

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 16, 2020**

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The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 16, 2020, 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: Curt Bergman, Heather Conklin (via telephone), Chase Haman, Mitch Peterson and Justin Richardson (via telephone). Also present were David Ekstrom (via telephone), Maddy Daniels, Dan Ostrem, and Kim Leeds.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to approve previous regular meeting on October 12, 2020 and special meeting on October 7, 2020. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Bergman to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for October 2020, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$24,483.23, Stratford Food Center for renewal of Class B Wine Permit / Class C Beer Permit / and Sunday Sales license # BC0029306 and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to open public hearing for sale of various portions of a previously vacated alley located in Block 7, Ten Eyck's First Addition at 7:10 pm. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

There were no written or oral comments.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Conklin to close public hearing for sale of various portions of a previously vacated alley located in Block 7, Ten Eyck's First Addition at 7:13 pm. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve Resolution 2020-48 - A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Sale of Portions of vacated alley located in Block 7, Ten eyck's First Addition, Stratford Iowa. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – abstain, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Richardson to approve request from Kathy Anderson to place a mailbox at 1112 Teneyck Ave. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Richardson to approve paying Coyce Carlson for invoice from Bentley Ridge Nursey for \$428.00 for maple tree for 1331 Tennyson Ave. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Bergman to acknowledge Stratford Public Library 2020 Annual Report. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to approve Fire Department to purchase of (SCBA) air packs using FEMA Grant dollars with City Fire Department budget match of 5%. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Bergman to approve Tax Increment Financing Indebtedness Certification. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Conklin to approve City of Stratford Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2020. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve CDBG Housing Project Payables # 5 for \$1354.76: with \$1354.76 being paid to MIDAS. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to approve 2020 Official Ballot for FSA Committee Elections. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to approve appointing Mitch Peterson to Webster County Emergency Management Board. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Bergman to approve City Manager to purchase a laptop computer not to exceed \$750.00. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

City Manager and council discussed employee evaluations. The evaluations were handed out to council members and city staff to fill out on Deputy City Clerk regarding six months review.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve closing Stratford City Hall at noon on December 24th for a half day Christmas Eve Holiday. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve keeping the current Wellmark health insurance plan for full-time City employees with an increase of \$100.41; also retaining current dental and vision with no increases and keeping TrueNorth Companies as insurance representative. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to approve the first reading and to waive the second and third reading of Ordinances 2020-03 – An Ordinance amending the code of Ordinance of the Stratford, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to tobacco use. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Conklin, seconded by Bergman to approve second reading and waive the third reading of Ordinances 2020-04 – An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Stratford, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to building and land use regulations. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Bergman to approve Resolution 2020-47 A Resolution appointing the City Manager to serve for fiscal year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 and to set the compensation. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve Resolution 2020-49 A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds for the Payment of Debt Fees and Interest. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Conklin, seconded by Richardson to approve Resolution 2020-50 A Resolution requesting reimbursement from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief fund. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve Resolution 2020-51 – A Resolution naming depositories for city funds and signators for depositories. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bergman, seconded by Haman to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Attest:



Maddy Daniels, Deputy City Clerk


Larry Runyan, Mayor