

New Strawn City Council

Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2025

PRESENT:

Mayor Rhonda Taylor, Council members: Jeanne Haas, Johnny Hernandez, Stephanie Baker, David Christiansen (arrived at 7:02 pm) and Butch Gilkison
Staff: Maintenance Operator Steven Dwight, Zoning Administrator Cody Collins, and City Clerk Lana Johnson
Absent: Code Enforcement Ray Wards, City Attorney Philip Wright
Others: Ryan Nelson

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:

ADD: Mayor: A: County Letter

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Haas moved, seconded by Baker, to accept the agenda for Thursday, January 9 agenda with addition. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA ADDITIONS:

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda Items

MINUTES: Move to approve meeting minutes of December 12, 2024.

WARRANTS: Move to approve the Warrants dated December 09, 2024, through January 7, 2025, in the amount of \$27,997.07.

PAYROLL: Move to approve the December 2024 Payroll in the amount of \$10,338.03.

LICENSES:

OTHER:

- A. Move to allow Maintenance Operator to purchase diesel in 2025, 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 2025, 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 2025, 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 2025, 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 2025, 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 2025, 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 2025, total cost not to exceed \$750.00, funds to be taken from Special Highway Fund
- H. Move to allow Clerk Johnson to attend 2025 Spring CCMFOA Conference in Manhattan, March 18 – 21, 2025, pay registration fee of \$325, lodging of \$127 per night, mileage and meal expense. Funds to be used from General

Council Member Haas confirmed with Maintenance Operator Dwight that he felt the fund amounts were sufficient.

*Haas moved, seconded by Hernandez to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Motion carried 5-0.***

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- a. Additional Warrants

*Haas moved, seconded by Baker to approve the additional warrant to LeRoy Coop for \$1,133.06. **Motion carried 5-0.***

- b. Treasurers Report

*Haas moved, seconded by Christiansen that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented and print report in The Coffey County Republican by January 31, 2025. **Motion carried 5-0.***

STAFF REPORTS

- Zoning Administrator
- Code Enforcement Officer
 - Nuisance Property Update – No update due to court being cancelled.

Clerk Johnson reported that there has been 2 female fowl permits received. One was paid the other hasn't. Ray will check them out when he is back. There have also been 2 dogs at large on 2nd Street and have been trying to figure out who the owner is.

- Maintenance Operator
- City Clerk
 - 2024 Audit – February 17
 - Community Center Rentals
 - January – 5th Radiant Life Church, 9th pm Private Event, 11th pm Private Event, 11th Private Event, 22nd New Strawn Library
 - February – 2nd Radiant Life Church, 28th – March 1st Ducks Unlimited City Attorney – Philip Wright

Mayor's Report

- a. ADDED: County Letter

Christiansen moved, seconded by Gilkison to allow Mayor Taylor to sign letters in support of the CHIPS factory in Coffey County that are similar in nature to our surrounding municipalities.

Motion carried 5-0.

Finance & Economic Development Report – Jeanne Haas

Council Member Haas reported there may be adjustments after the auditors come in February.

Community Center Report – Stephanie Baker

Council Member Baker reported that Clerk Johnson has replaced a few things, added drawer dividers and had the cabinet doors adjusted. The bar area decorative rock is falling off and would like Johnson to get some quotes and options to correct the issue.

Utility Report – Butch Gilkison

- a. Water Usage & Loss Report

Street Report - Rhonda Taylor

Public Relations Report- Jeanne Haas

- a. December Yard of the Month Results

In the order of most votes: Sean Downey 913 N Arrowhead Dr, Mike Stuke 1020 N Arrowhead Dr, Misty Conkle 1010 N Arrowhead Dr, Robert Harkrader 339 N 3rd St and Jim Kuras 360 N 1st St - Thank you to all that decorated their yards and homes.

Parks & Recreation Report – Johnny Hernandez

Council Member Hernandez reported that the chain at the basketball court needs to be replaced but the paint is holding up. We need to look at replacing an electrical conduit at the pavilion.

New Business:

Old Business:

Adjournment:

Baker moved, seconded by Hernandez, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.