

New Strawn City Council

Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday, November 13, 2025

PRESENT:

Mayor Jeanne Haas, council members: Stephanie Baker, Dan Haller and Johnny Hernandez
Absent: David Christiansen and Butch Gilkison
Staff: City Attorney Philip Wright, Maintenance Operator Steven Dwight, Code Enforcement Ray Wards and City Clerk Lana Johnson
Others: Wayde Thomsen and Mark Petterson

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

FLAG SALUTE:

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Baker moved, seconded by Haller, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA ADDITIONS:

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda Items

MINUTES: Move to approve meeting minutes of October 9, 2025.

WARRANTS: Move to approve the Warrants dated October 7, 2025, through November 10, 2025, in the amount of \$55,057.68.

PAYROLL: Move to approve the October 2025 Payroll in the amount of \$17,201.33.

LICENSES: Move to approve 2026-CMB-01 Ceral Malt Beverage License for Casey's General Store

Hernandez moved, seconded by Baker, to approve the consent agenda as printed. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- a. Additional Warrants – None

STAFF REPORTS

- **Zoning Administrator** – there has been a permit submitted for a greenhouse.

- **Code Enforcement Officer**

- Nuisance Property Update –the property owner at 331 N 4th has made more improvements. There have been complaints regarding the commercial property located at 110 W Decker including vehicles parked on the street. There are no vehicles on the street currently.

- **Maintenance Operator**

- Water Customer, 119 Hillview Dr Misunderstanding – the meter setter was replaced when the landowner had a new water line ran to her house. Her water bill went down, and she thanked the city for the new meter since her water bill was much lower. She didn't receive a new meter just a meter setter. There was a water leak in the line that was replaced.

- Sewer Cleanout Update – everything went well
 - Sewer Cleanout Ruts – 307 N 1st St & 150 1st Terr has ruts from the cleanout. 307 N 1st doesn't want anyone on his property so it's going to be hard to repair the ruts.

- Ford F150 – Oil pressure sensor unit replaced for \$275.98
 - KDHE PFAS Sampling – new testing required buy EPA could cost \$250 – \$350 per test quarterly.

The resident at 225 W Choctaw St has complained several times about a wet spot out on the old golf course property belonging to Ryan and Jaclyn Nelson. Our water loss isn't high, it doesn't have a chlorine residual, the ser line has been scoped. The thought is that it is coming down the bore line.

102 Seneca, the barn tin is down but the t-posts are still there.

Mayor Haas thanked Dwight for the banners and flags being up for Veterans Day.

- **City Clerk**

- KPERS Employer Rate 2026 – the 2025 rate is .0971 and will be .0959 for 2026.

- Community Center Rentals

- *November – 2nd am Radiant Life Potluck, 3rd – 5th Election, 8th Private Event, 11th Private Event, 13th p.m. New Strawn Library Bobwhite Vineyards, 15th a.m. New Strawn Library Glamour Shots, 16th New Strawn Community Christian Church Community Thanksgiving, 18th p.m. I.B.E.W., 22nd Private Event, 27th Private Event*

- *December – 3rd p.m. Private Event, 4th New Strawn Library Soup Supper with Republican Kansas State Representative Caryn Tyson, 6th Private Event, 7th a.m. Radiant Life Potluck, 11th Private Event, 16th p.m. I.B.E.W., 17th – 18th New Strawn Fire Department, 20th Private Event, 26th p.m. Private Event*

- City Attorney – will work on the weather ordinance for the December meeting.

Mayor's Report

a. Holiday Bonus

Baker moved, seconded by Haller to give \$100 Chamber Bucks to our 2 full-time employees Steven and Lana, \$25 Coffey County Chamber Bucks for Robert, Brenda, Brian, Ray, Philip, and Erin and \$20 Casey's cards for the 4 current members of the Zoning Board as a thank you. Motion carried 3-0.

b. December Employee Evaluations Reminder

Finance & Economic Development Report – Stephanie Baker

Community Center Report – Stephanie Baker

Utility Report – Butch Gilkison

a. Water Usage & Loss Report

Street Report - Steven Dwight – There is a culvert on 1st Terrace by Radiant Life Church that will be replaced.

Public Relations Report - Lana Johnson

a. Fall Yard of the Month – winners were 320 W Neosho for Halloween and 127 Algonquin for their Fall decorations. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Parks & Recreation Report – Johnny Hernandez

Park signs are in and will be installed soon.

New Business:

Old Business:

a. City Hall Remodel – Waiting on one more contractor to return bids to hopefully review in December.

Adjournment:

Baker moved, seconded by Haller, to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.