

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting September 19, 2018

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 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. Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans and Hansel Nays: None. Motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from September 10th

Claims

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council reviewed an estimate from Hawkins, Inc to replace the equipment required for adding fluoride to the city water should Council decide to. Estimate total was \$1,175.00 including installation. The Facebook poll on the city's page indicated a final result of 43% Yes, 57% No. Mayor Bente indicated that he had discussed the issue at length with many residents which indicated more people did not want fluoride added. Rowcliffe indicated that was also the result he came to after he spoke with residents. Evans stated her thoughts that Council had already previously decided to remove the fluoride having weighed the information at that time and did not believe the Council should start to second guess themselves on all their decisions. Overall, Council agreed it would be easier for those residents who are in favor of fluoride to have access to fluoride via toothpaste, mouthwash and dental appointments than it would be for residents not in favor of fluoride to remove the fluoride by reverse osmosis or other means. Chapman made a motion to continue not adding fluoride to the city's drinking water. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans and Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

INFORMATION

NEW BUSINESS

Council reviewed the Strawberry Point Library Board recommendations for new board members – Kirk Baumgartner (filling the county seat) and Austin Popham. Evans made a motion to approve the recommended board members, with the understanding that these members are filling the terms of the board members who recently resigned and therefore the new board members would not be beginning a new term. Hansel seconded the motion. Ayes: Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel and Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Motion passes. It was also noted that city staff and the Library Council Liaison would work with the Library Director to review the current board members terms to ensure the correct terms are understood by all.

Council reviewed the topic of having "open gym" hours at the Civic Center again this Fall/Winter. After some discussion, Evans made a motion to hold open gym on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM beginning October 1st, re-hiring the same monitor employed last year at the rate of \$7.25/hour. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Johnson, Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Chapman. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed a request from resident Quinn Corbin. Corbin's family along with a few other families have rented the Civic Center in the past to hold a garage sale. Corbin stated that in the past she had only been charged \$25.00 per day to rent the facility and is requesting the same rate. City staff could find no evidence in their financial records to confirm that Corbin was charged \$25.00 per day. Several Council members felt that it would not be fair to charge Corbin less. Rowcliffe made a motion to deny the request for a reduced rental charge for the Civic Center. Chapman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Evans, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Chapman and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed two proposals/quotes for cleaning and inspecting the water tower. Quote 1: Midco Diving & Marine Services Inc. \$2386.00 which includes a DVD of the inspection plus additional

\$200.00 should city opt to request a written EPA/State report. Quote 2: LiquiVision Diving Technology Services \$3550.00 which includes a DVD of the inspection and a written report. After some discussion, Evans made a motion to accept the quote from Midco Diving & Marine Services Inc for \$2586.00 to include the written report. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson and Evans. Nays: None. Motion passes.

The Hiring Committee in charge of the reviewing the Part-Time Electric Utility Manager position discussed their recommendation with the Council. The city had received a single application and the individual was interviewed. During the interview many ideas were proposed about improvements that can be made and what duties would be involved with taking on this part-time position. There was much discussion over wages and what to offer the applicant. Council acknowledged the position is unique and the applicant's specialized qualifications. After further discussion, Johnson made a motion to offer the applicant \$30.00/hour for a contract term of 1-year. Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Johnson, Evans and Hansel. Nays: Chapman. Motion passes. Chapman wanted to acknowledge his vote was regarding the wage proposed not regarding the hiring of the applicant.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Bente inquired about tree trimming around town. Osweiler stated the Public Works team has been working on this between projects. Sunset Knoll was specifically identified as an area needing attention, Osweiler stated she would speak to Public Works about this.

Rowcliffe inquired about the well casing. Osweiler stated she had made arrangements and was waiting to hear back from Northway Well & Pump.

Hansel inquired about street sweeping. Osweiler stated she had contacted the company and they stated they would still be able to take care of the city this fall, but she does not have an exact date yet.

With no further business, Evans moved to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Hansel seconded the motion Motion passes.

Alison Osweiler, City Clerk/Administrator

Jeff Bente, Mayor