

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting August 15, 2018

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 15, 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.

Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda amending it by removing Item 13) City Council Tour of the Public Library. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans and Hansel Nays: None. Motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from August 1st
Dollar General Liquor License Renewal
Claims

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
INFORMATION**

Council had no questions regarding the Strawberry Point Public Library Annual Report.

NEW BUSINESS

City Affidavit Operator, Dean Hendricks and Public Works employees, Karl Ommen & Levi Keppler addressed Council regarding the South Well #4. The most recent testing for nitrates came back at 10.0 ppm (parts per million), which is the maximum level that is acceptable for human consumption according to standards set by the State of Iowa. As a result, the city will now be required to do monthly nitrate testing at this well, rather than the quarterly testing we have been doing. Knowing this Hendricks informed Council that now is the time to decide whether the city would like to continue to run on 2 wells with the understanding that the nitrate level may exceed state standards and would then require public notification. Alternatively, the city can choose to operate using a single well. There was discussion on whether there would be any issues if the city operated with a single well (well #3). Council was informed that it can be done – in fact the city was operating on a single well for several months while the testing of well #4 was being done last year. Further, the nitrate level in this well is generally between 2.0 – 3.0 ppm, well below the maximum level. However, because well #3 is not as heavy a producer and with the pool still in operation, it would have to be monitored closely. If the city were to stop using well #4 and there was an emergency, such as a fire, the city would be able to tap into well #4 for that purpose. After further discussion, Rowcliffe moved to cease utilizing well #4 due to nitrate level results. Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Johnson, Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe and Chapman. Nays: None. Motion passes. City staff will work with the engineering firms contacted to return probably opinions of cost in a timely manner, so Council can review these at the September 5th, 2018 Council meeting.

Council reviewed the appointment of Mark Meyer to the Electric Study Committee. Rowcliffe made a motion to appoint Mark Meyer to the Electric Study Committee. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Chapman and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the topic of donating pool passes to the Strawberry Point Chamber of Commerce as prizes for the annual golf tournament held on August 24th. Johnson made a motion to donate one single pool pass and one family pool pass for the 2019 season. Hansel seconded the motion. Ayes: Hansel, Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson and Evans. Nays: None.

Council reviewed the request to hold a yoga class at the Civic Center. The instructor interested would operate by a suggested donation for each class held and currently offers classes in Lamont and Manchester. Evans made a motion to approve holding yoga classes at the Civic Center, waiving any

facility fees, with the topic to be revisited on an annual basis. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans and Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Mayor Bente read a proclamation in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Home Rule in the State of Iowa.

OTHER BUSINESS

Oswailer gave a brief overview of a meeting between herself, Public Works and Mike Tucker from Martin Gardner Architecture regarding the Splash Pool Project.

Mayor Bente requested Oswailer email the nuisance ordinance to Council as discussed in the last meeting.

Kaleb Payne from the Strawberry Point Ambulance Service requested the City investigate the last parking spot in front of Meyer Tax Service's building. He has concern regarding how close the parking spot is to the driveway between Meyer Tax and the gym. This is the driveway utilized by the Ambulance Service, due to the angle of the street it is very difficult to see traffic when the parking spot is occupied. Council requested Oswailer speak to Police Chief Evans regarding the issue.

With no further business, Evans moved to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Oswailer, City Clerk/Administrator

Jeff Bente, Mayor