

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 12, 2020**

Due to the Covid-19 Health Crisis, Stratford City Council meetings are closed to the public. The October 12, 2020 Council Meeting will be held electronically thru GoToMeeting as allowed by Section 21.8 of Iowa Code. Anybody that would like to attend the meeting may do so thru the following means:

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The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 12, 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, Mitch Peterson and Justin Richardson. Also present were Maddy Daniels, Kim Leeds and Dan Ostrem.

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

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Richardson to approve previous regular meeting on September 14, 2020. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Conklin to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for September 2020, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$11,046.76, 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 Bergman to approve Mary Conklin's request to have one hen at her property at 600 Goldsmith. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – abstain, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve "Christmas in the Park" to hold carriage rides on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 5-7 P.M. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Richardson to approve request from Team Iowa Snowmobilers for 2020-2021 winter season snowmobile route in incorporated limits of Stratford. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman approve Resolution 2020-44 - A Resolution to approve public streets and right of ways within City of Stratford corporate limits that snowmobiles may be operated on per City of Stratford Code §75.04 pursuant to 321G of the Code of Iowa. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Conklin to approve the Urban Renewal 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 using Local Option Sales and Service Tax funds allocated for infrastructure for the purchase and installation of four storm boxes for \$15,000. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to approve renewal for volunteer firefighter accidental death & dismemberment coverage for annual fee of \$13.30 for single coverage and \$19.00 for employee/spouse and employee/family coverage; total of \$484.50. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve first 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 Haman to approve Resolution 2020-46 – A Resolution setting time and place for a public hearing on the proposed sale of the vacated portion of the alley located in Block 7, Ten eyck’s First Addition, Stratford, Iowa. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

City Manager addressed council regarding opening City Hall back up to the public with the recommendation of taking the necessary precautions to keep employees and public safe.

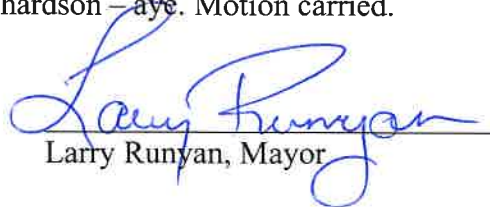
Moved by Haman, seconded by Conklin to enter into closed session at 7:46 p.m. under Chapter 21.5(1)(i) of the Iowa Code, to evaluate professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye and Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Richardson to return to open session at 7:56 p.m. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye, and Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to adjourn at 8:00 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