

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 9, 2026**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2026, with Mayor Brian Ouverson 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, Catherine Bergman, Clark Conklin Mark Scott and Doug Timmons. Also present were Randi Baker and Darcy Runestad representing Stratford Community Development Corporation, Terry Bryan, Derrick Anderson, Tanner Jensen of KT&T Landscaping, LLC., Tiffany Hasstedt, Heidi & Josh Walters of Beaver Builders, Ottie Maxey, Toni Larson, Cayden Heck, Brad Larson, Molly Vaughn, and Kim Leeds.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman - aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Mark Scott to approve previous meeting minutes from regular meeting on February 9, 2026. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Doug Timmons to approve the consent agenda with the following modifications adding Iowa Firefighter Association invoice for \$693.00 after Current Claims since Previous Council Approval as follows: Financial Report for February 2026, Current Claims since Previous Council approval for \$20,076.98, Iowa Firefighters Association invoice for \$693.00, and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Doug Timmons to open public hearing for Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Fiscal Year 2027 at 7:08 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

No written or oral comments were received.

Moved by Doug Timmons, seconded by Mark Scott to close public hearing for Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Fiscal Year 2027 at 7:09 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Mark Scott, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve Resolution 2026-12 – A Resolution adopting Capital Improvement Plan. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Heidi and Josh Walters of Beaver Builders Construction were present to introduce themselves to the council. Beaver Builders are interested in developing the Bellville Road property.

Randi Baker and Darcy Runestad gave council an update on the Stratford Community Development Corporation. Randi Baker presented a financial update, as well as went over activities for the previous and current year. They also presented council with a donation request for \$3,000 for Fiscal Year 27. Council decided to address at a future meeting.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve mowing bid to Terry and Hunter Bryan, Lawn Legends for \$600.00 per cut. Approval is contingent on the city receiving a certificate of insurance. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion was held between council and Derrick Anderson concerning his current driveway. There were concerns that changes were made to the driveway that do not meet the City of Stratford's Code of Ordinances.

Moved by Doug Timmons and seconded by Carol Bergman to table the request from Derrick Anderson at 1104 Teneyck Avenue to allow an inspection of the driveway. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Doug Timmons, seconded by Carol Bergman to table request from Cayden Heck to trench ground water to storm sewer drain at southwest corner of Locust and Hwy 175 pending a more specific building permit. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott -aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Doug Timmons, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve of 2026 Tree Removal Plan. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott -aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Doug Timmons to approve quote for \$15,200 from KT & T Landscaping, LLC for electric line clearance. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve Stratford Elementary Booster Club donation request of family pool pass for the April 18, 2026, fundraiser carnival. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Doug Timmons to approve Stratford Library donation request of family pool pass for March 22, 2026, silent auction fundraiser. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve Stratford Fire and Rescue application for membership for Peter Amstalden, Shyanne Amstalden, and Mindy Hetland. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye and Doug Timmons – abstain. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Mayor to sign Iowa DOT Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads in Municipalities. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Mark Scott to approve 2026 City Wide Clean-up Rules and Regulations. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

A short discussion was held on Oakwood Cemetery being recognized as City of Stratford Cemetery and its funding. Council agreed that Oakwood Cemetery would be left the way it is.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Doug Timmons to approve Oakwood Cemetery continuing to be recognized as the City of Stratford Cemetery. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Mark Scott to approve City Manager to work with MSA to do a rate study on the electrical rates for the City of Stratford. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Doug Timmons, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Resolution 2026-13 – A Resolution of the City of Stratford adopting a Hazard Mitigation Plan for Stratford, Iowa. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Resolution 2026-14 – A Resolution in support of submission of an application to the “Hometown Pride” Program. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Mark Scott, seconded by Doug Timmons to adjourn at 8:58 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.



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Brian Ouwerson, Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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Molly Vaughn, Deputy City Clerk