

Strawberry Point City Council
Special Meeting June 16, 2017

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a special meeting on Friday, June 16th, 2017 at 3:00 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, Kuehl and Hansel. Absent: Evans.

Rowcliffe moved to approve the agenda as presented. Kuehl seconded the motion. Upon further discussion, Rowcliffe made a motion to add an item to new business – Motion to waive the Council pay for the Special meeting. Johnson seconded the motion to add the agenda item. Rowcliffe moved to approve the agenda as amended. Kuehl seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Johnson, Kuehl and Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

INFORMATION

NEW BUSINESS

Council reviewed two quotes for the replacement of the air conditioning unit as well as the furnace at the Wilder Museum. Quotes were obtained from both Weber’s Plumbing and Heating in Strawberry Point as well as Don & Walt in Manchester.

Council member Johnson spoke with the museum director, Diane Formo. As of earlier in the day, Formo stated the museum temperature was at 75 degrees. She was doing her best to keep the temperature down. Ms. Formo consulted with some experts and 75 degrees is the absolute maximum the museum should be at. Even at that temperature, some damage might be occurring. Council agreed that swift action needed to be taken in order to protect the integrity of the items in the museum.

The estimate received from Weber’s Plumbing and Heating for a new Furnace and AC unit was \$5735.48 and the estimate for a humidifier was \$362.75 for a total of \$6,098.23.

The estimate received from Don & Walt for a new Furnace and humidifier was \$2,890.00 and the estimate for an AC unit was \$3505.00 for a total of \$6,395.00. Don & Walt also indicated that there was a possible rebate available in the amount of \$400.00 thereby reducing the total cost to \$5995.00.

Council inquired as to the timeline given by the two companies. Don & Walt said the new equipment could be installed on Monday, June 19th. The City Administrator stated that to her knowledge Weber’s Plumbing and Heating had not given a timeline.

Council discussed the importance of supporting local businesses. However, it was noted that this is not always feasible and in this particular scenario stressed the importance of protecting the integrity of those sensitive and vulnerable items in the museum which were already in jeopardy. Council also mentioned that the City’s budget is of concern.

Based on the emergent nature of the situation, Rowcliffe made a motion to accept the quote from Don & Walt for \$5995.00. Kuehl seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Johnson, Kuehl, Hansel and Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Hansel made a motion to waive the Council pay for this meeting. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Kuehl, Hansel, Rowcliffe and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, Kuehl moved to adjourn at 3:22 p.m. Hansel seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Osweiler, City Clerk/Administrator

Jeff Bente, Mayor