

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting October 4th, 2017

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 4th, 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.

Mayor Bente took a moment to acknowledge the events in Las Vegas that occurred the previous Sunday. He asked that everyone keep those involved in their thoughts and prayers.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from September 20th

Claims

Additional Claims

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 and Rowcliffe. Nays: None. Abstain: Hansel. Motion passes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
INFORMATION**

Council had no comments or questions regarding the Strawberry Point Library Board Minutes from August 22nd or the Strawberry Point Tree Board 2016-2017 Annual Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Council heard from Andy Kelleher, a candidate running to represent the Iowa House of Representatives 56th District. Kelleher asked for comments from the Council as to issues and topics they feel are of concern or interest. Kelleher spoke very briefly about his campaign which at present focuses issues such as economic development and schools.

Council reviewed the topic of Trick-or-Treating times. Evans made a motion to hold Trick-or-Treating on Halloween, October 31st from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Johnson, Kuehl, Hansel, Rowcliffe, and Evans. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council discussed whether the Civic Center would have open hours this fall/winter to allow people an opportunity to utilize the facility during that time of the year. After further discussion it was determined that City Staff would research fees that are charged at similar facilities in Arlington & Aurora. The topic will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Council reviewed the estimate for additional scope items regarding the generation plant switchgear. Some general discussion took place and an update from Alan Wessels, who recommended that we continue to move forward with fixing the switchgear. Kuehl made a motion to move forward with the estimate from Power Systems for the additional scope items regarding the generation plant switchgear. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Kuehl, Hansel, Rowcliffe, Evans and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the general liability policy renewal for Strawberry Point Chamber of Commerce. City Administrator Osweiler stated that we had reimbursed the Chamber for this last year. The policy covers Strawberry Days and other events held by the Chamber. Some Council members wondered whether the City was responsible to pay the full amount. Evans thought that with the City covering the cost of the insurance policy, the City received recognition as a sponsor for Strawberry Days. Evans said she could reach out to a few contacts that may have more information regarding the history on who is responsible for paying the bill. Topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

Council reviewed the first reading of Ordinance 17-04 – An ordinance implementing municipal infractions in the City of Strawberry Point. Johnson moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 17-04 – An ordinance implementing municipal infractions in the City of Strawberry Point. Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Hansel, Rowcliffe, Evans, Johnson and Kuehl. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council heard from a representative from the Strawberry Point Firefighters Association, who decided to pull the agenda topic of moving electrical poles at the proposed building site of the Fire & Rescue Building. There was general discussion on possibly changing the current allocations of the LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) funds. Kuehl took the opportunity to discuss financial topics he felt the Council should be considering, particularly when doing the budget in a few months. The idea of a citizen's survey was discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council discussed the upcoming meeting with the Lutheran Home regarding sewer issues the City has been facing.

Evans mentioned her attendance at the walk at the walking trail which was hosted by the Parks & Recreation Board. This event will occur every year on October 4th. There was a good turnout.

With no further business, Kuehl moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Evans seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Osweiler, City Clerk/Administrator

Jeff Bente, Mayor