**New Strawn City Council**

**Special Meeting**

**Thursday, July 11, 2024**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Rhonda Taylor

Council members: Jeanne Haas, David Christiansen, Butch Gilkison, Stephanie Baker (arrived 6:05) and Johnny Hernandez (arrived 6:06)

Staff: Maintenance Operator Steven Dwight (arrived 6:12) and City Clerk Lana Johnson

Others: Dan Haller and Mark Petterson (arrived 6:05)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Phil Jarred - Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA – 2023 Audit and 2025 Budget Presentation

Phil Jarred, CPA presented the 2023 audit report.

Phil Jarred, CPA also presented the draft budget for 2025. He recommended the city have a public hearing on August 8, 2024, as the city doesn’t appear to be exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR).

Look at possibly starting a Water Reserve Fund in 2025.

*Haas moved, seconded by Gilkison that we do not pursue (exceed) the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR).*  **Motion carried 5-0.**

**ADJOURNED**: 6:46