

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 13, 2021**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 13, 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. Council member HT Buie was absent. Also present were Toni Larson, Maddy Daniels, Dan Ostrem, and Kim Leeds.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Conklin to approve the tentative agenda with the following modifications: insert Rungo's one day temporary Class C Liquor License for October 2<sup>nd</sup> Street dance event into the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Conklin, seconded by Peterson to approve previous meeting minutes from August 9, 2021. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Mead to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for August 2021, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$23,599.86, Rungo's one day temporary Class C Liquor License for October 2<sup>nd</sup> Street dance event, 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 approve request from City of Stanhope for two days of labor personnel and equipment sharing to work their alley's. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman seconded by Peterson to approve Mayor Runyan's appointment of Cindy Schultz to the Stratford Library Board. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Conklin to approve demolition permit from Dale Thompson for property at 1024 Tennyson Ave. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Mead to approve Stratford Fire and Rescue application for membership of Christina Bauer. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Mead to approve closing the CDBG Housing Grant. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Conklin to approve the Vendor Agreement for electric for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program with Upper Des Moines Opportunity. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve the Vendor Agreement for water and wastewater for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Low Income Household Water Assistance Program with Upper Des Moines Opportunity. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM for Halloween Trick or Treat Night. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Conklin, seconded by Mead to table request from Stratford Rescue Department for a portion of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies until next regular council meeting on October 11, 2021 so City Manager can look further into lost revenues dollars. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Mead to approve the Stratford Fire Department’s request to close off streets to assist with the Cruise to the Woods event on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>; leaving intersections and emergency routes open in case of an emergency. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Conklin to accept and move forward with FEMA Firefighters Grant Awarded to Stratford Fire Department in the amount of \$58,885.24. It will pay for gear and a gear washer. As a condition of the grant, they are required to contribute 5% of non-federal dollars. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve for the Stratford Fire Department to order gear and gear washer using funds from the FEMA Grant. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to acknowledge the Street Finance Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Conklin, seconded by Haman to acknowledge the inspection of the Stratford Municipal Pool. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

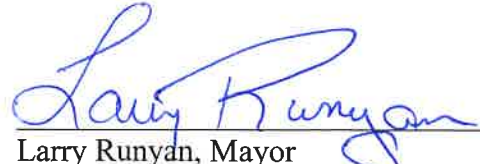
City Manager reviewed the Stratford Municipal Pool 2021 season report with council. It was noted that attendance was up from the previous year. There were a total of 78 days this season. The pool was closed 15 full days and 8 partial days due to weather and staffing issues. Operating expenses were up a bit this year due to covid. Lesson revenues was down from the previous year as there was a week of group lesson and several sets of private lessons.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Mead to create an ordinance for a 5% increase in rates for water and sewer after reviewing the water rate study and utility fund rates. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Council held a brief discussion regarding Ordinances Chapter 151 pertaining to trees.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Conklin to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2021-02 – An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of Stratford, Iowa, by adding Chapter 53 Title: Noise Control. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Mead to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Roll call vote: Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Mead – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

  
Larry Runyan, Mayor

**Attest:**

  
Maddy Daniels, Deputy City Clerk