

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 10, 2021**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 10, 2021, 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: Heather Conklin, Chase Haman (via telephone), Jim Mead and Mitch Peterson. Council member Fredrick Killian was absent. Also present was Jim Leiding representing Bolton & Menk, Dan Ostrem, Maddy Daniels and City Manager Kim Leeds.

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

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Mead to approve previous meeting minutes from April 12, 2021. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

During Public Comments and Presentations, City Manager Kim Leeds presented the council with a letter from Fredrick Killian announcing his resignation from City Council effective June 7, 2021. Fredrick Killian's City Council term expired on December 31, 2023.

Moved by Conklin, seconded by Mead to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for April 2021, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$22,645.55, Renewal of Rungo's License #LC0037613 for Class C Liquor, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Conklin to open public hearing for Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Amendment at 7:09 P.M. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

No oral or written comments were received.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Conklin to close public hearing for Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Amendment at 7:10 P.M. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Conklin to approve Resolution 2021-21 – A resolution amending Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve request from Samuel Adams to place a mailbox across the street from property at 913 Moore St. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Conklin to approve request from Jessica Geerdes for a miniature pony at 1006 Adams St. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Conklin, seconded by Haman to approve request from Stratford Stride members' use of ATVs and Golf Carts for the Bluegrass Festival from July 4th through July 11th. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Conklin to approve using Local Option Sales and Service Tax funds allocated for pool for the purchase of parking spot blocks not to exceed \$1,200. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Mead to approve quote from Electric Pump for \$871.50 for repairs to Pool Pump using Local Option Sales and Service Tax funds allocated for pool. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Conklin to approve request from Mason Bauer to add a driveway to the northside of property 1119 Byron St. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Mead to approve request from Mason Bauer at 1119 Byron St with the contingency to cut the curb and concrete over right of way, from the street to property line, and if the flush mount is damaged from driving over it, the property owner will be responsible for fixing it. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Conklin to approve request for \$3,500 from the IAMU Safety Group dividend be donated to Rescue for a new ambulance. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – abstain. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Conklin to approve request from SCDC to cover street lights with garbage bags on Shakespeare Ave. during the Music in the Street event. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Jim Leiding, engineer for Bolton & Menk, had a brief discussion with council on the proposed opinion of probable costs for a few different Watermain Improvements within city limits. Currently, this is only a review for the council as the City of Stratford would like to see what comes of the informal meeting on Drainage District #246 CJ Erickson that is to take place on June 8th, 2021 at the Hamilton County Courthouse.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Conklin to approve Pathfinder Strategic Partners applying for extension and rebidding homes for the CDBG Housing Grant. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Mead to remove Dog & Cat License Ordinance Chapter 56 – an ordinance requiring the annual licensing of every dog & cat over three months of age. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Council and City Manager Leeds had a short discussion about pool hours and staffing.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Conklin to approve updating current cell phone policy to include all employees receiving a \$30 monthly cell phone reimbursement. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Mead to approve Resolution 2021-17 – A resolution to authorizing the City of Stratford to enter into a marketing agreement with Utility Service Partners Private Label. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Conklin, seconded by Peterson to approve Resolution 2021-18 - A resolution approving policy for Change Funds at Stratford City Hall and at Stratford Swimming Pool Office and Concessions. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Conklin, seconded by Peterson to approve Resolution 2021-19 – A resolution appointing the City Manager to serve for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 and to set compensation terms. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.


Moved by Peterson, seconded by Mead to approve Resolution 2021-20 - A resolution transfer TIF funds to Debt Service in order to pay our General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve Resolution 2021-22 – A resolution authorizing the City Clerk to Certify to the County Treasurer for collection for abatement work done for the City of Stratford. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Conklin, seconded by Jim to approve Resolution 2021-23 – A resolution authorizing the City Clerk to Certify to the County Treasurer for collection for abatement work done for the City of Stratford. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

City Manager/Clerk Leeds reported that she spoke with both Hamilton County and Webster County about grading the gravel on east and west Tennyson. Webster noted that they would grade it, however it is not a county road because it sits within City limits so it would be a low priority for them. Hamilton County's equipment is too large to take care of the narrow road. She also reported that she was told that Hamilton County is looking at resurfacing R21 or Teneyck Avenue in Fiscal Year 2025.

Moved by Conklin, seconded by Mead to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.


Larry Runyan, Mayor

Attest:


Maddy Daniels, Deputy City Clerk