

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 8, 2023**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 8, 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, Nancy Baker and Keith Leeds with Stratford Community Development Corporation (SCDC), Doran Stakey with United Cooperative, Toni Larson, Dan Ostrem, Maddy Daniels and Kim Leeds.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman 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 Catherine Bergman, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve previous meeting minutes from April 10th, 2023, and the special meeting minutes from April 26th, 2023, and May 1st, 2023. 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 the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for April 2023, Stratford Food Center Retail Cigarette/Tobacco Permit Application, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$27,437.53, 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.

Nancy Baker and Keith Leeds from Stratford Community Development Corporation (SCDC) were present to give the council an update on SCDC's event "Stratford on the Loose" on July 8th, 2023. SCDC would like to close Shakespeare Avenue from Commercial Street to Tennyson Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight. The parade will start at 10:00 a.m., taking the regular route. There will be a vendor fair, games, and attractions. Rungo's will have beer garden and there will be fencing up from Goldsmith to Tennyson Avenue to control the beer garden. Live music will also be available from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Ht Buie to approve the update for the Stratford Community Development Corporations' (SCDC) July 8th "Stratford on the Loose" event. 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 Kelci Buie's request to have ten hens on her property located at 631 Milton Street. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Doran Stakey from United Cooperative was present to explain to the council the Coop's current expansion project. The Coop is asking council for permission to widen the three driveways on the north side of Commercial Street east of Shakespeare Avenue on the south side of their current property. Sometime this year they will be putting up a new office and scale on the east side of Shakespeare Avenue on their current property and replacing a few bins next year.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve United Cooperative's request to widen the existing three driveways on the south side of the Coop's property on Commercial

Street east of Shakespeare Avenue. 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 Carol Bergman to table opening the public hearing for the west Tennyson Avenue Watermain Improvements Project until the special meeting on Monday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Jim Leiding with Bolton & Menk, Inc. reviewed the tabulation of bids for the west Tennyson Avenue Watermain Improvements Project with council. The City received twelve bids with the highest bid being \$109,500 and the lowest bid coming in at \$52,292. Engineer Leiding went on to explain that he spoke with the lowest bidder, went over the bids, and requested references from them.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to table approving the contract award for the west Tennyson Avenue Watermain Improvements Project until the special meeting on Monday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm. 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 Catherine Bergman to approve ACME Contracting, LLC's quote of \$13,800 for grading on west/east Tennyson Avenue. 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 Ht Buie to approve Stratford Fire and Rescue's application for membership for Hunter Collicott. 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 Chase Haman's letter of resignation effective May 5th, 2023. 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 Ht Buie to table the two public works/maintenance job descriptions to have City Manager Leeds update them. 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 the public works/maintenance task list. 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 the daily work log sheet for public works to have City Manager Leeds make requested changes them. 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 approve posting for the public works/maintenance position with the deadline for applications being May 24th, 2023, at 4:30 pm. 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 the Civil Rights Title 6 Discrimination and Sexual Harassment/Abuse Policy. 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 Brian Ouverson to approve Midland Power Cooperative’s request to change the dimensions of the substation. 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 Carol Bergman to approve payroll increase for the Deputy City Clerk during the swimming pool season. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

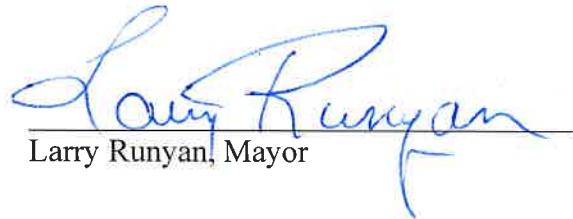
Moved by Brian Ouverson, seconded by Ht Buie to approve changing the date of the June council meeting from June 12th, 2023, to June 19th, 2023. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Brian Ouverson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Brian Ouverson to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-01 – An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Stratford, Iowa, by adding a yield sign on the northeast corner and southwest corner of Ross Avenue at the intersection of Ross Avenue and Willow Street, and a stop sign at the southwest corner of Commercial Street and Teneyck Avenue. 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 Brian Ouverson to approve Resolution 2023-18 – A Resolution approving policy for change funds at Stratford City Hall and the Stratford Swimming Pool office and concessions. 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 Resolution 2023-19 – A Resolution to transfer TIF funds to debt service to pay our general obligation corporate purpose bonds. 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 adjourn at 8:10 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