

CITY OF NEW STRAWN

SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, May 20, 2019

Purpose: Golf Course

Present were: Mayor Mark Petterson
City Clerk Joni Hernandez

Council Members: Richard Croll (by phone until 6:52 p.m)
Jeanne Haas
Gary Haehn
Rhonda Taylor
Jim Weeks

Patrons present: Travis Fromme
Glenda Perkins
Scott Porter

Call to Order: Mayor Mark Petterson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Golf Course: The mayor reported that he and Jim Weeks attended the Coffey County Commissioner's Meeting on May 13 to request funding to help purchase the public golf course in New Strawn.

The Commissioners are willing to loan the City of New Strawn \$250,000 interest-free with no payment due during the first three years. Terms to be determined.

He also reported that Prairie Winds Golf Course owners are in agreement to accept the offer if funding can be obtained.

Patrons addressed the Council with two in support of it remaining a golf course. They again gave input and ideas:

- Coffey County grant for operations
- Burlington Rec involved in operations/funding
- Memberships at reasonable prices
- Concessions – Lease
- Volunteers
- Economic Development
- Golf course is not a business; rather a community service
- Not expected to make profit, but try to break even
- New mowing equipment needed
- Market for county and surrounding area; not just New Strawn residents
- Inquire if Wolf Creek interested in supporting
- Donations

The mayor noted that funding for operations will still be necessary. He and Council Member Jim Weeks will meet with the Burlington Recreation Commission (tomorrow) Tuesday, May 21 to discuss operations and funding. They will continue to work on ideas to move forward with process.

Mayor Petterson adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.