

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 14, 2022**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 14, 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, Terry Bryan, HT Buie, and Brian Ouverson. Council member Catherine Bergman was absent. Also present were Nancy Baker with Stratford Community Development Corporation, Jim Leiding with Bolton & Menk, Toni Larson, Dan Ostrem, Maddy Daniels, and City Manager Kim Leeds.

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

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve previous meeting minutes from October 10, 2022. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by HT Buie, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for October 2022, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$21,680.12, and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to open a public hearing for Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Amendment at 7:08 p.m. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried

No written or oral comments were received.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to close the public hearing for Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Amendment at 7:09 p.m. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Resolution 2022-49 – a resolution amending Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Bambi Schrader from YSS of Hamilton County will be present at the December 12, 2022, regular council meeting.

Nancy Baker from Stratford Community Development Corporation was present to discuss with the council what SCDC would like to do for an event this summer in place of the Bluegrass Festival in July. They will also be doing an event in October when Music in the Street typically is. SCDC will come back to council when they have more detailed information.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by HT Buie to approve request from Geraldine Vinchattle to place a mailbox at the end of her driveway located at 1019 Teneyck Ave. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve payment to Stony Creek Landscape for \$16,182.80 for donor wall using Hamilton County Freedom Rock Park funds. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by HT Buie to approve of Change Order No. 001 with Hall Backhoe & Trenching, LLC for the Avon-Dryden Watermain Improvements. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve Payables #3 for \$28,490.39 for the Avon/Dryden Watermain Project as follows: Hall Backhoe & Trenching, LLC for \$28,490.39. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Brian Ouverson, seconded by HT Buie to approve Final Acceptance and Certificate of Completion of the Avon/Dryden Watermain Improvements Project. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by HT Buie, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve Resolution 2022-51 – a resolution approving the Final Acceptance and Certification of Completion and Release of Retainage for the Avon/Dryden Watermain Improvements Project within the City of Stratford. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Brian Ouverson, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Addendum to Professional Service Agreement with Bolton & Menk for the Avon/Dryden Watermain Improvements Project. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – nay, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by HT Buie, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve insurance renewal for volunteer firefighter accidental death & dismemberment coverage for annual fee of \$13.30 for single coverage and \$19.00 for employee/spouse and employee/family coverage for a total of \$522.50. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by HT Buie, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve no nomination for the Iowa Rural Water Association Board of Directors. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to acknowledge the Stratford Public Library 2022 Annual Report. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by HT Buie to approve request to roll over all vacation hours for Maddy Daniels due to maternity leave. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by HT Buie to approve rate schedule from Midland Power passed down from CIPCO for energy cost. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve insurance renewal for full-time City of Stratford employees with an 8.69% increase and changing agents to Roger Robb from Group Benefit Ltd. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve increasing water and sewer utility rates by five percent. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried

Moved by HT Buie, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Resolution 2022-50 – a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds for the payment of debt fees and interest. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by HT Buie to adjourn at 7:52 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, HT Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

  
Larry Runyan, Mayor

**Attest:**

  
Maddy Daniels, Deputy City Clerk