

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 10, 2025**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 10, 2025, 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 and Chase Haman. Council member Terry Bryan was absent. Also present were, Gordon Erickson, Mark Scott, Toni Larson, Cayden Heck, Brad Larson, Molly Vaughn and Kim Leeds.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the tentative agenda with following modifications; adding Municipal Pipe Service \$7,800.00 invoice for shut off valve for water main to the consent agenda using LOSST Infrastructure funds. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve previous meeting minutes from regular meeting on October 13, 2025. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Council member Terry Bryan arrived at 7:02 P.M.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for October 2025, Current Claims since Previous Council approval for \$42,212.08, Municipal Pipe Service invoice \$7,800.00 using LOSST Infrastructure funds, 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.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Gordon Erickson request for building permit with variance at 837 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 Chase Haman and seconded by Catherine Bergman to withdraw request from Katie Kinsella ELC (Early Learning Center) Director to approve community wide holiday event “Let it Glow” Lighted Christmas Parade. 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 and seconded by Terry Bryan to approve request from Dalton Higgins to have chickens at property located at 1001 Milton Street. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – nay, Catherine Bergman – nay, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman and seconded by Terry Bryan to approve request from Saffron Carroll to have chickens at property located at the northeast corner of Ross Avenue and Locust Street. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – nay, Catherine Bergman – nay, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – nay and Chase Haman – aye. Motion denied.

Moved by Carol Bergman and seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve urban chicken permit with a thirty-dollar annual fee under ordinance 2025-08. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – nay, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – nay. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman and seconded by Carol Bergman to acknowledge Stratford Public Library 2025 Annual Report. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin and seconded by Carol Bergman to approve of City of Stratford Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2025. 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 and seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve Stratford Fitness Center request for Turkey Trot Fun Run/Walk November 27th, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. 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 and seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Fiscal Year 2026 budget amendment and set public hearing for December 8th, 2025. 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 and seconded by Carol Bergman to reject lump sum bid from Hill Backhoe & Tiling for \$18,410 and approve time and material bid not to exceed \$10,000 for Stratford Municipal Pool exploratory dig. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin and seconded by Carol Bergman to approve quote from Legacy Power Line Inc. for \$41,650.00 for the City of Stratford utility infrastructure. 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 and seconded by Clark Conklin to approve creating a camper/RV ordinance. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – nay, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman and seconded by Terry Bryan 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 \$543.40. 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 and seconded by Terry Bryan to approve health/dental insurance renewal for full-time City of Stratford employees. 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 third reading of Ordinance 2025-10 – An ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Stratford, Iowa, by amending Chapter 50 Nuisance Abatement Procedures. 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 consider Resolution 2025-22 A resolution naming Depositories for City funds and signatures for depositories. 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 Consider Resolution 2025-24 A resolution authorizing the transfer of funds for the payment of debt fees and interest. 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 to open closed session per Iowa Code §21.5 at 8:24 P.M for personnel evaluation. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

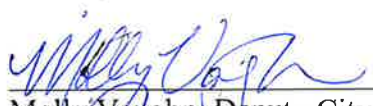
Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve closing closed session per Iowa Code §21.5 at 8:28 P.M. for personnel evaluation. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve payroll merit increase of five percent for City Manager. 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 adjourn at 8:29 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:


Molly Vaughn, Deputy City Clerk