

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

The Stratford City Council met for a budget work session on Monday, February 14, 2022, with Mayor Larry Runyan calling the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Council members answering roll call were: Terry Bryan, Chase Haman, and Brian Ouverson. Council members HT Buie and Jim Mead were absent. Also present were Maddy Daniels and City Manager Kim Leeds.

Council and City Manager Leeds reviewed the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 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: Terry Bryan, HT Buie, Chase Haman, and Brian Ouverson. Council member Jim Mead was absent. Also present were Jim Leiding of Bolton & Menk, Rick Young, Maddy Daniels, and City Manager Kim Leeds.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Buie to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Buie to approve previous meeting minutes from January 10, 2022. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Buie, seconded by Ouverson to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for January 2022, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$34,046.30, Stratford Country Store Class E Liquor License, Class B Wine, Class C Beer Permit, and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Buie to open a public hearing for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Max Levy at 7:11 p.m. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

No written or oral comments were received.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Buie to close the public hearing for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Max Levy at 7:12 p.m. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Buie to approve Resolution 2022-16 – a resolution approving Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Max Levy. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Buie, seconded by Ouverson to approve Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and set hearing date for next regular council meeting on March 14, 2022. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Rick Young, Hamilton County Supervisor, addressed council concerning the drainage assessment and Dilapidated Housing Grant. Rick presented to the council an invoice from Bolton & Menk for \$35,606.50 for engineering expenses related to drainage assessment on Dryden Street and explained the entity that requested the survey is responsible for payment. He also presented a flyer and explained the Dilapidated Housing Grant Program the county has available.

Jim Leiding, P.E., of Bolton & Menk, Inc was available to review the 2022 Water Main Improvement project. The Engineer's Opinion of Probable Costs for the project is \$315,830. Leiding went over the construction plans with council. The project consists of replacement of watermain along Avon Street from North Street to Dryden Street and on Dryden Street from Avon Street to Bryon Street using trenched construction. This project includes six-inch watermains; four inch hydrants; four – four inch gate valves; one – six inch gate valve; two – four inch, two – six inch and one - twelve inch tapping valve assemblies at various locations. Residents living along these lines will be hooked into the new water main.

Dan Ostrem arrived at 7:32 p.m.

Moved by Buie, seconded by Ouverson to approve moving forward with construction plans for the Avon/Dryden watermain improvements project presented by Bolton & Menk with bid letting on March 8th, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Buie to approve Resolution 2022-18 – a resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications and form of contract and notice to bidder, fixing amount of bidder's check, and ordering clerk to publish notice and for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the Avon-Dryden Watermain Improvements project. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Buie, seconded by Bryan to approve Fire Department budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 with permissible levy request for \$8,050, special levy Request for \$8,450, and general (8.10) levy for \$11,347.55 with total City tax levy approved for \$27,847.55. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Buie to approve Rescue Department budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 with permissible levy request for \$8,775, special levy Request for \$8,300 with total City tax levy approved for \$17,075. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bryan to approve Library Department budget request for Fiscal Year 2023 with permissible levy request for \$3,000, special levy Request for \$3,425, and general (810) levy \$26,648 with total City tax levy approved for \$33,073. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bryan to approve Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Improvements Plan and set public hearing date for next regular council meeting on March 14, 2022. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Ouverson to approve 28E Agreement with Hamilton County Sherriff for Law Enforcement increasing from \$10.00 per capita to \$14.00 per capita with a total of \$9,898.00 per year. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Ouverson to approve Electric Pump three-year Maintenance Service Agreement for pump service for the Water Plant, the big lift station and small lift station. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bryan, seconded by Haman to approve City Manager advertising and hiring for the 2022 pool season. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

City Manager and Council held a lengthy discussion on the 2022 pool season. Council agreed that closing at 7:00 PM would help with the strain on staffing. Council also agreed to increase wages to help with staffing.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Buie to approve the Pool Policy Manual for the 2022 pool season with an increase in single passes from \$50.00 to \$55.00 and an increase in family passes from \$95.00 to \$100.00. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

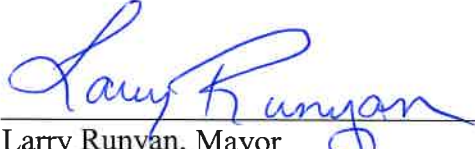
Moved by Buie, seconded by Bryan to accept Tanner Jensen’s letter of resignation effective March 1, 2022. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Buie to approve Maintenance and Project Manager Assistant Job Description. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Buie to authorize posting for position of Maintenance and Project Manager Assistant based on job description with a deadline for applications of March 4, 2022. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Council held a short discussion regarding starting a storm water utility. Council directed the City Manager to look into starting a storm water utility.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Buie to adjourn at 8:06 P.M. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Haman – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.


Larry Runyan, Mayor

Attest:



Maddy Daniels, Deputy City Clerk