

**CITY OF NEW STRAWN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, June 28, 2017
New Strawn City Hall
5:30 p.m.**

Call to Order: Mayor Mark Petterson called the special meeting of the New Strawn City Council to order at 5:30 p.m.

Those present were: Council Member Jeanne Haas
 Council Member Jim Weeks
 Council Member Gary Haehn
 Council Member Kraig Kirchner
Absent: Council Member Bobby Bryant

Others present were:
 City Clerk Kerry Templeton Phil Jarred
 LaRita Sager

The agenda for the meeting:

2018 Budget
Post Office
Code Enforcement/Animal Control

The New Strawn City Council met in special session on June 28 to discuss the budget for 2018. Phil Jarred and LaRita Sager with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA were present to assist the council and to answer questions in regards to budgetary items. Mr. Jarred also went over the 2016 Audit report with Council.

Council member Haas moved to approve the 2018 budget as proposed for publication and to set a Budget Hearing for August 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Weeks seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The closure of the New Strawn Post Office and future remodeling and possible expansion of City Hall was briefly discussed. Effective July 1, 2017 the post office will be officially closed and Mayor Petterson noted that customers with boxes rented who have not made arrangements for continued postal service will have their mail held at the Burlington Post Office for pick-up. The City will use a locked mail box near the parking lot of City Hall utilizing the physical address of 215 N. Main Street for all future correspondence. The change of address will be posted on the City's website as well as being noted in the next newsletter and on water bills.

Mayor Petterson stated that Burlington's mayor, Stan Luke, would like to talk to Council regarding a possible contractual agreement between New Strawn and Burlington for code enforcement and animal control, perhaps at the July council meeting.

Council member Haehn had spoken with the City of Gridley and learned that code enforcement was the responsibility of the city superintendent. Haehn was of the opinion that New Strawn's city superintendent, Ron Parkey, was very capable of handling the position as he has worked for the City nearly fifteen years, and felt assigning the duty to Superintendent Parkey would be the more practical and economical solution to the City's code enforcement dilemma. Haehn noted that Gridley requires a signed, written complaint be submitted before an alleged violation is

investigated by the code enforcement officer and felt this should be a requirement for New Strawn, as well. Clerk Templeton stated that some of the City's ordinances require a signed complaint be received before action can be taken on certain violations, but others, such as the 'nuisance weeds' for example, do not. Discussion by Council followed. Templeton noted that the mayor would need to appoint Superintendent Parkey as Code Enforcement & Animal Control Officer and Council would need to approve the appointment. The issue will be revisited at the July regular council meeting.

Meeting adjourned 6:41 p.m.