

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 11, 2020**

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The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 11, 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 was Dan Ostrem, Maddy Daniels, Kim Leeds and by electronic means were Janet and Travis Sonksen.

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 Haman, seconded by Bergman to approve previous regular meeting on April 13, 2020 and special meeting on March 30, 2020. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bergman, seconded by Haman to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for April 2020, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$13,575.13, Renewal of Rungo's License #LC0037613 for Class C Liquor, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales, Stratford Food Center 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 Haman, seconded by Peterson to open public hearing on Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Amendment # 2 at 7:12 p.m. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

No written or oral comments were received.

Moved by Conklin, seconded Bergman to close public hearing on Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Amendment # 2 at 7:13 p.m. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to approve Resolution 2020-27 A resolution amending Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to approve quotes from Powers Tree Service for \$4,050 for utility line clearance for Map #4 utility lines as required by Iowa Utilities Board and \$1200 to

remove tree from south east corner of City Park and \$2250 to remove trees from the city right of way. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Conklin to approve quote from ATR Siding & Seamless Gutters for \$295.00 for gutter repairs to North Park Shelter. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve quote from BerganKDV for \$369.00 for Smart-UPS 750 VA Backup. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Bergman to approve request from Chase Haman for building permit variance to install fence two feet off property line west of property. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – abstain, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Conklin to table request from Katie Doud to have two hens to get permission from neighbors and to make sure that they are going to be fenced in. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to table request from Brian Bergman for warning or speed zone sign along Teneyck Avenue to look as to why it was taken out. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to table letter from Janet Sonksen to open alley behind 1012 Washington until next regular meeting to get costs. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

City Council received complaint from Mary Conklin at 600 Goldsmith concerning trees in the city park and in other areas with Stratford incorporated limits. City Council agreed to have Powers Tree Service look at tree in the north east corner of City Park.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to have Powers Tree Service to trim tree in north east corner of park not to exceed \$2000. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

City council received complaint from Brian Bergman and will be sending out nuisance abatement letter on those properties.

City council and City Manager discussed nuisance abatement process and issues in the incorporated limits of Stratford.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve request for Craig and Pat Angstrom to remove sidewalk on west side of property from driveway to alley. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Council discussed current COVID-19 situation as it relates to city business. They discussed the opening of the city pool and will follow the governor recommendations.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to open City Hall to the public. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Bergman to approve moving forward with Fire Station Lot for possible Prairie Grass Lot. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson approving CDBG Payables #2 \$12,586.00: with \$12,586.00 to J&S Construction. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve insurance renewal for full-time City of Stratford employees. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Bergman, seconded by Conklin to approve the hiring of Maddy Daniels as Deputy City Clerk at \$13.50/hour starting on May 12, 2020. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – abstain, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Bergman to approve Resolution 2020-26 – A resolution to transfer TIF funds to Debt Service in order to pay our General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Haman to approve Resolution 2020-28 – A resolution appointing alternates to the Hamilton County Emergency Management Board. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Conklin, seconded by Bergman to approve Resolution 2020-29 – a resolution approving policy for Change Funds at Stratford City Hall and at Stratford Swimming Pool Office and Concessions. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

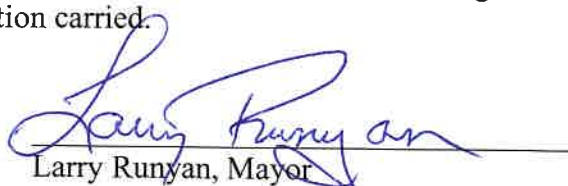
Moved by Haman, seconded by Peterson to approve Resolution 2020-30 – a resolution appointing Zachary S. Chizek of the Groves & Chizek Law Office to serve as Stratford's City Attorney for Fiscal Year 2021 and for Fiscal Year 2022. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Conklin, seconded by Bergman to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Roll call vote: Bergman – aye, Conklin – aye, Haman – aye, Peterson – aye. Motion carried.

**Attest:**



Kim Leeds, City Manager/Clerk



Larry Runyan, Mayor