

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 13, 2022**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 13, 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: Catherine Bergman, Terry Bryan, HT Buie, and Brian Ouverson. Also present were Derrick Anderson, Nancy Baker, Carol Bergman, Jake Dugger from McGuire Iron, Chris Kehoe with The Trash Man, Jenna Mathes, Toni Larson, Brad Schmidt with American Sanitation, Dan Ostrem, Maddy Daniels, and City Manager Kim Leeds.

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

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve previous meeting minutes from May 9, 2022, and Special Meeting on May 23, 2022. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

During Public Comments and Presentations Derrick Anderson was present to make council and mayor aware of his concerns on the use of one council members use of power.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Ht Buie to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for May 2022, Stratford County Store Retail Cigarette/Tobacco Permit Application, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$24,065.76, and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Terry Bryan to open public hearing for Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Amendment at 7:12 P.M. Roll call vote: Catherine 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 Catherine Bergman to close public hearing for Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Amendment at 7:13 P.M. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Ht Buie to approve resolution 2022-40 – A resolution amending Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the Letters of Interest received from Carol Bergman, Andrew Hensley, and Brandy Storm for Jim Mead’s council seat that was vacated on May 9, 2022.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Catherine Bergman to appoint Carol Bergman to the vacated City Council seat with term commencing June 13, 2022. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Larry Runyan administered the Oath of Office to Carol Bergman as City Council member of the City of Stratford, Iowa with her term to commence on June 13, 2022.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Brian Ouverson as Mayor Pro-Tem as appointed by the Mayor and authorize him to sign checks in the Mayor's absence. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Resolution 2022-41 – A resolution authorizing and approving a Loan Agreement, providing issuance of a \$250,000 General Obligation Water Improvement Note, Series 2022 and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Ht Buie to approve seven-year full-service maintenance contract from Maguire Iron for \$16, 963 for water tower maintenance including inspections, cleaning, welding repairs and future painting. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve Fiscal Year 2023 Stratford Community Development Corporation donation request of \$3,000. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve request from Keith Leeds at property located at 619 Dryden Street to widen driveway twelve feet to the west. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Brian Ouverson to vote straight ballot for Midland Power District 3 Ballot (2022). Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve Pool Lifeguard End of Year Bonus Policy. This policy will give lifeguards a \$0.50 per hour bonus for all hours worked if they meet certain criteria. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve transfer from Electric Surplus fund to Water fund for Avon/Dryden Watermain Improvements Project. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Ht Buie to approve re-appointing Zachary Chizek From Groves & Chizek Law Office as City Attorney. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Council held a brief discussion on the garbage and recycling contract. The Cities contract with Waste Management will cease on December 31, 2022. Last month council approved going out for Request for Proposal (RFP) for garbage and recycling services. The City received two bids, one from The Trash Man and one from Waste Management. At the July and August council meetings the council will listen to the proposal from each company and then award contract in the following months.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve Windstream Communications proposal to install fiber optics on the east side of Teneyck Ave and signing installation agreement. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Ht Buie to approve five percent merit increase for City Manager. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Ht Buie to approve paying for Deputy City Clerk to get full lifeguard certification and upping hourly wage \$0.50 per hour during the swimming pool season. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Ht Buie to approve Ordinance 2022-01 – an 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: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Ht Buie to approve Ordinance 2022-03 – an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of Stratford, Iowa, by amending Chapter 53, Title: Noise Control. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Resolution 2022-32 – a resolution setting wages and salaries for employees of the City of Stratford. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve Resolution 2022-33 – a resolution to simplify and solve fund balances authorizing transfers and fund adjustments. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Resolution 2022-34 – a resolution approving transfer from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund to Rescue Fund. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Resolution 2022-35 – a resolution to transfer funds from the electric fund to the general fund as a payment in lieu of taxes using surplus funds per Iowa code §384.89. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

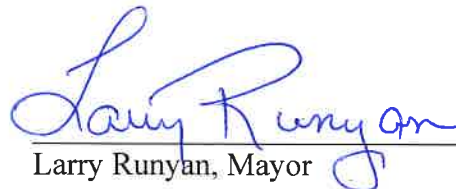
Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Resolution 2022-36 – a resolution appointing City Manager to serve for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 and to serve the compensation terms. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Resolution 2022-37 – a resolution re-appointing Zachary Chizek of Groves & Chizek office as City Attorney to serve as city attorney for fiscal year 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Ht Buie to approve Resolution 2022-38 – a resolution authorizing transfer of surplus funds from electric utility fund to Avon/Dryden Watermain Improvement Project Fund. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Resolution 2022-39 – a resolution establishing fees for Stratford Code of Ordinances: §47.05 Shelter House Fee; §47.06(4) Camping Facility Fee; §53.06 Noise Control License Fee; §123.06 House Mover Permit Fee; §135.09(11) Excavation Fee; and §145.09(5) Demolition Permit Fee. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Ht Buie to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

  
Larry Runyan, Mayor

**Attest:**

  
Maddy Daniels, Deputy City Clerk