

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 2019, 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: Randy Baker, Heather Conklin, Chase Haman, and Mitch Peterson. Council member Justin Richardson was absent. Also present was Monika Arends and Keith Leeds representing Stratford Community Development Corporation (SCDC), Nancy Baker, Jim Leiding of Bolton & Menk, Kim Leeds, Dan Ostrem, and Amanda Westrum.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote: Baker - aye, Conklin - aye, Haman - aye, and Peterson - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Conklin to approve previous meeting minutes from August 12, 2019. Roll call vote: Baker - aye, Conklin - aye, Haman - aye, and Peterson - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve Financial Report for August 2019, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$27,580.52, The Copperhead Saloon Class C Liquor, Class B Wine and Sunday Sales liquor license, Rungo's Class C Liquor with Outdoor Service liquor license, and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Baker - aye, Conklin - aye, Haman - aye, and Peterson - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Conklin to approve request from Christmas in the Park for horse and carriage rides on city streets pending certificate of liability insurance on December 1st, 2019 from 5 - 8 pm. Roll call vote: Baker - aye, Conklin - aye, Haman - aye, and Peterson - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Baker to approve request from SCDC to cover street lights on north end of 800 block of Shakespeare Avenue during the Music in the Street event on October 5th, 2019. Roll call vote: Baker - aye, Conklin - aye, Haman - aye, and Peterson - aye. Motion carried.

Monika Arends and Keith Leeds from SCDC were present to update the council of current activities with SCDC.

Moved by Conklin, seconded by Baker to approve Thursday, October 31, 2019, from 5 - 7 pm as Stratford Trick or Treat night. Roll call vote: Baker - aye, Conklin - aye, Haman - aye, and Peterson - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Baker to approve Stratford Fire Department's request to close off streets and use ATV's and UTV's to assist with the Cruise to the Woods event on Sunday, October 6th; leaving intersections and emergency routes open in case of an emergency. Roll call vote: Baker - aye, Conklin - aye, Haman - aye, and Peterson - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Baker, seconded by Conklin to approve reduction of Tax Increment Financing Indebtedness declaration. Roll call vote: Baker - aye, Conklin - aye, Haman - aye, and Peterson - aye. Motion carried.

The 2019 pool season report was reviewed with the council. It was noted that attendance was down from the previous year. There was a total of 86 days this season. The Pool was partially closed 18 days and fully closed 2 days. Expenses were up by \$3,584.32 from last year due to more utility usage with the pool heater running more because of weather.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve quote of \$4,200.00 from Vermeer for new Radio Detection Utility Locator. Roll call vote: Baker – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, and Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Baker, seconded by Conklin to approve quote for WebRoot Anti-Virus Software from BerganKDV for \$48.00 for one year. Roll call vote: Baker – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, and Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Baker to approve quote for sand blasting and painting pool basin and baby pool including cement around baby pool from Dreyer painting for \$14,400.00 using Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) funds. Roll call vote: Baker – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, and Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve staffing City Hall from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday. Roll call vote: Baker – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, and Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Jim Leiding from Bolton & Menk engineering firm was present to address the council with a summary of findings from the smoke testing that was done in July.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Conklin to approve Resolution 2019-31 – a resolution naming depositories for city funds and signators for depositories. Roll call vote: Baker – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, and Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Baker, seconded by Haman to approve Resolution 2019-32 – a resolution approving Street Finance Report. Roll call vote: Baker – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, and Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Roll call vote: Baker – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, and Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Larry Runyan, Mayor

Attest:

Kim Leeds, Deputy City Clerk