

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 2020**

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The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 8, 2020, 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: Curt Bergman, Heather Conklin, Chase Haman, and Mitch Peterson. Council member Justin Richardson was absent. Also present were Maddy Daniels, Kim Leeds and by electronic means were Shelia Bell, Clark Benson, Brian Bergman, David Ekstrom, Kathy Landreth, Julie Runyon, Riley and Jan Scheuermann, Janet Sonksen, Travis Sonksen, and Jim Leiding of Bolton & Menk Inc.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Conklin, seconded by Bergman to approve previous regular meeting on May 11, 2020. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

During public comments, a letter was presented by the City Manager to Council from Rick Woodard concerning drainage issues on Dryden Street. City Manager Leeds will follow up with City engineer.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for May 2019, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$19,650.72, United Stop & Shop Retail Cigarette/Tobacco Permit Application, and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Conklin, seconded by Bergman to deny request from Jessica Geerdes for a couple of horses at 1006 Adams Street. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded Haman to approve request from Brian Bergman to place a mailbox east of property at 1125 Tennyson Ave. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Council had a lengthy discussion with most of the property owners around 1012 Washington to voice their opinions concerning the construction of an alley between Washington Ave and Adams Ave from Pollock Street to Milton Street.

Moved by Bergman, motion died due to lack of second to vacate alley behind property located 1012 Washington Avenue.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to leave alley behind 1012 Washington Street as it currently is. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – nae. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to vote straight ballot for Iowa One Call Class A Member Proxy. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve Midland Power District 2 Ballot (2020) as follows: Doug Robey for Board of Directors and Christopher Paulson for the 2020 Nominating Committee. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, and Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve City Manager to start the municipal infraction process on nuisance issues around town. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bergman, seconded by Conklin to approve Cornwell, Frideres, Maher & Associates City of Stratford Audit Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Council discussed COVID-19 as it relates to city business. They discussed the charging of late penalties and disconnecting utility holders with modified restrictions. They also held a small discussion on opening the pool for the 2020 pool season. The council was in consensus to open the pool for the 2020 season.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Conklin to start charging late penalties on delinquent utilities and opening the swimming pool for swimming lessons until recreational swimming is acceptable by governor. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Conklin, seconded by Bergman to approve Resolution 2020-31 – a resolution naming depositories for city funds and signators for depositories. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Conklin to approve Resolution 2020-32 – a resolution authorizing the payment of certain expenditures prior to Council approval. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

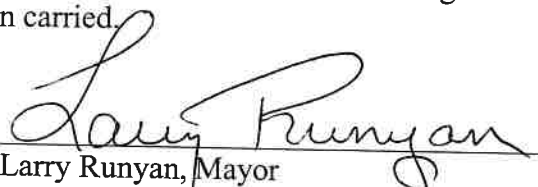
Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve Resolution 2020-33 – a resolution to simplify and solve fund balances authorizing transfers and fund adjustments. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bergman, seconded by Haman to approve Resolution 2020-34 – a resolution setting wages and salaries for employees of the City of Stratford. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve Resolution 2020-35 – a resolution to transfer funds from the electric fund to the general fund as a payment in lieu of taxes using surplus funds per Iowa code §384.89 Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Attest:


Larry Runyan, Mayor



Kim Leeds, City Manager/Clerk