

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting August 16, 2017

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 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, Evans, Johnson, Kuehl and Hansel.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from August 2nd

Claims

Additional Claims

Evans inquired on the additional claims list, what the payment to the Elkader Inn was for. City Administrator Osweiler stated that this had to do with the CDBG Housing grant. Sometimes when there are repairs/construction which would endanger the homeowner, such as lead paint or asbestos removal, the homeowner stays off-site. The money paid out by the City is then recovered by the grant. Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda with the additional claims. Kuehl seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Evans, Johnson, Kuehl, Hansel and Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council reviewed the initial Windstream Franchise Agreement. City Administrator Osweiler stated she had already sent it to the City Attorney to review. After some discussion it was determined that the City should review the terms of the current franchise agreement between the City and Mediacom, since Windstream offers similar services. The topic was tabled until a future meeting date.

The City Administrator updated Council on the Lutheran Home/Sewer issue the City has been monitoring. Currently, the Public Works staff is still visiting the site daily to remove wipes and other materials that should not be in the sewer system. City staff is spending approximately 20 minutes a day on this. A report is being compiled by the City Hall staff to send to the Lutheran Home prior to setting up a meeting with the Iowa DNR. City Administrator Osweiler stated she would keep Council updated.

INFORMATION

Council had no questions or comments on the items reviewed which included: Strawberry Point Ambulance Board Minutes from August 8th, Strawberry Point Public Library's Annual Report, Strawberry Point Fire Department Minutes from August 9th and City financials from the month of July.

NEW BUSINESS

Council was prepared to discuss the Library Budget from the 16-17 Fiscal Year. However, Board members were not present. The City Administrator stated that she would inquire as to whether they would be present at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

City Administrator Osweiler informed the Council that the Park and Recreation Board received an award of \$25,000 through a Wellmark grant they had applied for.

Osweiler also updated the Council on the testing of the well off of Milwaukee. She stated that some of the testing will take as long as 45 days and she would update the Council when the results are in. Also, Osweiler notified Council that the City was no longer receiving direct power from Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative. The power was being routed through the generation plant, as it should be. There is more to come and update on in the coming weeks. She informed the Council that on August 22nd, the City would be conducting the annual testing required by Dairyland Power Cooperative.

With no further business, Evans moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Osweiler, City Clerk/Administrator

Jeff Bente, Mayor