

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 10, 2022**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 10, 2022, 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: Carol Bergman, Catherine Bergman, Terry Bryan, and Brian Ouverson. Council member HT Buie was absent. Also present were Brad Westrum, Doug Timmons, Grant Carlson, Bob McNally, and Mitch Peterson representing Stratford Fire & Rescue, Chris Kehoe with The Trash Man, Dan Ostrem, Maddy Daniels, and City Manager Kim Leeds.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve previous meeting minutes from September 12, 2022. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for September 2022, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$27,904.95, and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Payables #2 for \$55,064.01 for the Avon/Dryden Watermain Project as follows: Hall Backhoe & Trenching, LLC for \$55,064.01. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve a variance request on a building permit from Joel Peterson and Kelsey Westrum for permission to build a garage on the north side of their property at 1024 Teneyck Ave. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Brad Westrum and Dan Ostrem gave the council an extensive update on the Stratford Fire Departments current and outstanding grants. Last year, the fire department applied for the Fiscal Year 2021 Assistance to Fighters Grant for a new fire truck and some radios. To date, they have received FEMA grants for \$80,000 for breathing apparatus, \$56,000 for fire gear and a washer, and \$310,000 for a new fire truck. Fire Chief Ostrem explained a condition of the fire truck grant is that the Fire department must have a 5% match or \$15,000. Fire Chief Dan proceeded to explain that the department currently has about \$93,000 in their capital equipment fund to help with the cost.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to accept the FEMA Grant awarded to the Stratford Fire Department for \$310,902.56 with a 5% match for a new fire truck. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Council held short discussion on the proposed garbage and recycling bids.

Moved by Terry Bryan to accept Waste Management's proposed bid for garbage and recycling services with recycling picked up every other week. Motion died due to lack of second.

Moved by Brian Ouverson, seconded by Catherine Bergman to accept The Trash Man's proposed bid for garbage and recycling services with recycling picked up every other week. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – nay, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve budget amendments and to set a public hearing for the FY 2023 budget amendment for the next regular council meeting on November 14th, 2022. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Brian Ouverson, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Stratford Fitness Center's request for the Turkey Trot Fun Run/Walk on November 24th at 8:30 AM. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve request from Team Iowa Snowmobilers for 2022-2023 Winter Season Snowmobile Route in incorporated limits of Stratford. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve Resolution 2022-48 – 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: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve the Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year 2022. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Carol Bergman to accept the Wastewater Treatment Facility Inspection done by the Iowa DNR. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Carol Bergman to table the quote for cleaning and painting the pool bathhouse until Fall of 2023. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to table the goal setting session with Elizabeth Hansen of Midwest Municipal Consulting, L.L.C. and coordinating their own session. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Council had a short discussion regarding Midland Powers recommendations on net-metering and the PURPA Process. City Manager Leeds suggested the City of Stratford stay with the current

policy which is a 50-kilowatt cap for solar customers. Midland Power also suggested that the City of Stratford treat each solar entity by truing up at the end of each billing cycle, as well as starting using the avoided cost to buy back the used electric from the grid. Council also discussed what to do if someone who is currently using solar decides to sell their home. The recommendation for our electric provider was that the customer will lose what is in their kilowatt bank at that time.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to keep the 50-kilowatt cap set for solar customers and to follow Midland's recommendations regarding net-metering and the PURPA process. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve the second and waive the third reading of Ordinance 2022-04 – an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Stratford, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to alcoholic beverage control. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the second and waive the third reading of Ordinance 2022-05 – an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Stratford, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to All-Terrain vehicles. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

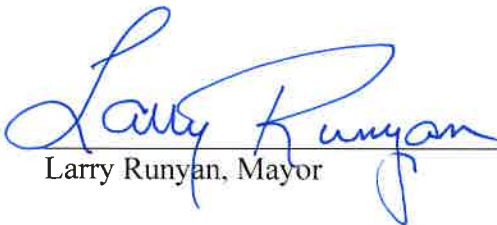
Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Resolution 2022-44 – a resolution establishing a stop payment fee for lost or misplaced transactions with the City of Stratford. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Resolution 2022-45 – a resolution establishing a procurement policy for the City of Stratford. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Resolution 2022-46 – a resolution authorizing transfer of funds from the water utility fund to Avon/Dryden Watermain Improvements Project Fund. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Resolution 2022-47 – 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: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Catherine Bergman to adjourn at 8:22 P.M. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.


Larry Runyan, Mayor

Attest:


Maddy Daniels, Deputy City Clerk