

Strawberry Point City Council
Regular Meeting October 16, 2019

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 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.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from October 7th

Claims

Additional claims

Chapman moved to approve the consent agenda with additional claims. Additional claims as follows: Builder First Source \$4,833.79, U.S. Cellular \$436.52, Windstream \$103.75. Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans. Nays: None. Abstain: Hansel. Motion passes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

INFORMATION

Council had no questions about the delinquent account listing from September 2019. The Strawberry Point Firemen's Community Banquet will take place on January 25, 2020 at the Strawberry Point Civic Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Council reviewed the request by Eldon Fenton for an easement or right of way to allow access to his property West of Highway 13 and North of the City's North Sewer Lagoons. After some discussion, Evans moved to approve an easement/right of way to Eldon Fenton with an associated legal costs and/or fees for filing and recording to be paid by Fenton. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the topic of Open Gym at the Civic Center. Council would like to continue to offer this for students in the winter months. Evans moved to advertise for the Civic Center Monitor position. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed Resolution 19-25 a resolution approving the City Street Financial Report. Evans moved to approve Resolution 19-25. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the first reading of Ordinance 19-08 an ordinance setting the municipal infraction fines related to nuisances. Johnson moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 19-08. Hansel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed Resolution 19-26 a resolution regarding fall leaf pick-up. This resolution states that the city will require leaves to be bagged and placed curbside every Tuesday beginning October 22, 2019. Leaves in boxes, cans or bins will not be emptied. Johnson moved to approve Resolution 19-26. Chapman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council was presented with two quotes/proposals for new water tower communications systems. The current system is about 20 years old, typically systems of this kind are obsolete after 10 years. The current system can no longer be repaired due to a lack of parts availability and obsolete technology. Quotes were asking follows: Quality Control & Integration Inc \$44,400.00 including installation; Electric Pump \$44,528.00 including installation. Sauerbry stated that with the cost being so close, his

recommendation would be to accept the bid from Electric Pump due to their knowledge & history of working with the City's facilities. Johnson moved to approve the proposal from Electric Pump for \$44,528.00. Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Council reviewed the request for the City Hall staff to attend training in Des Moines on Wednesday, November 13th which would require City Hall to be closed. Hansel moved to approve the request. Rowcliffe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Rowcliffe, Chapman, Johnson, Evans, Hansel. Nays: None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jane Sparrgrove with Carol's Closet addressed Council regarding her concern of water shut off 624 Commercial St. She requested the water be turned back on for an additional week to allow her time to try and fix the exposed water and sewer pipes. After some discussion, it was acknowledged that the situation is regrettable. However, Council backed the decision by Sauerbry & Osweiler to shut off water services as adequate discussion, notices, and extensions were presented to Sparrgrove regarding the issue in the months leading up to the shut off. In addition, City Code does give authority to Sauerbry to make those decisions and the Council will follow the Code. Further, the City is seeking to safeguard the integrity of the water and sewer systems from the possible ill effects of frozen lines as the temperature continues to drop.

With no further business, Rowcliffe moved to adjourn at 6:45 PM. Evans seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Alison Osweiler, City Clerk/Administrator

Jeff Bente, Mayor