

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 12, 2024**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 12, 2024, 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, Terry Bryan, Clark Conklin and Chase Haman. Also present were Shae Kindle, Sandy Poe, Toni Larson, Brad Larson, Gina Swanson, and Kim Leeds.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve previous meeting minutes from regular meeting on July 8, 2024. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman - aye Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Chase Haman to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for July 2024, Renewal of Copperhead Saloon License #LC0045910 Class C Liquor, Class B Wine and Sunday Sales Liquor License, Current Claims since Previous Council approval for \$34,531.78, and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Sandy Poe and Shae Kindle were present at council meeting to give council a brief overview of The Protect Me Project. Sandy Poe is an advocate for this program, The Protect Me Project exists to prevent sexual exploitation of our children. The program is to teach parents and children how to see the sign of sexual exploitation.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Catherine Bergman approve invoice from Hall's Backhoe & Tiling for \$8,115.39. using Local Option Sales and Service Tax funds allocated for Infrastructure for repairs to manholes on Dryden Street. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve Jetco's quote \$1283.78 for UPS controls backup for Water Plant. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Copperhead Saloon request to close alley south of Copperhead Saloon to the property line to the east between the KC Store and Copperhead Saloon as long as they have the correct adequate alcohol/liquor license for outside

service. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman- aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve City of Stratford mission statement. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman- aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Housing Committee members as follows: Kim Leeds, Catherine Bergman, Cindy Im, Tara Carlson, Darcy Swon, Todd Vanepps, Dylan Anderson, Travis Sonksen, and Rich Dutcher. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman- aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Chase Haman to approve Grant Application, Letter of Support, and City Match for Rural Housing Grant Guideline. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman- aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Chase Haman to approve replacement of Fire Hydrant located in front of 913 Hwy 175 using LOST funds. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman- aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.


A lengthy discussion was held concerning the pool and its unforeseen repairs that caused the pool to shut down for the season. The City of Stratford hired Leak Investigators to come and help find the leak. on July 23, 2024 they were here and determined the leak is located in the drain in the deep end in the sump. However, since that time the water loss has increased, which is believed to be some piping issues, along with the motor that circulates the pool started making noise. All these issues forced the City of Stratford to shut the pool down for the remainder of the season. Rural water will be here on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 to camera the leak and it's line and piping.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve having the pool camera to determine if it just the sump and /or piping that is leaking. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman-aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve Resolution 2024-26 – a resolution naming depositories for City funds and signators for depositories. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman-aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

City Manager Leeds reported that she had been working with Midland Power on all the power flashes, and that they have drove the line and there is nothing visible, but they will be doing some deep investigation on the power flash.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Chase Haman to adjourn at 8:28 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.



Brian Ouverson, Mayor

Attest:



Kim Leeds, City Manager/ Clerk