

Strawberry Point City Council  
Regular Meeting March 4, 2009

The Strawberry Point City Council met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Fox presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members answering roll call were Al Friederich, Jan Parkin, Troy Stover, Norm Rizer and Jackie Opperman.

Mayor Fox opened the public hearing for the 2009-2010 budget at 6:02PM. Mayor Fox asked if there were any written or oral objections to the proposed budget. With no objections, the public hearing for the budget was closed at 6:03PM. Opperman moved to approve resolution No.09-07 Resolution Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010. Friederich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Stover, Rizer, Opperman and Friederich. Nays: None. Resolution passes. Rizer moved to approve the agenda. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5) Minutes from February 18<sup>th</sup>
- 6) Claims
- 7) Motion to approve recommendation of Karl Ommen to the Fire Department

Opperman moved to approve the consent agenda. Stover seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Parkin, Opperman, Stover, Friederich and Rizer. Nays: None. Consent agenda passes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The outdoor furnace committee distributed a proposed ordinance to the council. The council will review and this will be discussed at the next meeting. A copy of this proposed ordinance is available at City Hall.

Council reviewed Ordinance 09-01 (Second Reading) An Ordinance Fixing and Establishing Grades on Westwood, in the City of St. Pt, Iowa. Parkin moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 09-01. Rizer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Friederich, Rizer, Opperman, Stover and Rizer. Nays: None. Second reading passes.

Council discussed obstructions to the Westwood project, such as boulders, shrubs and fences and if they should be replaced in their original place as part of the project. Rizer moved that contractors restore obstructions to preconstruction position. Stover seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes. Construction of a detention basin on the West Side of Westwood was discussed. The basin could be constructed out of the demolished roadway material, with an estimated cost of \$45,000 to \$50,000. This detention basin would decrease the amount of water running across Westwood. An option might be to stockpile this material to build a detention basin at a later date. Final plans are done and have been sent to numerous contractors.

Council reviewed Ordinance 09-02 (Second Reading) An Ordinance Amending the City Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, Article 84.02 to Raise Electric Rates. A concerned citizen and business owner was present to discuss his feelings pertaining to raising commercial rates. Parkin moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 09-02. Opperman seconded the motion. Ayes: Rizer, Parkin, Friederich, Opperman and Stover. Nays: None. Second reading passes.

**INFORMATION**

The City Council received Library Board minutes from February 3<sup>rd</sup> and a quarterly call report from the Police Department.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The council reviewed the 6-month performance review of a Mark Meyer. His review was above average. The council and City Superintendent extended their thanks and gave him great compliments. Opperman moved to approve a 6 month pay increase for Mark Meyer. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

A gentleman was present to ask permission to locate his fitness center to the basement of City Hall. This venture would need 4000 sq. feet and a ceiling height of 9 ft. This fitness center provides treadmills, stair steppers, bikes, tread climbers, and free weights. The fitness center would charge \$35 a month for singles and \$50 a month for family. Council would like to research this more before a final decision is made.

Economic Development would like financial and in-kind contribution of 25% from the City to write a grant through the Kellogg Company for food and fitness opportunities. This would provide an after school fitness program which would also include a healthy snack. The Economic Development Director will write up the grant and present to the council at the next meeting.

A proposed art studio is requesting a letter of support for a grant. Opperman moved that we draft a letter of support from the Mayor and council for Amanda Timm’s grant. Parkin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Second interviews for the police officer position will be held next week with the Mayor and 2 council members. We have enough lifeguards, but need a pool manager. An ad will be placed on the Iowa Job website and college websites to try and recruit someone for the position.

With no further business, Opperman moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Friederich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passes.

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Deanna Dement, City Clerk

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Dale Fox, Mayor