**New Strawn City Council**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 12, 2025**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Jeanne Haas, Council members: Stephanie Baker, David Christiansen and Butch Gilkison

Staff: City Attorney Philip Wright (arrived 7:09), Code Enforcement Ray Wards and City Clerk Lana Johnson

Absent: Maintenance Operator Steven Dwight and Zoning Administrator Cody Collins

Others: Dan Haller, Ashley Haller (left at 7:02), Jim Weeks (left at 7:02), Jenny Tatman (left at 7:16), Monique Hart (left at 7:16), Brandon Hart (left at 7:16), Haylen Baker (left at 7:16), Wayde Thomsen and Mark Petterson

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE:** The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING IN:**

Baker moved, seconded by Christiansen, to appoint Dan Haller as council member to fill the remaining term of former council member Jeanne Haas. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Clerk Johnson gave the oath of office to Dan Haller.

Baker moved to appoint Johnny Hernandez as council president. Christiansen moved to close the nominations. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES:**

**ADD:** Clerk: RVS Software Update

Mayor: c. Library Request - July 11

Finance: July 10, 6 pm Budget Special Meeting

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Christiansen moved, seconded by Haller, to approve the agenda with additions.*  **Motion carried 4-0.**

**CONSENT AGENDA ADDITIONS:**

**ADD:** Licenses: Drinking Establishment License for The Wildcat Grill

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Consent Agenda Items**

**MINUTES:** Move to approve meeting minutes of May 8, 2025.

**WARRANTS:** Move to approve the Warrants dated May 6, 2025, through June 5, 2025, in the amount of $296,028.28.

**PAYROLL:** Move to approve the May 2025 Payroll in the amount of $13,880.04.

**LICENSES: ADDED:** Drinking Establishment License for The Wildcat Grill

**OTHER:** Move to allowOK Kids use of the community center for breakfast on Saturday, September 6th at no charge.

Move to allow OK Kids use of the city lake for catch and release fishing on Saturday, September 6th at no charge.

*Baker moved, seconded by Gilkison, to approve the consent agenda with the addition.* **Motion carried 4-0.**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

1. Jenny Tatman – Coffey County Economic Development Director – introduced

herself. Explained what she has been doing with the county and cities since taking the position in April of this year. Also reminded the council of the Coffey County Comprehensive Plan, Town Hall meeting on July 17th at 6 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Monique Hart – introduced herself her husband and granddaughter. She explained that they along with their boys Elliot and McKinnon Burns were opening The Wildcat Grill. They are doing a soft opening this weekend, asked people to stop in but please be patient. They will be opening at 11:00 am Tuesday through Saturday. She had asked about the City helping maintain the flag for the flagpole on their property. It was suggested that they contact the Legion.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

1. Additional Warrants - None

**STAFF REPORTS**

* **Zoning Administrator**
* Zoning Administrator
  + Planning and Zoning Board Meeting May 14th **–** Recommendation from Planning and Zoning Board

*Baker moved, seconded by Gilkison moved to recess to enter an executive session pursuant to ksa 75-4319(b)(2)  for consultation with an attorney which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship regarding drainage easement on Seneca Drive, the board of zoning appeals meeting of May 14, and regulations regarding fencing and retaining walls, with the mayor, governing body and city attorney, for 5 minutes starting at 7:23.* **Motion carried 4-0.**

Returned at 7:28 with no action taken.

* + Resignation

*Baker moved, seconded by Christiansen, to accept with regret the resignation of Cody Collins effective June 30, 2025.* **Motion carried 4-0.**

* **Code Enforcement Officer** 
  + Nuisance Property Update – Myers property on 3rd St continues to improve.

Nuisance letters were mailed out and several have been returned. We will need to figure out a different way of contacting some people that have properties in town but live elsewhere.

* **Maintenance Operator**
  + 2025 Road Project – The road project came $6,121.89 under the initial

quote.

* **City Clerk**
  + Codification Services Agreement – There is an agreement with American Legal

Publishing for codification. Everything has been sent to get the code books up to date and pricing was provided for online search.

* + RVS Software

*Christiansen moved, seconded by Haller, to renew the annual software agreement for $954 with RVS. Funds to be used from Water.* **Motion carried 4-0.**

* Community Center Rentals

*June – 7th Strawnfest, 14th Private Event, 17th I.B.E.W., 18TH Coffey County Fire Training, 21st Bob Mitchell Memorial, 24th – July 5th Radiant Life Youth Fireworks*

*July– 5th Fireworks, 6th – 10th Radiant Life VBS, 12th Private Event, 13th Private Event, 15th I.B.E.W., 17th CF CO Comprehensive Plan, 18th & 19th Kicks for Kids, 26th BHS Class of 2000*

* + City Attorney – Philip Wright

**Mayor’s Report**

1. Mayor’s Committees

**Community Building:** Stephanie Baker (Chair), Steven Dwight, Lana Johnson

**Finance/Economic Development:** Stephanie Baker (Chair), Butch Gilkison, Jeanne Haas

**Park/Recreation:** Johnny Hernandez (Chair), Stephanie Baker, Steven Dwight

**Public Relations:** Lana Johnson (Chair), Stephanie Baker, Jeanne Haas

**Public Safety:** Butch Gilkison, Dan Haller

**Streets:** Steven Dwight (Street Chair), Dan Haller

**Water/Sewer:** Butch Gilkison (Chair), Johnny Hernandez, Steven Dwight

*Christiansen moved, seconded by Baker, to ratify the mayor’s designations for the 2025 committees as presented.* **Motion carried 4-0.**

1. Thank you for Mayor Taylor

Mayor Haas provided a card to be signed as a thank you to former May Taylor. She will also be given $30 in Coffey County Chamber Bucks.

1. Library

The Coffey County Library, New Strawn branch requested to use the shelter house on July 11th for the Glow Run.

**Finance & Economic Development Report – Jeanne Haas**

1. Budget
   1. Special Meeting 6:00 pm, July 10, 2025

*Baker moved, seconded by Christiansen, to have a special meeting on July 10, 2025, at 6:00 pm for 2026 budget and 2024 audit purposes.* **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Community Center Report** – **Stephanie Baker**

**Utility Report – Butch Gilkison**

1. Water Usage & Loss Report

**Street Report - Dwight**

**Public Relations Report- Jeanne Haas**

1. Strawnfest

48 runners for the Fun Run and 38 kids for the fishing derby. We had 61 bingo prizes and a lot of players. An excellent turnout for the kid’s games, water fights and tractor show.

1. Smoke On the River – Donation

*Gilkison moved, seconded by Baker, to donate $100 to Smoke on the River. Funds to be used from General.* **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Parks & Recreation Report – Johnny Hernandez**

**New Business:**

**Old Business:**

1. City Hall Remodel

It was decided to replace all water lines in the remodel and have the hvac as an option.

**Adjournment:**

*Baker moved, seconded by HernandezHaller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.* **Motion carried 4-0.**