

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting June 6, 2018

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 6, 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, Chapman, Johnson, Evans and Hansel.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from May 16th

Claims

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Council had no questions regarding the Strawberry Point Library Board Meeting Minutes from April 19th or the Strawberry Point Fire Department Minutes from May 9th and 23rd.

NEW BUSINESS

Claudia McCalley, President of the Clayton County Community Collaboration Council (5C Coalition) gave an informational presentation to Council of the 5C Coalition's efforts to address underage substance use. The Coalition was formed in 2011, and is funded by grants and money otherwise raised by the organization. It has been heavily involved in local schools as well as provided awareness campaign aimed at parents and guardians to be able to identify items that may be used for substance use.

Council was addressed by members of the Strawberry Point Economic Development Fund to inquire whether the City had any finances available to aid economic development, now that the funding source (LOST Funds from the City) will no longer be provided to economic development. There was discussion about housing Economic Development within City Hall somewhere, as previously discussed some time ago. It was determined that Evans and Rowcliffe would work with economic development to come up with a plan to be brought back to Council.

Council reviewed Resolution 18-12 – A resolution authorizing the removal of Kallie McDowell as a signatory of all accounts and safe deposit box for the City of Strawberry Point and adding Deputy City Clerk, Jessica Jared as a signatory of all accounts and safe deposit box for the City of Strawberry Point. Evans made a motion to approve Resolution 18-12. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Johnson, Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe and Chapman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the last 3 months attendance for the city's "open gym" days at the Civic Center. After some discussion, Evans made a motion to discontinue the "open gym" days at the Civic Center for the summer months and to revisit the topic in August, when Starmont goes back in session. Hansel seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Chapman and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed a quote from ComElec Services for a new warning siren to replace the siren on the South side of town. After some discussion the topic was tabled until additional quotes can be obtained.

Council reviewed a revised cost estimate from Fehr-Graham for a new well house on the North side of town. After lengthy discussion the topic was tabled until additional cost estimates can be obtained.

Council reviewed the need to re-advertise the part-time utility manager position. Evans made a motion to re-advertise the position. Johnson seconded the motion. After some discussion, Council determined that more research and discussion needed to occur before the City creates this position. Evans rescinded her motion.

The hiring committee addressed the Council with the results of their interviews for the public works position due to the resignation of Travis Swales. Rowcliffe stated that the hiring committee's

decision was unanimous and they recommend hiring applicant 4 for the position. Rowcliffe made a motion to hire applicant #4 with the starting wage of \$16.50 per hour, in accordance with the city's wage scale plan (Resolution 18-02). Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson and Evans. Nays: None. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Oswailer indicated that things are moving forward rapidly with the new accounting software installation. The installation requires closure of the City Hall on three separate occasions. The first two closures are June 18-20th, June 25-27th. The next closure will be at the end of July and Oswailer will update Council with dates.

Evans and Hansel spoke about a few items to address prior to Strawberry Days; Ommen from Public Works indicated that they would do their best to ensure everything is ready. Oswailer stated that some of the concerns might be more easily addressed by fixing the City's nuisance ordinance, which currently does not allow the City to do much in terms of enforcement. She suggested the Council reviews this in the near future.

Mayor Bente asked Oswailer to review the electrical changes that occurred that day at the City's ball diamond. Oswailer stated that leading up to Strawberry Days, the Chamber President had come to her with the electrical requirements for some of the events. After reviewing the requirements with Alan Wessels, it was determined that 2 temporary services needed to be installed and one service could be utilized. However, to tie into this last service, the pole would need to be changed (as it was rotten and he would not feel comfortable utilizing it). As with other pole change outs that have occurred when they are rotten, Oswailer authorized this to be done. The work was completed successfully prior to Strawberry Days.

Lastly, it was noted that Mark Meyer has been working with Public Works in a training and consultative capacity for several years now, but has been helping out significantly for the past month. He is happy to help and has made sure to coordinate with Oswailer to ensure there is no liability for the city. Council thanked him for his help.

With no further business, Evans moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Oswailer, City Clerk/Administrator

Jeff Bente, Mayor