

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting July 5, 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 Pro-Tem Rowcliffe presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel and Rowcliffe.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from June 20th

Mortgage release – 313 Prairie Ave

Claims

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council reviewed two quotes for a new emergency siren to replace one which could not be repaired. Quote #1 was from Comelec Services, Inc which totaled \$19,967.00 including install. Quote #2 was from Federal Signal which totaled \$18,145.40 including install. Council discussed the difference in cost between the two quotes. Hansel spoke with Dean Courtnage, who coordinates the City's emergency management. Courtnage believed the \$1000.00 install charge from Comelec could be offset if the City's public works team completed a portion of the work. Council discussed the current working relationship with Comelec, as the company currently services the other two sirens located in town, as well as the Fire Department's radios. Council was unable to determine whether service from Federal Signal would be local or come from out of state. Council discussed the need to make a decision and not table the discussion further. Hansel made a motion to accept the quote from Comelec Services with payment not to exceed \$19,967.00 and the understanding City Staff will determine whether the install charge can be waived or reduced. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Evans, Hansel, Chapman, Johnson and Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed two quotes for a new pool heater/boiler to replace the current boiler for the City's municipal heater which is beyond repair. Quote #1 was from Joe's Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$16,800.00 including installation and 2 weeks lead time. Quote #2 was from Don & Walt in the amount of \$15,890.00 including installation and 3 weeks lead time. After much discussion, Evans moved to accept the quote from Don & Walt with payment not to exceed \$15,890.00 including installation. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson and Evans. Nays: None. Motion passes.

INFORMATION

Council had no questions regarding the Strawberry Point Library Board Minutes from May 16th, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pro-Tem Rowcliffe opened the sole bid received for the Police Department's old 2008 Trailblazer, which is no longer utilized. The bid was in the amount of \$2,501.00 from Tyler Knoppe of Rolla, MO. Johnson moved to accept the bid from Knoppe in the amount of \$2,501.00. Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel and Rowcliffe. Nays: Non. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the request from the Starmont Backpack Project Committee requesting a monetary donation. While all Council felt this was a worthwhile cause, they did not believe it should be funded by using City finances. Some Council stated that the project is already heavily supported by residents from the community and would certainly encourage all residents to make a donation.

Council reviewed materials from Pete Schulte of the Strawberry Point Economic Development Fund regarding a grant opportunity that may be available for a building in town. Schulte wanted to gauge

the interest of Council in pursuing the opportunity prior to approaching the building's owners. Schulte was unable to attend the meeting due to a work commitment. Council tabled the conversation until the July 18th meeting, so they could learn more from Schulte.

OTHER BUSINESS

Oswailer mentioned the upcoming Iowa League of Cities conference in September and she would like the Council to consider allowing both herself and the new Deputy City Clerk, Jessi Jared to attend together. Council expressed their agreement that it was a valuable conference for City Staff to attend. Oswailer will gather information and bring to the next meeting.

Rowcliffe stated he had an idea he would like the Council to consider adopting a new project where designated areas in town are "adopted" by residents who would care for the area by mowing, weeding, etc. In turn, the City would provide the resident with a tax write off for their donation of time. Some members of the Council thought it would be a good idea, while others wondered whether these types of jobs fall under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department. Park and Recreation Board President, Danielle West offered that perhaps there could be coordinated efforts for a Spring & Fall "clean up" day where residents can volunteer. Council will give the idea more thought and discuss at an upcoming meeting.

Former Mayor Ron Highland addressed Council that he has had difficulty finding the agenda available online prior to meetings and expressed concern the agenda has not been published in the paper recently. Oswailer stated that she did accept responsibility regarding the non-publication from the June 20th meeting, as she missed the paper's deadline. The topic of no longer publishing the agenda in the paper was brought up during the June 20th Council meeting, after Oswailer determined from a former city clerk from Dunkerton that publication is not required (posting is required). Not publishing the agenda could save the City thousands of dollars a year. Minutes, Claims and Receipts must continue to be published in the paper. Highland cited Iowa Code and believed that the agenda must still be published. Oswailer agreed to research and the topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

With no further business, Evans moved to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Hansel seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Oswailer, City Clerk/Administrator

Jeff Bente, Mayor