

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

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 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, Terry Bryan, Ht Buie, and Brian Ouverson. Council member Catherine Bergman was absent. Also present were Craig Angstrom, Nancy Baker with Stratford Community Development Corporation, Keith Carlson, Norm Fandel and Andy Krieger with Midland Power, Kim Jensen, Chris Kehoe with The Trash Man, Jim Leiding with Bolton & Menk, Susan Schmitz with Iowa State Extension and Outreach, Travis Sonksen, 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: 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 August 8, 2022. 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 the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for August 2022, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$17,997.03, Rungo’s License Application #LC0037613 Outdoor Service on main street on October 1st during “Music in the Street” event, Renewal of Cooperhead Saloon License #LC0045910 Class C Liquor, Class B Wine and Sunday Sales liquor license, and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Susan Schmitz from Iowa State Extension and Outreach office was in attendance to present the several different program that the Extension office has available.

Norm Fandel from Midland Power spoke with council to clarify how solar net-metering and the Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act (PURPA) works. City Manager Leeds invited the customers that are current utilizing or are interested in solar net-metering at this time.

Nancy Baker from the Stratford Community Development Corporation was present to describe how “Christmas in the Park” and the lighting of the Big Tree located at 919 Hwy 175 will take place this year. Christmas in the Park will take place on November 27th from 3 – 5 pm, with carriage rides, and then they will go down and light the Big Tree located at 919 Hwy 175 between 5:30 - 6:00 pm.

Moved by Brian Ouverson, seconded by Ht Buie to approve Stratford Community Development Corporation’s “Christmas in the Park” and the lighting of the Big Tree located at the 919 Hwy 175 on November 27th, 2022. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve invoice for \$3,000.00 from Stratford Community Development Corporation for Economic Development. 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 Stratford Community Development Corporation’s donation request for a 2023 season family pool pass for October 1st, 2022 “Music in the Street” silent auction. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Council held lengthy discussion on the proposed garbage and recycling bids. The City of Stratford’s current garbage and recycling contract terminates on December 31st, 2022. Waste Management and The Trash Man were the current bidders. Both companies’ bids were for pick-up for garbage and recycling every week, and pick-up for garbage every week and recycling for every other week.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve The Trash Man’s proposed bid for garbage and recycling services. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – nay, Terry Bryan – nay, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion fails.

Jim Leiding of Bolton & Menk gave council an update regarding the Avon/Dryden Watermain Project. The project is near completion. They have a short segment on Avon and Dryden to pressure test yet. There will likely be only two partial payments left. The contractor has indicated that they have some items they want to submit as extra work for a change order. Bolton & Menk is hopeful that with the work not done and changes being made the project will still end up near the original contract amount of \$313,922.05.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Payables #1 for \$148,527.88 for Avon/Dryden Watermain Project as follows: Hall Backhoe & Trenching, LLC for \$148,527.88. 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 request from Neil Swedlund, 3519 Stagecoach Road, to connect to City of Stratford Public Water Supply pending approval from Xenia Rural Water District. 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 Vendor Agreement for electric for FY 2022-2023 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program with Upper Des Moines Opportunity. 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 Vendor Agreement for water utility for FY 2022-2023 Low Income Household Water Assistance Program with Upper Des Moines Opportunity. 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 building permit from Joel Peterson and Kelsey Westrum requesting permission to cut the curb to place a driveway on north side of their property located at 1024 Teneyck Avenue following current driveway regulations and paving

from the street to the property line. 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 City Park Campsite Policy. 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 setting Monday, October 31st from 5:00 - 7:00 pm for Halloween Trick or Treat night. 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 City of Stratford Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2022. 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 Street Finance Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. 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 generally accepted auditing standards and government auditing standards. 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 accept Fiscal Year 2021 audit report from Cornwell, Frideres, Maher & Associates. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

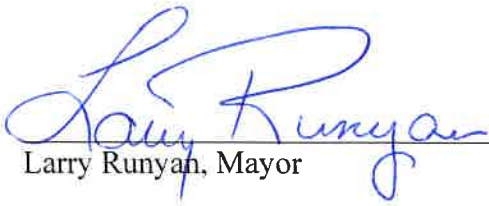
Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to acknowledge the inspection of the Stratford Municipal Pool. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

City Manager reviewed the Stratford Municipal Pool 2022 season report with council. It was noted that attendance was down from the previous year. There was a total of 72 days this season. The pool was closed 3 full days and 3 partial days for fecal contamination and weather. Payroll expenses were up a bit this year due to an increase in wages for lifeguards. Lesson revenues were down from the previous year. There was a week of group lesson and a few sets of private lessons.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Ordinance 2022-04 – An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Stratford, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to alcoholic beverage control. 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 Ordinance 2022-05 – An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Stratford, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to All-Terrain vehicles. 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 8:55 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