

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting July 17, 2019

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 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 Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans. Hansel – absent.

Oswailer stated the need to amend the agenda to include the public hearing previously approved and advertised to be held at this meeting. Also, there needed to be the addition of Resolution 19-22 for the conveyance of city property. Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Chapman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans. Nays: None. Motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from July 3rd Mtg

Claims

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Council had no questions regarding the Strawberry Point Lutheran Home letter, the Strawberry Point Fire Department Minutes from May 8th & 22nd, June 12th & 26th, July 10th; or the delinquent account listing for June 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Bente opened the Public Hearing on the vacation and disposition of city property at 310 E Mission Street at 6:05 PM. After some discussion Mayor Bente closed the Public Hearing at 6:10 PM.

Rowcliffe moved to table Resolution 19-22; to have city staff determine what the city paid to obtain the property such as demolition costs and to advertise a notice for bids – with sealed bids due to City Hall no later than 4:00 PM on August 6th. Bids will be opened at the July 7th regular Council meeting at 6:00 PM. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed a letter and pictures from Berry Tender Child Care regarding the windows in the Civic Center. The state of the windows is deteriorating with caulking needing to be replaced and possibly new windows installed. After some discussion, Oswailer was instructed to work with Public Works staff to get the caulking re-done on all the windows. Further, Oswailer and Berry Tender will work to obtain bids for replacement and also grants to help defray costs. The replacement will be included in the Capital Improvement Plan process which is starting soon.

Council reviewed a proposal from the Strawberry Point Chamber of Commerce. The proposal is requesting the city consider a permanent power installation down at the Civic Center grounds to better accommodate vendors for the annual Strawberry Days events. After some discussion, Oswailer was instructed to work on obtaining a cost for the proposal and splitting the proposal if needed to separate items which can be handled by city staff vs. items which the city will need to obtain bids/quotes for.

Oswailer reviewed a stormwater issue on York Street with the Council. The current issue is at a level which can be maintained at present, although not ideal. With the addition of the new fire station project to the area, it is believed that the stormwater issue will become worse and cause problems in the area. Oswailer stated that there had been discussion with Fehr-Graham about the issue and some resolutions were going to be researched and brought forward to Council based on their recommendations.

OTHER BUSINESS

Evans stated she attended the Library Board meeting on Tuesday, July 16th and the Board was requesting to have the new signage installed by Public Works. Oswailer stated she was aware of the request. However, Public Works reviewed the signage and due to the nature of how it should be installed,

they believed that professionals should handle installation to prevent damage to the brick. Council instructed Osweiler to obtain sign manufacturer information and installation cost.

Mayor Bente stated the need for a Special Council meeting to approve the wage scale and hire the Public Works Supervisor position. After some discussion, the Special Council Meeting was set for Saturday, July 20th, 2019 at 8:00 AM. Osweiler will post agenda as outlined by law.

With no further business, Rowcliffe moved to adjourn at 6:40 PM. Evans seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Osweiler, City Clerk/Administrator

Jeff Bente, Mayor