

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 11, 2024**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 2024, with Mayor Brian Ouverson 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: Carol Bergman, Catherine Bergman, Terry Bryan, Clark Conklin, and Chase Haman. Also present were Toni Larson, Jaime Carroll, Marty Delay, Rick Young Hamilton County Supervisor, Brad Larson, and Kim Leeds.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve previous meeting minutes from February 12, 2024. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for February 2024, Current Claims since Previous Council approval for \$52,158.37, and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Rick Young Hamilton County Supervisor was present to update council on economic development throughout the county. He updated them on a Impower Iowa Task Force that he currently serves on. He also discussed in short detail the drainage district to the east of Stratford that the county is considering abandoning it so the City will have control of it. He will be back when all the details are figured out.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Clark Conklin to the open public hearing for Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) at 7:22 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

No written or verbal comment were received.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to close the public hearing for Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) at 7:23 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Resolution 2023-15 - A resolution adopting Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2025. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman

– aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Jamie Carroll owner of property at 630 Shakespeare Avenue was present to discuss with council the Ash trees located in the front of her property. City Manager Leeds explained that her trees were on the list of trees to be removed, and that there is just no funding to help the City's to get the trees down quicker. Currently the sander is in the plow truck but will be removed in the next few weeks and the City will try to get them down as soon as possible.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Chase Haman to approve paying Midland invoice for \$2,604.27 and get an estimate of electrical expenses for the United Cooperative Project. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve invoice from McPeak Pools & Spas for \$784.42 for VGB Pool Drains using LOST funds. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve quote from Acco Unlimited Corporation for \$3,000 for 2024 season pool set-up. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the purchase Yard Boss or Combi System to remove rocks from grass. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2024 and set a public hearing date for the next regular council meeting on April 8, 2024. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve a twenty-five cent payroll increase for Brad Larson Maintenance Supervisor for six month review. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Chase Haman to approve 2024 City Wide Clean-up Rules and Regulations. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Terry Bergman to approve \$150.00 bid from Doug Bergman for scrap metal with removal from City property by Monday, March 18, 2024. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve third reading of Ordinance 2024-01 – An Ordinance §92.02; by setting new rates as established under 2012-08. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Chase Haman to approve third reading of Ordinance 2024-02 – an ordinance amending §99.07 by setting new rates. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to adjourn at 8:38 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.



Brian Ouerson, Mayor

Attest:



Kim Leeds, City Manager/ Clerk