

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

Due to the Covid-19 Health Crisis, Stratford City Council meetings are closed to the public. The December 14, 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, December 14, 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), Mitch Peterson and Justin Richardson (via telephone). Council member Chase Haman was absent. Also present were Norm Fandel from Midland Power (via telephone), Maddy Daniels, Dan Ostrem, and Kim Leeds.

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

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Peterson to approve previous regular meeting on November 16, 2020. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Bergman to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for November 2020, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$21,024.12, and the Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Richardson to approve Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Library budget request. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Bergman to approve Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Arbor Committee budget request. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bergman, approved by Peterson to approve holding a Council workshop before the next regular Council meeting on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Richardson, approved by Bergman to approve stump grinding quote from KT&T Snow Removal on an ongoing effort. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Bergman not to nominate representative for the Iowa Rural Water Association Board of Directors. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Council had a short discussion on the Midland Power 2021 Agreement for Electrical Service. The current contract is not up until 2022 but Midland Power would like to make substantial upgrades to the current substation which is out of date. The new contract would run thru 2036 a fifteen-year contract. Norm Fandel from Midland Power was on the call to explain the contract and answer any questions.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Bergman to approve 2021 Agreement for electric service from Midland Power. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Bergman to approve rolling over all vacation hours for City Manager. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

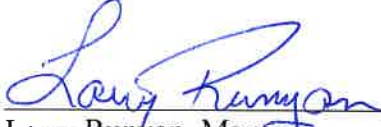
City Manager and council discussed Deputy City Clerk's employee evaluation. It was recommended that a fifty cent wage increase for Deputy City Clerk.

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Bergman to approve Resolution 20-52 – A Resolution Setting Salaries and Wages for Employees of the City of Stratford. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Bergman to approve Resolution 2020-53 – A Resolution approving the City of Stratford Identity Theft Prevention Program. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Bergman to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Peterson – aye, Richardson – aye. Motion carried.

**Attest:**

  
Larry Runyan, Mayor

  
Maddy Daniels, Deputy City Clerk