

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting May 6, 2020

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via the online platform ZOOM. Mayor Evans presided. 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 April 15th, 2020

Cigarette License Renewals: Casey's Nading's, Strawberry Foods

Liquor License Renewal: Strawberry Foods

Claims

Johnson 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

Mayor Evans appointed the following individuals for the initial committee meeting regarding rental housing. Landlord Mark Meyer, Council member Wally Rowcliffe, Mayor Hannah Evans, Public Works Supervisor Erik Sauerbry or City Administrator Alison Osweiler.

INFORMATION

Council did not have questions regarding the Strawberry Point Library Board meeting minutes. Council did inquire regarding the library's plans to re-open. Johnson stated the he believed there was discussion about a soft opening.

NEW BUSINESS

Johnson moved to set the date of public hearing for FY 19-20 Budget Amendment for May 20th at 6:00 PM. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Rowcliffe, Hansel, Johnson, Courtnage. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Mayor Evans opened the sealed bids received by the City. There were 9 bids in total. Bid 1: Meyer Excavating for \$7,000.00, Bid 2: Matt Construction \$9,999.00, Bid 3: Donlon Construction \$15,500.00, Bid 4: Oberbroeckling Construction \$19,962.00, Bid 5: Lansing Brothers \$8,685.00, Bid 6: Tschiggfrie Excavating \$30,670.00, Bid 7: Freiburger Construction \$6,175.00, Bid 8: Ray's Excavating \$15,500.00, Bid 9: Crane Construction \$7,700.00. After brief discussion of bids, Courtnage moved to approve the bid from Meyer Excavating for \$7,000.00 citing support of a local company with a flawless work history with the City. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Hansel, Johnson, Courtnage, Chapman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Johnson moved to approve the 2019 Water Quality Report. Courtnage seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Johnson, Courtnage, Chapman, Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council briefly discussed the painting quotes for the ambulance bays behind City Hall. The quotes were referred back to the Ambulance Board for review.

Council reviewed the proposal from Prairie Road Builders for the City's seal coat project this year. Courtnage moved to approve the proposal from Prairie Road Builders for \$35,607.00. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Johnson, Courtnage, Chapman, Rowcliffe, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the estimate to repair the Lincoln Street culvert from Meyer Excavating. After some discussion, Rowcliffe moved to approve the estimate from Meyer Excavating for \$4,392.00.

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

Council reviewed the proposed hire list for the 2020 Pool Season. There was some discussion about whether the pool would open this year due to COVID-19. Osweiler stated that at this time there has not been guidance from the Governor on pools. Council will discuss opening dates at the next meeting but in the meantime believed it best to move forward to be ready for the season. Courtnage moved to approve the recommendations for hire for the 2020 Pool Season. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Rowcliffe, Johnson, Courtnage. Nays: None. Abstain: Hansel. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the request from Berry Tender Daycare to utilize additional rooms at the Civic Center. Mayor Evans inquired prior to the meeting and determined that the additional rooms would be used in the capacity of housing children and staff while the regular daycare rooms are cleaned and sanitized. Hansel moved to approve the use of the additional rooms at the Civic Center as needed during the COVID-19 epidemic. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Hansel, Johnson, Courtnage, Chapman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Mayor Evans gave a brief summary of her conversation with the City staff. Staff indicated that they would feel most comfortable with continuing current operations with doors locked to the public. Staff felt that they have been able to assist everyone as needed. Mayor Evans stated she fully supports remaining closed at this time and suggested reviewing again at the next Council meeting. Mayor Evans also stated that she felt the next meeting can also be held via the Zoom online platform, which seems to be working at present.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council mentioned the following issues as reminders or points to search: Pothole at 4-corners, Park & Rec Board – new diving board, solar speed signs and solar street lights, suggestion to offer dog waste bags at Campbell Park and horse manure on City streets.

Council also expressed interest in moving forward sending nuisance letters to properties following spring clean-up on Saturday, May 9th.

With no further business, Rowcliffe moved to adjourn at 7:31 PM. Courtnage seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Osweiler, City Administrator

Hannah Evans, Mayor