

New Strawn City Council

Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, July 14, 2022

PRESENT:

Mayor Rhonda Taylor

Council members: Jeanne Haas, David Christiansen, Johnny Hernandez and Butch Gilkison.

Staff: Maintenance Operator Steven Dwight, City Attorney Philip Wright, Code Enforcement Randy Rogers, City Clerk Lana Johnson.

Others: Mark Petterson, County Commissioner Bob Saueressig, Robin & Steve Laird, Leslie Mahoney and Bobbi Gellhaus.

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

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES:

Appointments: Remove a: Appointment for Phil Jarred – Budget Presentation

Add under Financial Report

b. Water Letter

Add under Mayor's Report

a. Notice of Revenue Neutral Rate Intent

b. Engagement Intent Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips for 2022 Audit

c. Engagement Intent Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips for 2024 Budget

d. Budget, September 8, 2022 Notice of Hearing to Exceed Revenue

Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing

Haas moved, seconded by Gilkison, to approve the agenda with changes. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda Items

Minutes: Move to approve meeting minutes of June 9, 2022.

Warrants: Move to approve the warrants dated June 8, 2022, through July 11, in the amount of \$111,084.51.

Payroll: Move to approve the June 2022 payroll in the amount of \$9,932.42.

Haas moved, seconded by Christiansen, to approve the consent agenda as printed. Motion carried 4-0.

APPOINTMENTS:

- a. Bobbi Gelhaus - TrustPoint Insurance, presented a check for \$3,922.23 from EMC Insurance for profit share. An EMC adjustor reviewed the buildings vs insurance coverage and made suggested changes on the policies. Attachment A

Christiansen moved, seconded by Haas, to accept the reduction and valuation on 319 Getz as presented by Ms. Gellhaus. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Leslie Mahoney introduced herself representing Richard Mahoney who is running for county Commissioner for District 5. She handed out fliers and let everyone know they would appreciate any support. Attachment B

Steve Laird read a letter regarding a concern. Attachment C

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- a. No additional warrants.
- b. Water Letter – attachment D

Gilkison moved, seconded by Christiansen, to include the water letter in with the July newsletter. Motion carried 4-0.

STAFF REPORTS

Zoning Administrator no report

Code Enforcement Officer/Public Safety

Code Enforcement Officer Randy Rogers reported having signed several haying permits. He also mentioned an area that the lane was being used as a parking lot. He requested that street signs be used to show public right of way and shoulder so the public roadway remains clear. Maintenance Operator Dwight said road signs have been ordered for the area and will be installed in the NW corner. City Attorney Wright said citations can be issued. Rogers is moving forward on other nuisance properties.

Maintenance Operator

CF CO RWD3 – 17th & Kafir – Maintenance Operator Dwight reported that Rural Water #3 may be interested in tying into the city water line near 17th & Kafir for a possible new owner in the area. Charges would be the cost of the water meter, a \$1,500 connect fee, \$36.50 water maintenance fee and \$13.77 per thousand.

Christiansen moved grant the request made by RW3 to connect with the out-of-town rates. Motion failed. Haas moved, seconded by Christiansen to allow RW# to place a meter at 17th and Kafir for \$1,500 and charge out of town rates. Motion carried 4-0.

Water Meters

Christiansen moved, seconded by Haas, to sell ipearl water meters purchased in 2020 at cost. Motion carried 4-0.

- Mower

Haas moved, seconded by Christiansen, to purchase from Coffey County Honda the Hustler Turf mower for \$15,900.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Something failed in the telemetry system for the water tower but the company will be here early next week to look at it. The water tower will need to be manually filled until it is fixed.

City Clerk

September 10 - OK Kids – Use of City Lake and Community Center

Hass moved, seconded by Gilkison to allow OK Kids use of New Strawn Fishing Lake for catch and release fishing on Saturday, September 10, 2022 and use of New Strawn Community Center for breakfast and Eagle Valley Raptor Center demonstration. Motion carried 4-0.

Sell and Discharge of Fireworks – Clerk Johnson asked if the council had thought about the times to sell/buy fireworks vs the discharge time. The sale of fireworks starts on June 27th but they can't legally be discharged until July 1st. This will be moved to the August agenda.

City Owned Lots – there has been some interest in purchasing an empty lot owned by the city. This has been moved to the August agenda and maps of empty lots will be provided.

- Community Building Rentals
July 1st – 5th Radiant Life Youth Fireworks, 9th Private Event, 10th - 14th Radiant Life VBS, 15th – 17th Private Event, 18th Coffey County Chamber Luncheon, 19th I.B.E.W., 21st WCNO, 23rd Private Event, 28th Town Hall – Jail Project Discussion
August 1st – 3rd Election, 5th Lifeline Screening, 6th Private Event, 16th I.B.E.W., 29th – 31st WCNO

City Attorney No Report

Mayor's Report

- a. Notice of Revenue Neutral Rate Intent

Haas moved, seconded by Gilkison, to allow Mayor to sign notice of Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR). Motion carried 4-0.

- b. Engagement Intent Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips for 2022 Audit

Haas moved, seconded by Christiansen, to allow Mayor to sign Engagement Intent Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips for 2022 Audit. Motion carried 4-0.

- c. Engagement Intent Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips for 2024 Budget

Haas moved, seconded by Gilkison, to allow Mayor to sign engagement intent letter with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips for 2024 Budget for \$5,400. Motion carried 4-0.

- d. Budget, September 8, 2022 Notice of Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget

Hearing

Haas moved, seconded by Gilkison, to instruct Clerk Johnson to publish page 12 of budget, notice to exceed Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) and budget hearing. Motion carried 4-0.

Finance & Economic Development Report – No Report

Community Building Report

Council Member Christiansen requested that any recommendations for the next upgrade be sent to City Hall to be forwarded to himself.

Utility Report

Water Usage and Loss Report presented.

Council Member Gilkison has been working with Dwight on checking water.

Street Report

Will be using some asphalt millings on Industrial.

Public Relations Report

Thanks to everyone for the success of Strawnfest this year.

Haas moved seconded by Christiansen to allow items purchased for Strawnfest movies to be used for library use. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Taylor thanked Council Member Haas for her hard work on Strawnfest.

Parks & Recreation Report

Council Member Hernandez asked if we had heard anything on the Eagle project for the basketball court. It must be approved by the Eagle Board first.

New Business – Council Member Haas asked that everyone review the material provided by TrustPoint Insurance and it be added to the August agenda.

Old Business – None

Adjournment:

Hernandez moved, seconded by Gilkison, to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.