

New Strawn City Council

Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday, February 8, 2024

PRESENT:

Mayor Rhonda Taylor

Council members: David Christiansen, Butch Gilkison and Jeanne Haas

Absent: Johnny Hernandez and Stephanie Baker

Staff: Maintenance Operator Steven Dwight, Code Enforcement Ray Wards, City Attorney

Philip Wright and City Clerk Lana Johnson

Others: Jaclyn & Ryan Nelson, Mark Petterson and Daniel Gray

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES:

ADD: Appointment b. Vacation Bible School (VBS)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Haas moved, seconded by Christiansen to approve the agenda with addition listed. Motion carried 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA ADDITIONS:

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda Items

MINUTES:

- A. Move to approve meeting minutes of January 11, 2024.
- B. Move to approve the special meeting minutes of January 25, 2024.

WARRANTS:

- A. Move to approve the Warrants dated January 9, 2024, through February 5, 2024, in the amount of \$13,979.34.

PAYROLL:

- A. Move to approve the January 2024 Payroll in the amount of \$8,859.35.

LICENSES:

OTHER:

Gilkison moved, seconded by Haas to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS:

a. Kicks For Kids – Daniel Gray gave a brief history of Kicks for Kids, A Ministry of Radiant Life Church, New Strawn, KS. Kicks for Kids mission is to provide a new pair of shoes to all students in need within Coffey County so they can start the year with a new pair of shoes.

*Haas moved, seconded by Christiansen to allow the Radiant Life Church to use the New Strawn Community Center for Kicks for Kids on July 19th & 20th without a fee. **Motion carried 3-0.***

b. VBS – Jeanne Haas

*Haas moved seconded by Christiansen to allow Radiant Life Church to set up and host bible school at the community center at no charge. **Motion carried 3-0.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ryan Nelson thanked the mayor and council for the thank you card for the charcuterie board donation.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

a. Additional Warrants – None

STAFF REPORTS

Zoning Administrator

Code Enforcement Officer/Public Safety

- Nuisance Property Update – some brush has been burnt. They should be back in court in March.
- A certified letter had been sent out to the owners of an unregistered dog at large. To date it hasn't been picked up from the post office, so it is to be sent out regular mail.

Maintenance Operator

- Fish

*Haas moved, seconded by Christiansen to allow Steven to purchase fish if the BRC donates \$1,500 and we will take \$500 from parks. **Motion carried 3-0.***

- Islands – the council oked planting wildflowers on the islands.
- A water line was hit even with the One-call markings. It was in allowance.
- Burlington was looking for water leaks and having everyone else look for water leaks. We were right at 1.1 million because they read 5 days early. We are right where we need to be.

City Clerk

- Two Utility Accounts Turned Over to the Kansas Set-Off Program - \$442.86
- EMC Notice – Deductible Increase
- 1st ½ Infrastructure and Park Funds Received – 2023 use report has been sent to the county.
- Community Center Check List – a checklist for renters of the community center would be a helpful reminder as to what cleaning is needed for the return of deposit.

- Community Center Rentals
February – 14th pm New Strawn Library Crafters, 16th I.B.E.W., 25th Radiant Life Church
March – 1st & 2nd Ducks Unlimited, 7th – 9th Kurtz Auction, 12th I.B.E.W., 18th – 20th Presidential Preference Primary, 30th NSCIO Easter

City Attorney

- Personnel Manual – Jennifer Hill is to get a corrected retainer agreement.
- Camera Policy – City Clerk Johnson will reach out on the CCMFOA listserv to see if other 3rd class cities have a camera policy.

Mayor’s Report - None

Finance & Economic Development Report – Jeanne Haas

- a. Auditors will be here Tuesday.

Community Center Report – Stephanie Baker

- a. Community Center Roof – roof is 90% done. Just have trim remaining.

Utility Report – Butch Gilkison

- a. Water Usage & Loss Report

Street Report- Rhonda Taylor - None

Public Relations Report- Jeanne Haas

A. Strawnfest plans are starting. Saturday, June 8th Council Member Haas reported to be working on the stroll, fishing derby, bingo, and water gun fight. The bank will be doing the money hunt. The council would like to do the hot dog feed again. Plans to stop the event around 6:30. She would like to get with Daniel Gray to see if he had people that would like to do some music numbers during the meal and find someone to help put together a disc golf tournament.

Haas moved, seconded by Gilkison to allow \$500 from general and \$500 from parks for Strawnfest plus advertising and insurance out of general. Motion carried 3-0.

Parks & Recreation Report – Johnny Hernandez

- A. Disc Golf Signage – no update

New Business:

Old Business:

- a. City Mission Statement – The City of New Strawn is committed to a safe, welcoming and sustainable community through effective stewardship of our public services.

Christiansen moved, seconded by Haas to accept said words as our mission statement.

Motion carried 3-0.

- b. MT Networks Lease Renewal

*Christiansen moved, seconded by Hass to approve the MT Networks Lease Renewal as presented. **Motion carried 3-0.***

Adjournment:

*Christiansen moved, seconded by Gilkison, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. **Motion carried 3-0.***

APPROVED