

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 19, 2023**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 19, 2023, with Mayor Larry Runyan calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members answering roll call were: Catherine Bergman, Carol Bergman, Terry Bryan, Ht Buie, and Brian Ouverson. Also present were Keith Leeds with Stratford Community Development Corporation (SCDC), Toni Larson, Maddy Daniels and Kim Leeds.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Brian Ouverson, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve previous meeting minutes from May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and the Special Meeting Minutes from May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for May 2023, Stratford Country Store Retail Cigarette/Tobacco Permit Application, Rungo’s License Application #LC0037613 for Outdoor Service on main street on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, during “Stratford on the Loose” Event, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$86,039.01, Oakwood Cemetery Donation of \$5,000, and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Carol Bergman to open the public hearing for Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Amendment at 7:10 p.m. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

City Manager Leeds reported that there were two interest payments made for the 2022 Avon/Dryden Watermain Project. The budget had to be amended to account for these payments.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to close the public hearing for Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Amendment at 7:11 p.m. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Resolution 2023-25 – A Resolution amending fiscal year 2023 budget. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Keith Leeds from Stratford Community Development Corporation (SCDC) was present to give the council an update on SCDC’s event “Stratford on the Loose” on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. SCDC would like to close Goldsmith Street from Shakespeare Avenue to the alley between Shakespeare Avenue and Burns Street to let the Fire Department have a kid train ride and a kid water hose event.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve the update for the Stratford Community Development Corporations’ (SCDC) July 8<sup>th</sup> “Stratford on the Loose” event allowing SCDC to close a portion of Goldsmith Street from Shakespeare Avenue to the alley between

Shakespeare Avenue and Burns Street. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve donation request from SCDC of \$3000 for Fiscal Year 2024 for the purpose of using the money to replace flooring in the Stratford Food Center’s kitchen. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ht Buie seconded by Terry Bryan to approve SCDC’s donation request for a season family pool pass for July 8, 2023 “Stratford on the Loose” silent auction. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve request from Molly Westrum to place a mailbox on east side of the driveway at 1115 Goldsmith Street. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve request from Sheriff’s office to place a speed sign in Stratford city limits. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve noise permit application from Copperhead Saloon for July 1<sup>st</sup> celebration. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve Dan Ostrem’s letter of resignation effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – nay, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion was held on the City of Stratford public works supervisor position. After June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the City of Stratford will have no public works maintenance staff. The council agreed to call other cities to see if they could help out temporarily and use Mayor Larry Runyan to read water and sewer reads until a replacement is found. The City will also have to find a certified pool operator to handle operation of the pool for the rest of the season. After looking at the overall public works jobs the council agreed to post a full-time public works maintenance supervisor position and a part-time public works maintenance position, with the part-time position working roughly 20 -25 hours a week.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to table the public works/maintenance job description. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Brian Ouverson, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Daily Work Log Sheet. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Brian Ouverson, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve letting Jr Ubben leave the ditch on the north side of Commercial Street in front of his property as long as the conditions are favorable and there are no issues with water for the neighbors as long as he seeds it and brings it back to grass. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve of Iowa Great designation sign for the Hamilton County Freedom Rock Park. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve to vote straight ballot for Midland Power District 3 Ballot (2023). Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve pool lifeguard end of year bonus policy. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

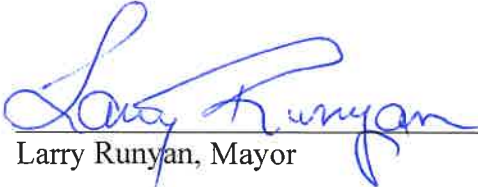
Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2023-01 – An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Stratford, Iowa, by adding a yield sign on the northeast corner and southwest corner of Ross Avenue at the intersection of Ross Avenue and Willow Street, and a stop sign at the southwest corner of Commercial Street and Teneyck Avenue. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve Resolution 2023-20 – A Resolution setting wages and salaries for employees of the City of Stratford. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Resolution 2023-21 – A resolution to simplify and solve fund balances authorizing transfers and funds adjustments. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Brian Ouverson, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Resolution 2023-23 – A resolution to transfer funds from the electric fund to the general fund as a payment in lieu of taxes using surplus funds per Iowa Code §384.89. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Ht Buie to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

  
Larry Runyan, Mayor

**Attest:**

  
Maddy Daniels, Deputy City Clerk