

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 10, 2023**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 10, 2023, 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, Carol Bergman, Terry Bryan, Ht Buie, and Brian Ouverson. Also present were Jim Leiding with Bolton & Menk, Toni Larson, Dan Ostrem, Maddy Daniels and 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 Terry Bryan, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve previous meeting minutes from March 13, 2023, and the special meeting minutes from March 22, 2023. 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 the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for March 2023, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$17,030.49, Rungo's for renewal of Class C Liquor, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales #LC0037613, 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.

Jim Leiding, P.E., of Bolton & Menk, Inc was available to review the west Tennyson Avenue Watermain Improvement Project. The Engineer's Opinion of Probable Costs for the project is \$87,700. Leiding went over the construction plans, specifications, and schedules with council. The project consists of the replacement of watermain along the north side of west Tennyson Avenue from Bellville Road four hundred and fifty linear feet to the west with six (6) inch watermain, five (5) service connections, one (1) hydrant assembly, valves and abandonment of the existing watermain in the south ditch.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve Bolton & Menk's letter for putting plans on file. 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 Bolton & Menk's Opinion of Probable Cost of \$87,700. 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 Resolution 2023-16 – 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, forms of contract and estimate of costs for the west Tennyson watermain improvements project. 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 Resolution 2023-17 – A Resolution to enter into a merchant processing agreement with Allpaid payment systems for credit and debit payment capabilities for utility and general ledger payments. 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 Ht Buie to approve The Pavement Doctor's quote of not to exceed \$6,000 to repair Teneyck Ave and the intersection of Shakespeare Avenue and Milton Street. 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 Ingraham Construction's quote of \$14,450 for grading on west and east Tennyson Avenue. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – nay, Terry Bryan – nay, Ht Buie – nay, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion failed.

Council requested that City Manager Leeds rebid the project for grading on east and west Tennyson Avenue, eliminating the section of west Tennyson Avenue from Bellville Road west approximately four hundred and fifty feet that is included in the West Tennyson Avenue Watermain Improvements Project.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve the demolition permit for the property located at 1100 Teneyck Avenue pending the property owner has capped the water and sewer outside the foundation, and it is inspected by City staff, and debris is removed from city limits within thirty days. 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 Catherine Bergman to approve Amendment to the 28E Agreement for Squaw Creek Watershed Management Authority dated June 26th, 2012. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve adding a yield sign at the intersection of Ross and Willow on the east and west sides of Ross, as well as a stop sign at the intersection of Commercial Street and Teneyck Ave. 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 Brian Ouverson to vote straight ballot for the Iowa One Call Class A Member Proxy. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Stratford Fire and Rescue's application for membership for Hannah Larson. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve the employee handbook vacation policy verbiage change. 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 Brian Ouverson to table Star Energy's quote to inspect Stratford's electric infrastructure and look into other companies. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

City Manager Leeds gave council a copy of the Action Plan for them to review and bring back their top priorities to the next council meeting on May 8, 2023.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to adjourn at 8:22 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