

New Strawn City Council

Regular Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, July 10, 2025

PRESENT:

Mayor Jeanne Haas, council members: David Christiansen, Butch Gilkison, Dan Haller and Johnny Hernandez

Staff: City Attorney Philip Wright, Maintenance Operator Steven Dwight, Code Enforcement Ray Wards and City Clerk Lana Johnson

Absent: Council member Stephanie Baker

Others: 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.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES:

CHANGE: Mayor a. & b. remove ordinance #

Mayor: c. from Executive Session to City Property

ADD: Public Relations: b. Coffey County Heros Pull for Special Olympics

Clerk: League Conference Oct 9, 10 & 11, 2025 & BCBS Renewal

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Haller moved, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the agenda with additions and changes.

Motion carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA ADDITIONS:

ADD: Licenses: Contractor License 2025-C-03 for Beyer Construction

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda Items

MINUTES: Move to approve meeting minutes of June 12, 2025.

WARRANTS: Move to approve the Warrants dated June 6, 2025, through July 7, 2025, in the amount of \$35,813.53.

PAYROLL: Move to approve the June 2025 Payroll in the amount of \$9,860.67.

LICENSES: Move to approve Contractor License 2025-C-02 for BHS Construction and Contractor License 2025-C-03 for Beyer Construction.

Christiansen moved, seconded by Haller, to approve the consent agenda with the addition of Beyer Construction. Motion carried 4-0.

APPOINTMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS :

a. Additional Warrants - None

STAFF REPORTS

- **Zoning Administrator**

- Zoning Administrator
 - Approved 2025-Z-03, a cabin for Texal Jenkins located at 16th Rd & Kafir
 - Approved 2025-Z-04, a freezer for Wanda Chaffin located at 219 N Main St – pending contractor approval
 - Coffey County Comprehensive Plan, 6 p.m. @ the New Strawn Community Center, Thursday, July 17th
 - We still don't have a Zoning Administrator

- **Code Enforcement Officer**

- Nuisance Property Update – There is a property on 3rd St that has chickens that the pen isn't clean and there is no water. Ray will be paying another visit after the meeting.

Dealing with several junk vehicles on other properties and a unkept property that is in probate.

- **Maintenance Operator**

- 2025 Road Project – the road project came in \$6k less than expected.

Steven would like to use some of those funds to move the millings to Industrial and Glass in the fall.

- OK Kids Fish – OK Kids will be donating \$1,000 for fish.

Hernandez moved to spend \$200 to stock fish. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

Dwight will contact Trophy fisheries to order \$1,200 in wipers to be stocked in the city lake before the OK Kids event.

- **City Clerk**

- Stamps

*Christiansen moved, seconded by Haller to approve the purchase of 10 rolls of 1st class stamps and 15 rolls of postcard stamps at \$1,570. Funds to be used from General. **Motion carried 4-0.***

- Code of Ordinances Update

*Christiansen moved, seconded by Hernandez to approve the editing, updating and formatting of the Code of Ordinances not to exceed \$2,000. Funds to be used from General. **Motion carried 4-0.***

- **ADDED:** League Conference Oct 9, 10 & 11, 2025

*Haller moved, seconded by Christiansen to pay the registration fees for city employees to attend the League of Kansas Municipalities Conference October 9, 19 & 11, 2025. **Motion carried 4-0.***

- **ADDED:** BCBS Renewal – rates have increased, and employees aren't interested in continuing the policy at the increased rates. Johnson is to continue looking at other options.

- Community Center Rentals

July– 5th Fireworks, 6th – 10th Radiant Life VBS, 12th Private Event, 13th Private Event, 15th pm I.B.E.W., 17th pm CF CO Comprehensive Plan, 18th & 19th Kicks for Kids, 22nd Coffey County Emergency Management KEMA, 26th BHS Class of 2000, 27th pm Private Event

August – 1st & 2nd COF Training Services, 8th & 9th S & S Sales Auction, 19th pm I.B.

- City Attorney – Philip Wright

Mayor's Report

- a. **CHANGED:** 2025-03 Sale of Fireworks – no changes in the current ordinance.
- b. **CHANGED:** 2025-04 Cereal Malt Beverage Sale Hours – The Wildcat Grill would like to be able to serve alcohol at 6 am during outage. Attorney Wright is to check state statutes and look into updating the ordinance.
- c. **CHANGED:** Executive Session – City Property – an area business has asked about purchasing a piece of property from the city. It was listed in 2022 with no interest. Clerk Johnson was instructed to ask the company for a bid.

Finance & Economic Development Report – Stephanie Baker

- a. Budget Hearing August 14 @ 7 p.m.

*Christiansen moved, seconded by Hernandez to not plan to exceed the revenue neutral rate and have the budget to the county clerk before October 1, 2025. **Show of hands 4-0.***

*Hernandez moved, seconded by Haller, to hold a Budget Hearing August 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall and publish page 12 of the proposed budget. **Motion carried 4-0.***

Community Center Report – Stephanie Baker

Utility Report – Butch Gilkison

- a. Water Usage & Loss Report

Street Report - Steven Dwight

Public Relations Report- Jeanne Haas

- a. Coffey County Cancer Support Golf Classic Donation

*Gilkison moved, seconded by Christiansen, to donate \$250 to the annual Coffey County Cancer Support Golf Classic. Funds to be used from General. **Motion carried 4-0.***

- b. **ADDED:** Coffey County Heros Pull for Special Olympics

*Haller moved, seconded by Hernandez to donate \$250 to Coffey County Heros Pull for Special Olympics. Funds to be used from General. **Motion carried 4-0.***

Parks & Recreation Report – Johnny Hernandez

New Business:

Old Business:

- a. City Hall Remodel

Adjournment:

Hernandez moved, seconded by Gilkison, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.