

New Strawn City Council

Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2023

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: Robert Skipper, Jaclyn & Ryan Nelson, Mark Petterson, Wayde Thomsen and Richard Croll

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.

OATH OF OFFICE: Mayor Taylor and Council Member Gilkison
Clerk Johnson gave the oath of office to Mayor Taylor and Council Member Gilkison.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES:

ADD: Public Relations: b: Strawnfest Date

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

CONSENT AGENDA ADDITIONS:

ADD: LICENSE: A: 2024-P-01 Plumbing License for Cooks Plumbing Inc.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda Items

MINUTES: Move to approve meeting minutes of December 14, 2023.

WARRANTS: Move to approve the Warrants dated December 12, 2023, through January 8, 2024 in the amount of \$23,594.52.

PAYROLL: Move to approve the December, 2023 Payroll in the amount of \$16,182.67.

LICENSES: Move to approve 2024-P-01 Plumbing License for Cooks Plumbing Inc.

OTHER:

- A. Move to allow Maintenance Operator to purchase diesel in 2024, total cost not to exceed \$2,500.00, funds to be taken from General Fund
- B. Move to allow Maintenance Operator to purchase fish food in 2024, total cost not to exceed \$3,000.00, funds to be taken from Special Park Fund

- C. Move to allow Maintenance Operator to purchase cold patch in 2024, total cost not to exceed \$1,000.00, funds to be taken from Special Highway Fund
- D. Move to allow Maintenance Operator to purchase weed killer in 2024, total cost not to exceed \$2,000.00, funds to be taken from General Fund
- E. Move to allow Maintenance Operator to purchase road salt in 2024, total cost not to exceed \$4,000.00, funds to be taken from Special Highway Fund
- F. Move to allow Maintenance Operator to purchase propane in 2024, total cost not to exceed \$800.00, funds to be taken from General Fund
- G. Move to allow Maintenance Operator to purchase gravel/rock in 2024, total cost not to exceed \$750.00, funds to be taken from Special Highway Fund

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

APPOINTMENTS:

a. Kaden Gunlock – Water Usage - Clerk Johnson explained that Kaden had been on the agenda in December but had called after the December agenda had been sent out to reschedule. He later confirmed with Mayor Taylor that he would be at the January meeting. Kaden Gunlock did not attend either meeting.

b. Robert Skipper – Coffey County Economic Development Director – CID I Robert Skipper handed out draft information on the New Strawn CID Proposal area and asked the council to approve the creation of a Community Improvement District. **Skipper:** It would allow the county to make a loan to a business. The purpose of the district would provide security for the county in it's attempt to make a loan to this business. Coffey County would request that the council enact it as a statutory procedure to go through to create the district. It would include a period of notice, advertisement, protest and public hearing. When you start this, it would take a certain number of days before it could be put in place. If you create this it would allow the county to possibly make this loan to this company. The mechanism by which it provides security to the county is, this district would allow this governing body to asses a fee that acts like a property tax. That property tax would be equal to what would be the debt service for the money that was loaned to the business. It would follow the property. **Gilkison:** It would follow property. If in 5 years into it, they sold it, it would encumber the new owner? **Skipper:** Yes, sir. It would add just like a property tax. It doesn't matter if you sell your property that you own to anybody else, they are going to pay a property tax to the city, the county, the school and to the state. No matter who it is and what kind of mortgage they take on it. It doesn't matter if they take on new partners that encumbrance stays with the property. **Taylor:** If the property stays empty? **Skipper:** There would be somebody paying taxes on it unless they forfeit it and it becomes county property. **Christiansen:** You said provides security. Is there another mechanism to do this without providing this security? **Skipper:** Traditional security such as a mortgage. But in this instance the mortgage might be ineffective as a security for the county because there is another bank involved. That bank is going to require first position. **Christiansen:** So, I guess my questions is how does this benefit or interest the county? Why is the county involved in this transaction? **Skipper:** Because the county wants to loan money to this business. **Wright:** For economic development. This is to

promote economic development. Basically, it's a way for people that don't have the financing to be able to leverage out a little bit more because they are getting money from another source besides the bank. It's pretty easy to get a loan for the county because they use that security, property tax kind of security to leverage it. **Taylor:** It's my understanding the city won't gain or lose anything on this. The money goes back to the county. **Skipper:** Correct.

Wright: The only real hang up on doing a CID is once you set it is, that's it. It's stuck.

Haas: Forever? **Wright:** Not for ever but 20 something years until it's paid off. You can't redistrict. If another business moves in and you have already taken a district over here, you can't touch that. It's set in stone until it's paid off. **Gilkison:** Is the purpose of the loan

expansion, pay off other debts or what? What is the business plan associated with the loan?

Skipper: The total project for the business which includes a loan from a bank and a possible loan from the county would include restructuring some existing financing paying off some other debt but the majority of it would be expansion of facilities, purchase of new equipment and new products. Specifically, the county loaned funds would go towards expansion and construction of new facilities. To your point there is no adverse effect to the county. Once in place there is a period of 22 years before the district expires and goes away or upon satisfaction of debt the district is dissolved which that would be roughly 15 years.

Christiansen: Do you have examples of other places where this was used? **Skipper:** Yes sir.

Taylor: Here in the county? **Skipper:** Yes Ma'am. Beto was the first. **Taylor:** I realize that

but are there any CID's in any of the smaller communities? **Skipper:** Most of the communities

that have done this would be in larger areas. I can get examples. **Taylor:** I mean here in our

own county is what David was referring to, wasn't it David? **Christiansen:** Yes **Skipper:**

BETO is the only instance. **Wright:** A lot of these more traditionally used than CID#2. CID#2

says you can go in and add sales tax in this defined category. So, it gets pretty contentious

cause you have existing business, say a grocery store. Somebody wants to tag a grocery store

and other retail businesses in a certain area so they can build a hotel or something. Margins at

grocery stores are pretty tight so they go protest because an extra 2% sales tax. Someone

can walk across the street and go to another grocery store and don't have to pay that 2%. But

that is not what we are talking about here. This is attached to the property taxes and correct

me if I'm wrong this is just on the exact location to which the improvements are being made.

That's not always the case. You can make a CID on the whole of New Strawn, tag Casey's, the

pie place and everybody. Which might not make everybody happy. That isn't what the

proposal is here. It's to create that district property tax on just that specific property that is

being improved by the money from the county. **Taylor:** We could have the paperwork done

that says when the debt has been satisfied the district would be dissolved. **Skipper:** Or any

cure of that debt the district could be dissolved. **Taylor:** That is for the county CID. **Gilkison:**

Is the bank loan conditional on the county participation? **Skipper:** Yes **Wright:** Often times

that is the case. Private financing usually doesn't come in unless they know some of this other

financing is secure because the project can't happen without all of it and generally the bank is

not willing to finance the whole thing. **Gilkison:** I was just curious what the whole package

was. **Skipper:** It is a foreign thing. The question of has it been done before, are there

examples. No. In Coffey County or any of the cities to my knowledge have exercised this tax,

this district. The only one I am aware of is up the road here and it is a sales tax CID. The area

around all the gas stations there is an extra .02 charged at those gas stations. **Taylor:** They

can only charge on certain things. They can't charge on gas or food. **Wright:** Food is sketch

right now. **Taylor:** It depends on how it's packaged and sold. **Wright:** There is a huge pressure to eliminate food sales tax. **Skipper:** Simply put this district is something that would be at the pleasure of this council as a decision you would make to benefit the county. The county would make a loan to a business in New Strawn. Your attorney can walk you through the process of creating it. It is about as simple as you voting, allowing for public comment to be heard and waiting for the expiration of the protest period. Then it becomes effective.

Haas: My questions was is the loan contingent on the establishment of this? **Skipper:** I believe so, yes. **Wright:** Are you talking about the loan from the county? **Haas:** Yes. If we don't do this they may not be able to get the loan. **Wright:** Right, it's a grant loan that's tied to this. **Taylor:** It's a grant? **Wright:** Kinda, it's a loan but a grant that you have to pay back. The security for that loan is the district. Like a mortgage would be. That's the security for the loan, the CID district with the property tax to make sure the county gets paid. **Gilkison:** So you wouldn't have a second on the real-estate. **Skipper:** Let's talk about it in the form or a real estate mortgage. Unless your home is worth \$500k and you only borrowing \$100k on a second. A second is useless because the first collateral that will be liquidated will go to the primary holder of that debt. In this case a bank is going to assume the majority of first position on all the equitable collateral. **Gilkison:** So almost a signature loan? **Wright:** It's hard to conceive this but the collateral is actually the improvement district itself with the revenue that comes from that. That is the collateral. **Christiansen:** The collateral is the tax. **Wright:** The tax. The collateral on the mortgage is the real estate itself. The collateral on the CID is the increased property taxes that the Kansas State Legislature says we can do by statute and use that as collateral. **Taylor:** I didn't think we were adding 2% or 1% of anything on that one. **Skipper:** No Ma'am. **Taylor:** OK. **Skipper:** We are just talking about a property tax assessment. **Taylor:** Ok, when you started saying about taxes. **Wright:** I said property tax, it is the collateral on that property. That is CID #1. The CID #2 not to confuse you. **Taylor:** We are not going to muddy the waters. **Wright:** I was not going to muddy the waters; I was just going to illustrate. **Taylor:** We are just talking CID #1. **Wright:** That's why it works is because the loan is on a different collateral. **Gilkison:** So, in theory the valuation will go up and the property tax will go up. **Wright:** Bingo. That is the county's hope. All of the values go up because we are improving everything and they are going to get more property taxes. Plus, there is an enhanced property tax as a part of the CID thing anyway. I don't know what that is. **Gilkison:** That is the whole county deal, that part. **Wright:** But there is that little piece of property tax that is assigned just to this piece of property that increases their property tax. **Taylor:** And it will go back to the county. **Wright:** And that all goes back to the county. **Gilkison:** Well, the city's cut. **Skipper:** You keep getting your portion. You keep getting your property tax. **Taylor:** But not on the newer amount. **Skipper:** Yes, you get your newer amount as well. **Gilkison:** If the tax goes up whatever our mill levy is on the valuation. **Skipper:** That's correct. **Skipper:** The same thing as the city did years ago when that street was put in and specials were levied. Same concept. You are just adding a fee, a tax, an assessment to what's already currently owed. The people that had the street put in, even though they are paying the special they are not forgoing the other taxes that were otherwise due. They are still paying them just like normal. **Gilkison:** It's easier to see with a sales tax. Getting the concept. **Taylor:** Did Richard come to back you up on this? With him being the Treasurer? **Croll:** I just came to hear what was going on. **Taylor:** I didn't know if you guys were going to tag team. **Skipper:** I would even say this. There doesn't have to be a formal

approval or vote on this just general consensus if this council decides to move forward with it when you confer with your attorney, once you have confidence and comfort, I would ask that you let us know if you are going to move forward or not. If you do, that will allow us to begin planning to do what we need to do to make that loan. **Taylor:** With all this you said it had to be published and stuff. Is the county going to take care of that side of it? **Skipper:** I don't see why we couldn't cover the cost. There is going to be 50. **Taylor:** I'm just asking. **Haas:** We would have to have an open meeting. **Taylor:** Yes **Haas:** Do we have to notify so many feet around like in Zoning? **Wright:** I think you have to notify the property that it effects. I'm not sure that you have to go outside of that. I'm not 100% sure. I am not an expert on this by any sense of the imagination. Quite honestly if the city does choose to do this you will need to find council to do it. I'm not that well enough versed to do it. **Skipper:** If you wouldn't mind? May I make a recommendation Joe Sarno? Have you dealt with him before? **Wright:** I am aware of Mr. Sarno. The city would be able to find council that would be able to address. Plus, it's outside my malpractice insurance. I don't do any public finance. **Gilkison:** Is there boilerplate paperwork to do this? **Skipper:** Some of it is. Some if it is literally subscribed right out of the Kansas code. The other part your attorney will need to draft a little bit of it. It will be unique. **Wright:** I wouldn't worry about that part of it. Leave the technical to the lawyers. It's if you want to do it or not. If you have specific questions about it or concerns, we can address that at some point. **Skipper:** If there are no other questions, Mayor. Thank you so much for letting me come and present this. I am willing to come talk more about it but I think you all have a pretty good grasp. If you do need me. **Taylor:** Thank you. **Thomson:** My overall view of this is what it does for the county or for the city of New Strawn is helps to enhance a business that you have. If it goes through. I'm one vote. I'm not the board of commissioners. That's what it does is help to enhance. If we aren't growing, we are dying. I guess that's my submission of the deal. I can't see it harms the city in any way. What it basically does, if you want to call it that way it gives the county a first on the loan. Because if the business did default the other bank is probably going to pay the county off. They are not going to lose their property because it assessed against the property taxes. Does that explain it any clearer? **Croll:** The taxes are getting paid on that ground. One way or another. If they don't it's going to get sold. You tell me a company that is putting up a building or adding and any bank that's going to let something go for pennies on the dollar. **Taylor:** Will this be a standard practice for the commission moving forward for businesses now? **Thomson:** Well. I mean. I haven't been on there that long and there has been a limited number of this type of loans and we are trying to protect ourselves so we can continue this type of loan. I would say yes but just one member. **Christiansen:** I guess what doesn't make sense to me is I don't understand how the bank the contingent on something that they will be left with the bag if something goes wrong. **Wade:** The reason why is in my opinion and I'm no banker or attorney but the bank has a limit of what kind of percentage they can loan based on assets but FDIC will accept the loan because this is called a tax rather than another payment. All companies or businesses everybody has a tax so that allows them to get the loan ok. In my mind it actually gives the county a first which it is. That is the difference. I don't know if I explained it where it makes any sense or not. **Christiansen:** I feel like I understand the concept. **Taylor:** Jeanne, Butch, do you have any other questions? **Gilkison:** I don't think so. I'm familiar with the concept. **Thomson:** For me to understand it to begin with calling it a CID is kinda confusing cause it's nothing at all like the other one that was talked about. It's not

anything at all like what is going on at BETO. **Taylor:** There again that's why I was asked if this was going to standard procedure or if we are I guess cherry picking. I don't know if that's the right word. I'm just asking. **Christiansen:** How do you choose? **Taylor:** Is this just for New Strawn that you are doing a CID? **Thomsen:** It has nothing to do because it's New Strawn. **Christiansen:** Is it for every business? **Thomsen:** If a business wants to get an economic development loan, I'd say there was a pretty good possibility cause the county has to be able to protect themselves or there is not going to be any more of them. That's what I'd say. **Christiansen:** From the outside it just looks like a 10-year zero percent apr loan. **Thomsen:** If you can't obtain a funding elsewhere it's a loan to try to make your businesses move forward it the purpose of it. To try to grow the county and the businesses in it. **Christiansen:** That's why I was asking, where else has it been used, do we have a track record? **Croll:** The airport is where it's being used SSM. **Taylor:** Are they a CID 1 or 2? **Skipper:** The moniker of 1 and 2 was just for the purpose of distinguishing the 2 different ones. It's not necessarily part of. The loan contemplated for this business will have an interest rate and it will be for a term exceeding 10 probably 15. Whatever that payment is on a 15-year amortization at whatever interest rate will be what that assessment will be at that property. Does that make sense? **Thomsen:** It ties your payment to your property taxes so has to be paid by somebody. That's the purpose of it. **Croll:** So, if the business goes out the ground will still have that on it. **Taylor:** For that set amount of time or until? **Christiansen:** That is the part that is negative to me is you are encumbering any future business there should this company have issues. You are providing a loan to a business now and then signing future people to pay for it because it's tied to the land and not to people. **Thomsen:** If it went bankrupt it's going to be settled then one way or another. Either the bank is going to pay off that loan or if there isn't enough to go around somebody is going to come up short. It's not a forever ever tax. It's a tax until that debt is paid. It's just a form of collecting payment. **Christiansen:** I understand how it works. **Thomsen:** Ok. It's not going to stay with the property forever. It's a way to ensure it gets collected. **Taylor:** So, it will expire and the end of a set amount time? **Thomsen:** Or when it's paid off or at the end. Or it can be written that way. **Haas:** At the satisfaction of the debt. **Croll:** I'm not going to speak for the commissioners on this but I would think that supposing on your example where they go out business and they aren't there anymore. That tax still tied to the dirt. Those people I guess could go to the commission and say hey look we can't pay that much. We understand that this is tied here and this is a great spot for our business and we can only generate x revenue how can we work this together. It's a way to loan the money and the idea is to not go out of business. I would go for looking at what kind of revenue is being generated. **Christiansen:** Those are things not presented. Things that we talked about previously - If the city was to enact a 2% sales tax, we would have to present a plan as to what we are going to do with that money. A detail of here is how this burden on the community is going to be used to benefit the community. **Skipper:** It's admirable that you are trying to demonstrate value to the community but there is no request for the city to loan money. **Christiansen:** But you want the city to sign off on it. **Skipper:** Yes. I'm simply asking you to authorize a district and go through a simple procedure to do so that is going to benefit a business. **Christiansen:** And I need a lot more information. I guess that's what I'm getting at. I understand the concept, I understand the mechanism. **Skipper:** So, you want to look at the loan details? **Croll:** It's not affecting anybody else, just that business. **Thomsen:** It's their decision. **Croll:**

If they left and a new business came in then yes, it would be them too. **Taylor:** So, the only thing the CID will cover, it's not the bank side it's just what the county wants to be involved in, correct? **Skipper:** Yes Ma'am. **Thomsen:** It allows them to borrow more money than what they can at the bank. That's the bottom line. **Taylor:** The council is not worried, it's not something in our purview it's just the county would be tied to that. I'm saying this for as much for me as you David. **Haas:** I'm thinking David and I maybe not on the same page but maybe we are. If I want to build a \$500k house and I only have enough collateral for \$300k this loan would help me build a bigger? Is that what we want to try to do? Is that what I'm hearing from you? **Christiansen:** Yep, that's a bit of the idea. If it didn't take us, go do it. Right? Go on your own terms and do it. If you want to improve the county, improve it. This whole requiring us to create a district, it's just.. **Skipper:** Can I ask one simple question? What is the problem? Name one instance. **Christensen:** The main problem is there is a conflict of interest inside city council already and you know that. To avoid the appearance of picking and choosing what businesses in the city succeed and fail is a high degree of concern for me. Right? That's why I'm asking. Who else do give this to? Can the people behind you that own a property that maybe they want to do this just come up and ask you for \$200k? **Thomsen:** Anybody can apply for it. **Croll:** If they just come to the county. **Christiansen:** This is the first I have heard of it. I'm generally opposed to things I've never heard of or seen someone else do. **Croll:** It's exactly the same thing we are doing at the airport with SSM except SSM isn't in within the City of New Strawn. **Thomsen:** That's why the request is being made here is because it's within the city. **Christiansen:** We keep beating this bush. **Haas:** Yes. **Thomsen:** Pardon me? **Christiansen:** I said a euphemism. **Croll:** He's done kicking the horse. **Taylor:** In doing this we need to. **Christiansen:** I personally would like to get Stephanie and Johnny's input. **Haas:** And maybe also the landowner, the business owner. **Gilkison:** So, we put it on next months agenda? **Taylor:** We can put it on next month's agenda or we can have a special meeting before hand if all parties can be there. What we will need to do Bobby, we will need to look at calendars and you need to get a date from the landowner and we can mesh it with ours and see what we can come up with before the next meeting. Maybe the decision can or cannot be made maybe by the next meeting but that will at least give us a target. February 8th is our next meeting.

A special meeting was tentatively set for February 1st at 7:15 pm but need to check with full council before confirming.

Taylor: Is there any information, Bobby, that you can provide to my council beforehand that will explain any of this more so in writing? **Bobby:** Yes, ma'am. **Taylor:** Ok. If you would send that to Lana, she can disperse it to the council? **Gilkison:** Can we inquire the amount of the loan? **Skipper:** \$175k **Gilkison:** For the county's part? Are they adding employees? **Skipper:** From what I understand there will be 2 new employees. **Gilkison:** The bank the whole thing is double that? **Taylor:** Can we talk about that in the next meeting?

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Richard Croll thanked the city for keeping the streets clean.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- a. Additional Warrants – None
- b. Treasurers Report

Haas moved, seconded by Christiansen accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented and print report in the Coffey County Republication by January 31, 2024. **Motion carried 3-0.**

STAFF REPORTS

Zoning Administrator

- Fence Permit 2023-Z-8 for Sarena Muntzert, 615 Arrowhead Dr

Code Enforcement Officer/Public Safety

- Nuisance Property Update – The judge explained to the property owner what was needed to be done on the property.
- When the snow clears off Ray will start working with more property owners with the brush piles and abandoned vehicles.

Maintenance Operator

- Brush Pile – would like to look at putting rock around the brush pile as it has been in the past.
- Community Center roof was delivered today.

City Clerk

- Pet Tag Reminder – 30 pets have been tagged for free so far.
- Thank you from Hannah Culbertson – Christmas Lights
- Thank you From Dennis Sherman - Streets
- Office Computer Warranty – the hard drive is going out but was replaced under warranty. The current warranty expires towards the end of this month but it was decided that a new computer would be less than the cost of the warranty.
- 2024 Audit Scheduled for February 13, 2024
- The Emporia Community Foundation issued a grant to the New Strawn Community Center through the generosity of Arthur Arren Williamson Fund.
- CCMFOA 2024 Spring Conference will be held in Wichita on March 20-22. Clerk Johnson plans to keep an eye on the agenda to determine whether she would like to attend or not.
- KRWA – March 26-28, 2024 – Maintenance Operator Dwight doesn’t plan to attend this year.
- Community Building Rentals

January – 6th Private Event, 12th Private Event, 13th am Private Event, 13th pm Private Event, 16th I.B.E.W., 17th Coffey County Emergency Management Weather Program, 24th am Wee Wigglers, 25th pm Private Event
February – 11th Radiant Life Church, 14 pm New Strawn Library Crafters

City Attorney – No Report

Mayor's Report

a. January Council Work Session Update – It went well, several things were discussed. The council will be working on a mission statement for the city as several grants require city mission statements.

b. Emergency Management Weather Program January 17, 2024 6:00 pm – Coffey County Emergency Management has put together a great program to present on Wednesday. Several generous companies have donated prizes and there will be refreshments.

c. 2024 Mayor's Appointments and Committee Assignments

Haas moved, seconded by Christiansen to approve the Mayors Appointments and Designations as printed which is City Clerk Lana, City Treasure Brenda, City Attorney Philip, Code Enforcement Ray, Official City Depository is Citizens State Bank, Official Newspaper The Coffey County Republican and Zoning Administrator Cody Collins. Motion carried 3-0.

Christiansen moved, seconded by Gilkison to approve the Committee Assignments. Motion carried 3-0.

d. GAAP Waiver Resolution 105

- K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) requires municipalities to use generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the preparation of their financial statements and reports. Except for community colleges, the governing body of any municipality may waive this statutory GAAP requirement.

Gilkison moved, seconded by Haas to approve Resolution No. 105 GAAP Waiver for 2024.

Motion carried 3-0.

e. Ordinance No. 2024-01 Establishing 2024 Salaries

Christiansen moved, seconded by Gilkison approve Ordinance No. 2024-01 Establishing 2024 Salaries. Motion carried 3-0 by show of hands.

Finance & Economic Development Report – Jeanne Haas

Community Center Report – Stephanie Baker

a. Community Center Roof – Supplies have been delivered for the roof. Hopefully they can start when the snow is off.

Utility Report – Butch Gilkison

a. Water Usage & Loss Report

Street Report- Rhonda Taylor

Mayor Taylor reported that they will review the streets in the spring.

Public Relations Report- Jeanne Haas

a. Christmas/Winter Yard of the Month – Winners – Stukey @ 1020 N Arrowhead Dr, Smith @ 315 W Cherokee St, Culbertson @ 344 N 5th St, Weeks @ 536 N Arrowhead Dr and Haehn @102 E Seneca Circle

b. Strawnfest Date – June 8, 2024 which will be added to old business in February.

Parks & Recreation Report – Johnny Hernandez

New Business:

a. City Mission Statement – Council Member Haas presented a proposed city mission statement of “To provide affordable, high-quality services, maintaining human rights, infrastructure and public safety while meeting the needs of the community” and a vision statement of “To foster a safe, livable, inclusive, financially sound community through effective stewardship and quality public services.”

This will be added to old business for February to get more input from the council.

Old Business:

a. MT Networks Lease Renewal- will be carried to the February agenda.

b. Final Payment for Community Center Roof

*Haas moved, seconded by Christiansen to approve the second half payment of the community center roof repair come half from general and half from infrastructure. **Motion carried 3-0.***

Adjournment:

*Christiansen moved, seconded by Gilkison, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. **Motion carried 4-0.***