

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 14, 2021**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 14, 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, Jim Mead and Mitch Peterson. Also present were Lee Carlson, Mark Scott, Jr Ubben, Dan Ostrem, and City Manager Kim Leeds.

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

Moved by Conklin, seconded by Haman to approve previous meeting minutes from May 10, 2021. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

During Public Comments and Presentations, Lee Carlson and Mark Scott were present to voice their opinion to the City Council on the Drainage District #246 Project. Jr Ubben was also present to explain the Drainage Project and what the next steps were.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for May 2021, Copperhead Saloon amended Class C Liquor, Class B Wine and Sunday Sales, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$20,643.48, and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Conklin to approve Mayor Runyan's re-appointment of Gerry Janney to Stratford Library Board for a term of six years. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve Settlement Agreement of Cigarette/Tobacco violation for Stratford Food Center and the City and United Stop & Shop and the City for first violation of Iowa Code Section 453.A.2(1) pursuant to Iowa Code Section 453A.22(2)(a). Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve variance request on a building permit from Al Kraus at 501 Walnut Street. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Conklin to approve variance request on a building permit from Butch Kent at 918 Avon Street. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve Midland Power District 2 Ballot (2021) as follows: Incumbent James Byriel for Board of Directors. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman authorizing Mayor to sign Iowa DOT Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads in Municipalities. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Mead to approve repairs to transmission on Ambulance 40.81 not to exceed \$5000. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

City Manager Leeds had a short discussion with the council explaining the American Rescue Plan. The interim rules came out May 10, 2021. The City of Stratford is a non-entitlement unit of local government, which means that the city will have to request the funds from the state. It looks like the City of Stratford will receive close to \$100,000 with fifty percent of funds in late summer and then fifty percent of funds twelve months later. The funds may be spent on public health expenditures, address negative economic impacts caused by the pandemic, replace lost public sector revenue, provide premium pay for essential workers, invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructures. At this time Stratford City Council has not decided how it will be spent.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Conklin to approve life insurance and short term/long term disability renewal for full-time City of Stratford employees at \$10.80 per employee per month. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Conklin to approve extending CDBG Hosing Project to December 31, 2021 and to rebid project. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

There was a slight discussion on Drainage District #246 CJ Erickson Project. The County Supervisors had a meeting on June 8th, 2021. At that informational meeting the conversation was on the project and how to processed. There will be a public hearing on September 14, 2021. The City of Stratford will be contacting our engineer and the county supervisors to get more information related to this project.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve Ordinance 2021-01 An ordinance repealing the code of ordinance of the City of Stratford, Iowa, by repealing Chapter 56, Title: Dog and Cat Licenses. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve Resolution 2021-24 – a resolution setting wages and salaries for employees of the City of Stratford. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

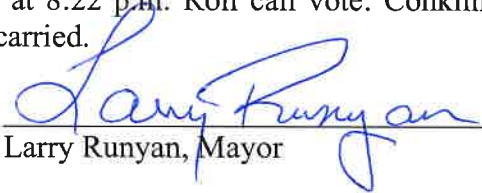
Moved by Peterson, seconded by Mead to approve Resolution 2021-25 a resolution of the City of Stratford Cellular Device policy. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Conklin to approve Resolution 2021-26 – a resolution to simplify and solve fund balances authorizing transfers and fund adjustments. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve Resolution 2021-27 – a resolution to transfer funds from the electric fund to the general fund as a payment in lieu of taxes using surplus funds per Iowa code §384.89. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

City Manager reported that the pool opened on Thursday, June 3rd, 2021. It was discussed that some days are getting hard to find lifeguards as the pool only ended up with six lifeguards for the season. Most of the guards have sports commitments and other jobs. It was noted that the City of Stratford will do as much as possible to try to keep the pool open and running.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Mead to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.


Larry Runyan, Mayor

Attest:


Kim Leeds, City Manager