

New Strawn City Council

Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, June 9, 2022

PRESENT:

Mayor Rhonda Taylor

Council members: Jeanne Haas, Stephanie Baker and Butch Gilkison.

Staff: Maintenance Operator Steven Dwight, City Attorney Philip Wright, Zoning and Planning Administrator Cody Collins, City Clerk Lana Johnson.

Others: Mark Petterson, County Commissioner Bob Saueressig, Russ Taylor, David Alford, Aubrea Baker, Stacy Mowry, Craig Mowry, Harold Keller and Lois Keller.

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:

Appointments: delete executive session

CONSENT AGENDA ADDITIONS:

2022-C-02 Contractor License for Shoemaker Construction

Haas moved, seconded by Baker, to approve the agenda with changes. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda Items

Minutes: Move to approve special meeting minutes of April 19, 2022.

Move to approve meeting minutes of May 12, 2022.

Warrants: Move to approve the warrants dated May 10, 2022, through June 7, in the amount of \$28,056.73.

Payroll: Move to approve the May 2022 payroll in the amount of \$9,117.60.

Haas moved, seconded by Baker, to approve the consent agenda with the addition of Shoemaker Contractor License. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Haas moved, seconded by Gilkison to recess council meeting and enter into a Public Hearing for the purpose of comments on vacating portions of Sorg, Brown and Main Street easements. Motion carried 3-0.

Craig Mowry and Harold Keller spoke in favor of vacating streets mentioned.

Haas moved, seconded by Gilkison to close the Public Hearing for the public comments on vacating portions of Sorg, Brown and Main Street easements. Motion carried 3-0.

Gilkison moved, seconded by Haas to go back into regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Haas moved, seconded by Baker to approve the vacation of portions of Sorg, Brown and Main Street easements. Motion carried 3-0.

Haas moved, seconded by Baker to approve Ordinance 2022-02 pertaining to the vacation of portions of Sorg, Brown and Main Street easements. Motion carried 3-0 by show of hands.

APPOINTMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Additional Warrants: *Haas moved, seconded by Baker to approve additional warrants of \$10,967.50. Motion carried 3-0.*

Mayor Taylor asked for no additional comments and conversations as it was difficult for everyone to hear the meeting details.

STAFF REPORTS

Zoning Administrator no report

Code Enforcement Officer/Public Safety

Code Enforcement Officer Randy Rogers was not in attendance but City Clerk Johnson read his report. "A few dog and property complaints are being worked or have been taken care of. The Glass Lane - Industrial Rd property issue 89-day deadline will be up on Monday and it will be dealt with accordingly. It is beneficial using the written complaint system according to our ordinance".

Maintenance Operator

Security Cameras: out of stock at this time and will wait.

Sewer Cleanout Update: went well, found roots in a manhole but no issues.

Community Center: siding is being worked on but the gutters will need to be replaced (ash grey)

Haas moved, seconded by Gilkison to allow an additional \$150, totaling \$18,150 to be taken out of General Funds for siding and gutter replacement. Motion carried 3-0

Lead & copper samples are running late.

City Clerk

Workers Comp & General Liability Audit Review – refund of \$2,207.

Community Building Rentals

WCNOC Rental Request of leaving tables/chairs out/access to locked room – council agreed

June 11th Strawnfest, 14th – New Strawn Library, 16, 17 & 18th – Kurtz Auction, 19th – Private Event, 21st – I.B.E.W., 24th, 25th & 26th – Private Event, 27th through July 5th Radiant Life Youth Fireworks

July 1st – 5th Radiant Life Youth Fireworks, 9th Private Event, 10th through 17th Radiant Life VBS, 19th I.B.E.W., 28th Town Hall – Jail Project Discussion

ARPA Funds: The second tranche has been processed and the city should be receiving the funds in the next few days.

City Attorney

Telxp/Kwikom: City Attorney Wright reported that KwiKom responded to an invoice they had received for Telxp tower rent. They do not see that they took that contract over.

KOMA: attended a conference last Friday where the Assistant Attorney General presented. KOMA seems to be the biggest issue that cities tend to have.

Zoning: packets were given to council members with the proposed changes in red removing building inspector from the regulations. Council Member Haas questioned how it would affect Zoning and asked that the packet be sent to Zoning and Planning Administrator Collins.

Vacation of Street Easement: The street ordinance will need to be published and then sent to the Register of Deeds after 30 days.

Mayor's Report

Appointment of Jon Hoteling

Haas moved, seconded by Baker to approve appointment of Jon Hoteling for 3-year position on the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion carried 3-0.

2022 Mayor's Appointments & Designations:

Haas moved, seconded by Gilkison to approve 2022 Mayor's Appointments & Designations as presented with corrections. Motion carried 3-0.

Salt Bin/Infrastructure Funds:

Baker moved, seconded by Gilkison to allocate the salt bin funds from General to Infrastructure. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Mayor Taylor thanked Coffey County Commissioners for allowing the reallocation of funds.

Finance & Economic Development Report

Council Member Haas voiced concern with the delay of supplies and equipment. The city should be looking at pricing and replacing a water pump. There are only two currently working and we do not want to get down to just one. Dwight is to get estimates. Funds could come out of equipment.

Community Building Report - None

Utility Report

Water Usage and Loss Report presented.

Dwight mentioned a property located in the 17th and Kafir area that is for sale. The potential buyer is looking at the cost for water service which should be RWD #3 but is closer to the city water line.

Street Report

Signs came in, just need to find the time to install them.

Public Relations Report

Baker moved, seconded by Haas to sell the drawstring backpacks for \$10. Motion carried 3-0.

Haas moved, seconded by Gilkison to give away two drawstring bags and two adult fishing licenses for bingo prizes. Motion carried 3-0.

Haas thanked WCNO for the generous donation to Strawnfest.

Parks & Recreation Report - None

New Business - None

Old Business – None

Adjournment:

Haas moved, seconded by Baker, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.