

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 14, 2020**

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The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2020, with Mayor Larry Runyan calling the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at City Hall and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members answering roll call were: Curt Bergman, Chase Haman, Mitch Peterson and Justin Richardson. Council member Heather Conklin was absent. Also present were Maddy Daniels, Kim Leeds, Dan Ostrem and by electronic means were Zach Chizek from Groves & Chizek Law Firm, Dave Ekstrom, Jessica Geerdes, Annette Kahler, Kathy Landreth, Toni Larson, and Jan and Rilee Scheuermann.

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

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Bergman to approve previous regular meeting on August 10, 2020. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

During Public Comments and Presentations, City Manager Kim Leeds presented a complaint from Rick Woodard regarding the City's south lot.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Richardson to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for August 2020, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$16,925.42, and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bergman, seconded by Richardson to approve Resolution 2020-40 - A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Granting of Utility Easement to the City of Stratford. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bergman, seconded by Haman to open public hearing for the vacation of an alley located in Block 7, Ten Eyck's First Addition at 7:14 p.m. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

During the public hearing Jan Scheuermann, Kathy Landreth, and Dave Ekstrom all spoke in favor for the vacation of the alley located in Block 7, Ten Eyck's First Addition. A written objection was received from Janet Sonksen.

Moved by Bergman, seconded by Richardson to close public hearing for the vacation of an alley located in Block 7, Ten Eyck's First Addition at 7:18 p.m. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Bergman approve Resolution 2020-43 - A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Vacation of the alley located in block 7, Ten Eyck's First Addition, Stratford, Iowa. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Bergman to approve Vendor Agreement for FY 2020-2021 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program with Upper Des Moines Opportunity. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Bergman to approve request from Jessica Geerdes for a couple of horses at 1006 Adams Street. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve quote from KT&T Snow Removal for \$240.00 for Stump Grinding. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Richardson approve quotes for Grapple Bucket for Skid Loader from Murphy Tractor & Equipment for \$3,505.50. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Bergman to table quotes for Brush Chipper from Vermeer to get some used quotes. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve request from Kim Jensen for permission for a driveway on northwest corner of his property located at 1301 Tennyson Ave. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve request for "Christmas in the Park." Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Richardson to approve setting date and time for Halloween Trick or Treat night as October 31, 2020 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve request from community organizations to relinquish the costs of the shelters rent for the September 20<sup>th</sup> fundraiser event. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Bergman to approve Stratford Fire Department request to close off streets to assist with the Cruise to the Woods event on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>; leaving intersections and emergency routes open in case of an emergency. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to approve CDBG Housing Payables # 4 with \$3,161.29 to MIDAS. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Council Discussed LOSST Election Information. Due to a change in the law, LOSST cannot be on the ballot during the general election. The earliest date the question could be put on the ballot would be a special election held March 2, 2021.

Council reviewed the FEMA Firefighters Grant Letter that was awarded to the Stratford Fire Department in the amount of \$80,000. It will pay for twelve air packs (SCBA) which are about \$7,000 a piece. As a condition of this grant they are required to contribute 5% of non-federal dollars.

Council reviewed the Social Security Tax Deferral. City Manager Leeds has talked to each of the full-time employees about the option of the social security tax deferral.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve bidding out old Christmas Decorations. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the Stratford Municipal Pool 2020 season report. It was noted that attendance was down from the previous year. There was a total of 78 days this season. The Pool was partially closed 5 days. Expenses were about the same as last year. Lesson revenues were up this year as there were several sets of private lessons this year.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to approve the third reading of 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, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bergman, seconded by Richardson to approve Resolution 2020-40 – A Resolution naming depositories for city funds and signators for depositories. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

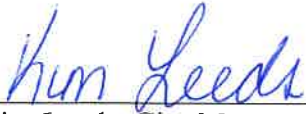
Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve Resolution 2020-42 – A Resolution approving Street Finance Report. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Bergman", is written over a horizontal line.

**Attest:**

Larry Runyan, Mayor



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Kim Leeds, City Manager/Clerk