

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting June 19, 2019

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 19, 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 Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Absent – Rowcliffe.

Oswailer stated the need to amend the agenda by adding the following to the consent agenda: Strawberry Foods and Deli to the Tobacco/Cigarette Permits, April and May 2019 City Financials, and additional claims. Evans made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Johnson, Chapman, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from June 5th Mtg

Minutes from June 10th Special Meeting

Tobacco/Cigarette Permits: Casey's, Dollar General, Strawberry Foods & Deli

Claims

Additional Claims: Brenton Building LLC \$19,475.00, Sandry Fire Supply \$1977.12, Sandry Fire Supply \$1,998.99 and Wessels Electric Service \$6,500.00.

April and May 2019 City Financials

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Council had no questions regarding the Strawberry Point Library Board Minutes from April 16, 2019 or Strawberry Point Park & Recreation Board Minutes from May 20th & June 12th, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Council reviewed the additional employee to be hired for the 2019 pool season. Johnson moved to approve the additional employee as recommended. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the recommendation from the Park & Recreation Board to appoint Rob Sargent to the Park and Recreation Board filling the place of Dale Kartman, who's term is ending. Evans moved to appoint Rob Sargent to the Park and Recreation Board. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed a request from the Park and Recreation Board to use unexpended Park funds from FY 2018-2019 in FY 2019-2020. It was explained that there are several items needed that are unable to be purchased before the end of the fiscal year. Johnson moved to approve the request to use unexpended funds from FY 2018-2019 in FY 2019-2020. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Mayor Bente opened the public hearing at 6:08 PM for the vacation and disposition of city property South of 117 Elkader St. With no discussion, questions or comments, Mayor Bente closed the public hearing at 6:10 PM.

Council reviewed Resolution 19-21 A resolution conveying city property. Evans moved to approve Resolution 19-21 conveying the property in question (exact legal description to follow) to Zachary Sargent with survey fees to be paid by Sargent. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the possibility of going into a closed session under Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(i) – To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual request a closed session. With the resignation of Officer Brandon Taylor, Chief Ryan Evans presented his top choice candidate for the full-time police officer

position to the Council. Levi Keppler waived his right to a closed session. After some discussion, Hansel moved to hire Levi Keppler as a full-time officer at the starting wage outlined in the City Handbook. Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the newly drafted Public Works Supervisor job description. Osweiler outlined conversation between the Mayor and herself, the outcome of which was the need to hire a supervisor position for Public Works. Johnson moved to approve the job description for Public Works Supervisor. Chapman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Evans moved to approve the advertisement of the Public Works Supervisor position, with applications due by 4:30 PM on Wednesday, July 10th, 2019. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Osweiler stated her request to approve a temporary mowing position to aid Public Works during the employee transitions. Evans moved to approve the advertisement of a part-time mowing position, with applications due to by 12:00 PM on July 1st, 2019. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Osweiler stated that the finishing crew was at the Splash Pool working. Also, that the crew broke ground for the new Fire Station building.

Dean Courtnage from the Strawberry Point Fire Department mentioned that recently the city's ISO ratings were re-evaluated. Courtnage felt the evaluation went well for the Fire Department. The City is still waiting on final reports regarding this.

Ommen with Public Works mentioned to the Council that the truck used for Brush Pick-up and Snow Removal is no longer safe to operate due to the cracked frame of the truck (cracked through on both sides). As a result, the City will have to place brush pick-up on hold until further notice. Alternate trucks are not 4-wheel drive and cannot navigate the road to the city brush dump. Purchase of a new truck will need to be looked at in the near future.

With no further business, Evans moved to adjourn at 6:35 PM. Hansel seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Osweiler, City Clerk/Administrator

Jeff Bente, Mayor