

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting June 20, 2018

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 20, 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.

Council removed agenda item 6 – Reviewing bids for emergency sirens and tabled until the next meeting. Rowcliffe made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans and Hansel Nays: None. Motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from June 6th

Claims

Johnson 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

NEW BUSINESS

Council reviewed an estimate obtained for a storm water run off project that is needed on Rainbow Drive. The current culverts are plugged, among other issues. As a result, there is flooding in the yards of the area residents and water flow over the road. The estimate for repairs from Meyer Excavating was for \$3,750.00. The estimate does not include the removal of a tree in the area which will be required. The tree removal will be addressed and approved by Council at a later date. Rowcliffe made a motion to approve the estimate. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Johnson, Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe and Chapman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the Street Seal Coat estimate received from Prairie Road Builders. Osweiler stated that Public Works has reviewed all sites, as in years past and agree with the locations as well as the order of priority. Evans made a motion to approve the estimate from Prairie Road Builders in the amount of \$27,928.20. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Chapman and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council tabled the discussion on pool heater replacement as more time was necessary to obtain quotes.

Council reviewed the overtime hours worked by the City Administrator during the time when the city was without a deputy clerk. In an approximately 7-week time period Osweiler works 105.99 hours of overtime. Johnson had requested the topic be added to the agenda to have a discussion as to additional compensation, if any. Mayor Bente stated he has spoke with Osweiler prior to the meeting and would not support any additional compensation for Osweiler. While Mayor Bente appreciates Osweiler's efforts, he also felt it was part of her job as a salaried position. Johnson felt that this was an extraordinary circumstance and felt that additional pay was probably not feasible but perhaps additional vacation might be. Rowcliffe agreed. Evans and Chapman spoke of employee retention and support/appreciation for employees citing additional vacation would be a small gesture of support/appreciation. Evans made a motion to give the City Administrator an additional week of vacation to be used by December 31, 2018, in appreciation for the overtime worked in the absence of a deputy clerk. Chapman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Evans, Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson and Evans. Nays: None. Motion passes. Osweiler thanked the Council and conveyed her heartfelt appreciation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Bente noted that recently there had been a question regarding the firework stand on W Mission St. Last Fall after consulting with the City Attorney, the Council passed a resolution upholding the ordinance banning both the sale and lighting of fireworks within the city limits. Just before the June 20th Council meeting, the Mayor & City Administrator consulted with the City Attorney, who advised the

City to allow the sale of fireworks, due to pending litigation between the City of Des Moines and a number of fireworks companies. The City Attorney advised that should the litigation not rule in favor of the city, then the City of Strawberry Point could be sued on grounds of a loss of income. Mayor Bente stated that the City will need to wait until the pending litigation is finalized and then the City can amend our code as necessary.

Osweler reminded Council that the first meeting next month has been moved to Thursday, July 5th due to the 4th of July holiday.

With no further business, Rowcliffe moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Evans seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Osweler, City Clerk/Administrator

Wally Rowcliffe, Mayor Pro-Tem