff for the 2018 pool season. Evans made a motion to approve the staff recommendations for the 2018 pool season as outlined. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Johnson, Evans and Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Abstain: Hansel. Motion passes.

Council reviewed quotes for City Hall roof replacement from Imperial Roof Systems Co for \$62,500.00 and Knight Eagle Contracting Group for \$65,750.00. The cost of the replacement will be covered by an insurance claim due to hail damage the roof suffered last year and resulted in the leak at City Hall. Council discussed the add alternates given on each quote for a ½” high density board for hail protection. Osweiler stated she would inquire with the insurance adjustor would include this in the insurance claim coverage. Several Council members felt that the hail protection was critical in extending the life of the roof. It was determined that if the insurance will not cover it, Osweiler will bring the issue of the high density board back to Council to review. Evans made a motion to approve the quote from Imperial Roof Systems Co for \$62,500.00. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Hansel inquired what the status of the Lutheran Home sewer issue. Osweiler stated she had discussed the City’s options with the City Attorney and it was determined that based on City Code section 49 – the City can write a letter making them aware of the violation, give a window of 10 days to comply and await their response. Beyond that, the Iowa DNR could potentially find that the City is in violation of its wastewater permit and the City could have the Iowa DNR aid us in setting forth a pre-treatment agreement (installation of a grinder, etc) as the City had previously discussed. Osweiler stated she will be drafting the letter this week.

Osweiler brought to Council’s attention the need to provide a response to Elkader Street resident Terri Gould, regarding her request that the City forgive the interest on the assessments stemming from the Elkader Street project. Osweiler inquired what information did the Council need prior to the next meeting in order to make an informed decision. It was determined that Council would like to the total dollar amount for the funds that would be gained/lost based on their decision. Osweiler believed she could work with the Treasurer’s office to determine that.

With no further business, Hansel moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Osweiler, City Clerk/Administrator

Jeff Bente, Mayor