

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting June 7, 2017

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 7th, 2017 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, Evans, Johnson, Kuehl and Hansel.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes from May 17th

Claims/ Additional Claims

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor stated that the topic of City Fire Department equipment/gear has been pushed to the next Council meeting.

**INFORMATION**

Council had no questions regarding the Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes from May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council reviewed the request Chief Ryan Evans made at the previous meeting, for an increase in the hourly wage for Reserve Police Officer Anderson. Anderson has been on the department in a reserve capacity for 3.5 years. Chief Evans recommended a \$0.50 increase in Anderson's hourly wage.

Rowcliffe moved to approve the increase for Reserve Police Officer Anderson of \$0.50 per hour. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Johnson, Kuehl, Hansel, Rowcliffe and Evans. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the request from the Park and Recreation Board to apply for CAT (Community Attraction and Tourism) grant from Iowa Economic Development's Enhance Iowa program. This would be the largest grant that the Board has applied for and could mean up to \$60,000 towards the splash pad project. The grant does require matching funds, however, the Board has verified that the money they already have raised can be used/considered and no additional funds are being requested from the City. Evans moved to approve the request to apply for the CAT grant. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Kuehl, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Evans and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed Resolution 17-03. This resolution was drafted after the last Council meeting where the Council voted to uphold the present city code regarding fireworks. The resolution was necessary due to the fact that the City Code referenced Iowa State Code, which has changed. After consultation with the City Attorney, Resolution 17-03 was drafted. Luke Dement, Manager of Strawberry Foods was on site as a representative of the store. The store was interested in selling fireworks outside of their location in town. There was much discussion about safety, what other towns in Iowa have been choosing to do and the fact that this was discussed at the last meeting. Council opted to stay by their previous decision. Council member Kuehl wanted to convey that his primary concern was safety and he hoped that Strawberry Foods could understand Council's decision. Evans moved to approve Resolution 17-03. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Rowcliffe, Evans, Johnson and Kuehl. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council discussed the property that the City owns, often referred to as the Yoder Building site. This land is currently owned by the City and is the proposed site for a future Fire/EMS Building. The property was never assessed when the City purchased it. There are many questions as where the actual boundary lines for the property are. It is suspected that there may be many residents with buildings on

City property as well as the possibilities of permanent easements, etc. In order for the City to be clear where the property lines are, the City needs to move forward with a survey of the property. Kuehl made a motion to have the City pursue having a survey of land owned by the City at 108 York Street. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Evans, Johnson, Kuehl. Nays: None. Abstain: Hansel. Motion passes.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

City Admin Osweiler informed the Council that Public Works is once again having trouble with the lift station south of town. The appropriate company has been contacted for repairs.

Council member Hansel inquired as to the well testing being conducted by Northway. City Admin Osweiler stated that the equipment has been installed and pumping conducted but have not heard any results back yet.

With no further business, Rowcliffe moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

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Alison Osweiler, City Clerk/Administrator

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Jeff Bente, Mayor