

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 9, 2022**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 9, 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, and Brian Ouverson. Council member Jim Mead was absent. Also present were Catherine Bergman, Jake Dugger from McGuire Iron, Toni Larson, Dan Ostrem, Maddy Daniels, and City Manager Kim Leeds.

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

Moved by Bryan, seconded by Ouverson to approve previous meeting minutes from April 11, 2022. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

During Public Comments and Presentations, City Manager Kim Leeds presented the council with a letter from Jim Mead announcing his resignation from City Council effective May 9, 2022. Jim Meads’s City Council term expired on December 31, 2023.

Moved by Bryan, seconded by Buie to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for April 2022, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$29,858.54, and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bryan, seconded by Buie to open public hearing for Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Amendment at 7:09 P.M. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

No written or oral comments were received.

Moved by Buie, seconded by Bryan to close public hearing for Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Amendment at 7:10 P.M. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bryan, seconded by Buie to approve resolution 2022-27 – A resolution amending Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bryan, seconded by Ouverson to open public hearing on proposal to enter into General Obligation Water Improvement Loan Agreement at 7:10 P.M. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

No written or oral comments were received. City Manager Leeds presented council with two options on the proposed General Obligation note. In the next month the general obligation loan will be finalized and City Manager Leeds will bring it back to council.

Moved by Buie, seconded by Bryan to close public hearing on proposal to enter into General Obligation Water Improvement Loan Agreement at 7:12 P.M. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Buie, seconded by Bryan to approve Resolution 2022-31 – A resolution taking additional action on proposal to enter into General Obligation Water Improvement Loan Agreement. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the Letter of Interest received from Catherine Bergman for Chase Haman’s council seat that was vacated on March 27, 2022.

Moved by Bryan, seconded by Ouverson to appoint Catherine Bergman to the vacated City Council seat with term commencing May 9, 2022. Roll call vote: Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Larry Runyan administered the Oath of Office to Catherine Bergman as City Council member of the City of Stratford, Iowa with her term to commence on May 9, 2022.

Jake Dugger from McGuire Iron presented water tower painting options to the council. At this time the water tower needs painting done to both the interior and exterior. The renovations come at a cost \$193,059.00. Council is looking at a few options: setting up a maintenance agreement to spread the cost out over five years, or just an inspection agreement and paying for the painting cost upfront. McGuire Iron is going to put some possibilities together and will discuss at next regular council meeting on June 13, 2022.

Moved by Buie, seconded by Bryan to authorize mayor to sign engagement letter with D.A. Davidson & Co for underwriting for general obligation bonding for Avon/Dryden Watermain Project. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Buie, seconded by Bryan to approve Joel Peterson placing a mailbox at 1024 Teneyck Ave. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ouverson, seconded by Bryan to approve request from Copperhead to hold 4th of July celebration on July 2nd, pending Copperhead Salon & Grill can provide insurance limits required by ordinance. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Buie, seconded by Bergman to open public hearing on the proposed “Code of Ordinances of the City of Stratford, Iowa” at 7:54 P.M. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

No written or oral comments were received.

Moved by Bergman, seconded by Buie to close public hearing on the proposed “Code of Ordinances of the City of Stratford, Iowa” at 7:55 P.M. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Buie, seconded by Bryan to approve Ordinance 2022-02 – A ordinance adopting the “Code of Ordinances of the City of Stratford, Iowa”. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Council held lengthy discussion on Windstream Communications proposal to bore two inch innerduct and ninety-six count fiber optics cable long west side of Tennyson Avenue from Highway 175 to 345th Street. After discussing the various options, council decided to have City Manager Leeds communicate with them on finding another route as all the City's utilities are located on the west side. The city would like to see them move their route to the east side of Tennyson Ave.

Moved by Buie, seconded by Bryan to approve requesting Windstream Communications proposal to install fiber optics cable on the east side of Teneyck Ave. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bergman, seconded by Bryan to approve sending out request for proposals for city attorney. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Buie, seconded by Bergman to approve \$5,900 quote from KT&T for utility line clearance, maintenance trim and debris cleanup for Map 4 and Map 5 as required by Iowa Utilities Board. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bryan, seconded by Ouverson to approve retaining the same life insurance/AD&D coverage with premium increasing from \$10.80 to \$12.90 per month and short term disability and long-term disability coverage with 180 day waiting period and retaining TrueNorth Companies as insurance representative for full-time City of Stratford employees. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ouverson, seconded by Buie to approve payroll merit increase of 4% for Deputy City Clerk increasing from \$14.25 to \$14.82. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bryan, seconded by Buie to approve City Manager Leeds giving Waste Management a 90-day written notice to end contract and sending out for request for proposals for a garbage contract. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

City Manager Leeds and council held a conversation concerning the status of the Stratford Swimming Pool 2022 season. Council discussed various options and ultimately decided to up the pay to \$10.00 per hour and give lifeguards a fifty-cent an hour stipend to be paid out at the end of the season if all hours scheduled are worked.

Moved by Bryan, seconded by Ouverson to approve opening the pool as much as possible with the staff we have available and increasing lifeguard wages to \$10.00 per hour with a fifty-cent stipend to be paid out at the end of the season if all hours scheduled are worked. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ouverson, seconded by Buie to approve Ordinance 2022-01 – A ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Stratford, Iowa by adding a new chapter establishing a Storm Water Drainage System District Utility. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bergman, seconded by Buie to approve Resolution 2022-28 – A resolution approving policy for Change Funds at Stratford City Hall and at the Stratford Swimming Pool office and

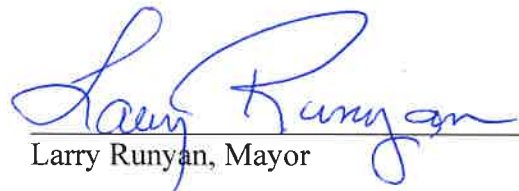
concessions. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Buie, seconded by Bryan to approve Resolution 2022-29 – A resolution to transfer TIF funds to Debt Service to pay our General Obligations Corporate Purpose Bonds. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Buie, seconded by Bryan to enter into closed session at 8:46 P.M. under Chapter 21.5(1)(i) of the Iowa Code, to evaluate professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bergman, seconded by Buie to return to open session at 9:01 P.M. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried

Moved by Buie, seconded by Bryan to adjourn at 9:02 P.M. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Bryan – aye, Buie – aye, Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.


Larry Runyan, Mayor

Attest:


Maddy Daniels, Deputy City Clerk