

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 13, 2020**

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The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 13, 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, Chase Haman. Council member Mitch Peterson and Justin Richardson was absent. Also present were Kim Leeds, Dan Ostrem and by electronic means were Brian Bergman representing Oakwood Cemetery, David Ekstrom, Kathy Landreth, Riley and Jan Scheuermann, Janet Sonksen, and Travis Sonksen.

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

Moved by Bergman, seconded by Haman to approve previous regular meeting on June 8, 2020. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for June 2020, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$19,010.91, Oakwood Cemetery Donation of \$5,000.00, United Stop & Shop Class C Beer, Class B Wine and Sunday Sales liquor license BC0030038, and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to approve Original Muscle Corporation request for driveway and to cut curb at 801 Goldsmith. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to approve demolition permit from John Berglund. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded Conklin to approve Stratford Fire performing a practice burn at 301 Willow Street. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Council held a lengthy discussion on the alley on block 7 of Teneyck Addition with most of the property owners around 1012 Washington Street to voice their opinions/concerns on the construction/vacation of the alley between Washington Avenue and Adams Avenue from Pollock Street to Milton Street. Council directed City Manager Leeds to start the vacating process.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to approve Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Payables for \$13,803.29 as follows; Midas for \$13,803.29 reflecting \$2,445.06 for General Administration, and \$11,358.23 for Technical Services. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to approve CDBG Housing Payables for \$18,586.00 as follows; J & S Construction for \$12,586.00. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Conklin to approve CDBG Housing Payables for \$3,634.43 as follows; Midas for \$3,634.43 reflecting \$2,689.57 for General Administration, and \$944.86 for Technical Services. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bergman, seconded by Conklin to approve public property for sell by bids process of 1998 Elgin 3-Wheel Mechanical Sweeper. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Council held a small discussion with City Manager to explain the Local Option Sales and Service Tax Election.

Moved by Bergman, seconded by Haman to approve Local Option Sales and service tax renewal. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Conklin, seconded by Haman to approve Resolution 2020-36 Resolution Submitting the Question of the Imposition of a Local Option Sales and Service Tax And Revenue Allocation Statement To the Voters of the City of Stratford, Hamilton County, Iowa. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bergman, seconded by Haman to approve of an interest rate reduction on SRF Loan DS0159R for the Water Plant. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bergman, seconded by Conklin to approve Resolution 2020 – 37 Resolution Providing for Reduction of Interest Rate on Water Revenue Bond. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye. Motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning snow removal of both sides of main street. At this time council decided not to move forward with this and have the City Manager start calling anyone who doesn't adhere to the removal of snow within the 24 hours.

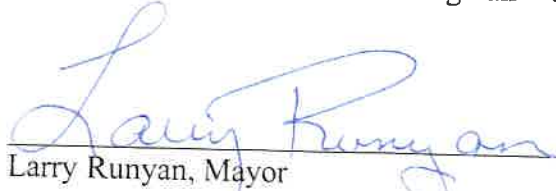
Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to approve and accept cash audit report from Cornwell, Frideres, Maher & Associates. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Conklin to approve and accept Cornwell, Frideres, Maher & Associates City of Stratford Audit Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to approve Ordinance 2020-02 – An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of Stratford, Iowa, by Adding Chapter 52 Title: Grass and Weeds. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Attest:


Larry Runyan, Mayor


Kim Leeds, City Manager/Clerk