

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 12, 2022**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 12, 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, Ht Buie, and Brian Ouverson. Also present were Brad Westrum and Grant Carlson with Stratford Fire and Rescue, Toni Larson, Maddy Daniels, and City Manager Kim Leeds.

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

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve previous meeting minutes from November 14, 2022. Roll call vote Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for November 2022, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$17,178.25, Stratford Country Store for renewal of Class E Liquor License #LE0003829, and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve Payables #4 for \$12,214.86 for the Avon/Dryden Watermain Project as follows: Hall Backhoe & Trenching, LLC for \$12,214.86. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Brad Westrum and Grant Carlson, representatives from Stratford Fire and Rescue Department, gave council an overview of the Fema Grant for the new fire truck. Stratford Fire Department was awarded \$310,809.52 in federal funding. As a condition of this grant, they are required to contribute non-federal funds equal to or greater than five percent of the federal funds awarded, or \$15,540.48 for a total approved budget of \$326,350.00. The Fire Department can pull twenty-five percent of the Fema funds but once they do that, they would have to start a bonding procurement for the entire total of the truck with interest. The Fire Department has decided to purchase a Freightliner Two Door Pumper Tanker Truck through Toyne for \$416,006.51. Delivery is roughly nineteen weeks out. The Fire department has \$93,906.94 in their capital equipment fund which they will be using, but instead of bonding for the payment, they will be doing an internal loan with the City borrowing from the electric fund.

Moved by Brian Ouverson, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve the purchase of a Freightliner Two Door Pumper Tanker Truck for \$416,006.51 from Toyne with a payment of seventy-five percent, or \$312,005.00. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Ht Buie to approve the contract between Stratford Fire Department and Toyne for a new fire truck. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve wage increase of \$0.25 for maintenance staff effective on December 23, 2022, payroll. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Brian Ouverson, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Resolution 2022-52 – a resolution setting salaries and wages for employees of the City of Stratford. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve insurance renewal for full-time City of Stratford employees with Group Benefits as the insurance representative and Reliance Standard as the company. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Brian Ouverson, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve holding a council workshop before the next regular council meeting on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, beginning at 6:30 PM. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Ht Buie to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-06 – an ordinance amending §99.07 by setting new rates. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-07 – an ordinance amending §92.02 by setting new rates established under 2012-08. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Resolution 2022-53 – a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds for payment of debt fees and interest due December 1, 2022. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Ht Buie to approve Resolution 2022-54 – a resolution approving the City of Stratford Identity Theft Prevention Program. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Catherine Bergman to adjourn at 7:46 P.M. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

  
Larry Runyan, Mayor

**Attest:**

  
Maddy Daniels, Deputy City Clerk