

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 11, 2024**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 11, 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, Nancy Baker representing Stratford Community Development Corporation, Tanner Jensen, Toni Larson, Mark Scott, Brad Larson, and Kim Leeds.

Moved by Chase Haman, 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 Carol Bergman to approve previous meeting minutes from regular meeting on October 14, 2024. 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 the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for October 2024, Current Claims since Previous Council approval for \$22,254.00, 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.

Nancy Baker was present to explain to council the Christmas plans for the park. This year SCDC is going to decorate a Christmas Village for the park using Little Tike playhouses. Each will have its own theme. They are going to use solar lights. They will still be using gazebo for tree lighting.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve SCDC request for Christmas Plans in the Park and tree lighting. 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 request from Mark Scott to put picnic table in the south park shelter in memory of his late father Warren Scott. 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 Chase Haman to approve of driveway variance for Tanner Jensen from property at 1301 Tennyson Avenue. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – nay, Catherine Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Council had discussion concerning the driveway ordinance. Council directed City Manager Leeds to research the driveway ordinance of other towns.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve request from Dennis Hayden for additional driveway at property located at 1119 Adams Street. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – nay, Catherine Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan and seconded by Chase Haman to approve request from Lu Van Langen to plant a tree in the park in honor of late husband Dean Van Langen. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman and seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve Stratford Fitness Center Request for Turkey Trot Fun Run/Walk November 28th, 2024 at 8:30 A.M. . Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Chase Haman to acknowledge Street Finance Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve Fiscal Year 2025 budget amendment and set public hearing date for the next regular council meeting on December 9, 2024. Roll call vote, Carol Bergman, aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye and, Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Chase Haman to approve insurance renewal for volunteer firefighter accidental death & dismemberment coverage for annual fee of \$13.30 for single coverage and \$19.00 for employee/spouse and employee/family coverage; total of \$556.70. Roll call vote, Carol Bergman, aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye and, Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Chase Haman to approve the health/dental insurance renewal for full-time City of Stratford employees. Roll call vote, Carol Bergman, aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye and, Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Council and City Manager Leeds had a short discussion regarding the United Cooperative's request for tax exemption on the new construction of two bins and a load out. Leeds explained that the values for this new construction will not be available thru the accessor's office until mid-January of 2025.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Resolution 2024-27 A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds for the Payment of Debt Fees and Interest. Roll call vote, Carol Bergman, aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye and, Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve Resolution 2024-28 A Resolution formalizing the City of Stratford Utility Deposit Process. Roll call vote, Carol Bergman, aye,

Catherine Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye and, Clark Conklin – aye.
Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Catherine Bergman to adjourn at 8:19 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