

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting May 15, 2019

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 6:00 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.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from May 1, 2019

Claims

March 2019 City Financials

Rowcliffe moved 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 Resolution 19-07 – A resolution authorizing and approving a loan agreement, providing for the issuance of a \$750,000.00 General Obligation Fire Station Note and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. After some discussion, Chapman moved to approve Resolution 19-07. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Hansel. Nays: Evans. Motion passes.

INFORMATION

Council inquired whether there has been progress on getting old debt paid off. Osweiler stated there has been progress and believed that next month would show even more improvement due to payments received via the state income offset program.

NEW BUSINESS

Council reviewed the request to place a farmer's market sign for the entire season through October by one of the city entrance signs. After brief discussion, Evans moved to approve the placement of a farmer's market sign for the duration of the season through October in accordance with all Iowa DOT regulations. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Hansel moved to approve an additional pool employee for the 2019 season. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Mayor Bente stated the public hearing and Resolution 19-15 will be moved to the final items of the meeting.

Council reviewed Resolution 19-16 – A resolution approving contract and performance and/or payment bonds for the Fire Station project. Rowcliffe moved to approve Resolution 19-16. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Hansel. Nays: Evans. Motion passes.

Osweiler explained that the City's current General Obligation debt is with Bankers Trust which has been taken over by UMB Bank, the resolution is necessary to transfer our agent agreement. Evans moved to approve Resolution 19-17 – A resolution consenting to assignment of Trustee Agent Agreements; Escrow Agent Agreements; and/or Paying Agent and Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreements. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed a request from the Strawberry Point Police Department to apply for a grant from the Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation. Grant funds would enable the department to purchase new radios. Rowcliffe moved to approve the request for the Strawberry Point Police Department to apply for a grant from the Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed a letter from the Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority. Funds requested from the MR WMA will serve as seed money for the organization, cover costs associated with the creation and implementation of the watershed management plan, activities associated with the promotion of the group and allow the MR WMA to pursue and provide matching funds for grant opportunities. After some discussion, Rowcliffe moved to pass on a financial donation at this time. Hansel seconded the motion. Upon completion of further discussion, Rowcliffe withdrew his motion. Rowcliffe then moved to approve a donation in FY20 of \$1275.00. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Ryan Wicks from Fehr-Graham addressed Council regarding the need for a Capital Improvement Plan and some direction as to how the City can begin this process. After some discussion, Rowcliffe moved to begin the process of drafting a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes. Rowcliffe and Johnson volunteered to be part of the process.

Mayor Bente opened the public hearing on the vacation and disposition of city property. During this time, Michael & Amanda Knox (property owners to land abutting the property) expressed their desire to purchase the 1- acre of land directly East of their parcel (Clayton County Parcel number 41-34-201-001) for the sum of \$7,000.00; in addition, they would cover the expense of surveying the property. With no further discussion or comments, Mayor Bente closed the public hearing.

Rowcliffe moved to approve Resolution 19-15 – A resolution conveying City property to Michael and Amanda Knox for the sum of \$7,000.00 plus the cost of surveying the property. Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council discussed moving the meeting time from 7:00 PM up to 6:00 PM. Osweiler will draft a resolution to be voted on at the June 5th Council meeting.

Council also requested City staff to speak with the City Attorney regarding the property at the South side of town which is currently being cleaned up after a fire in December 2018.

Osweiler is also going to be speaking with the City Attorney regarding a home on West Spring Street, which was originally addressed in the Fall of 2018. Osweiler will follow up with the Mayor as to the next step per the City Attorney.

With no further business, Rowcliffe moved to adjourn at 7:24 PM. Hansel seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Osweiler, City Clerk/Administrator

Jeff Bente, Mayor