

New Strawn City Council

Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2024

PRESENT:

Mayor Rhonda Taylor, Council members: Jeanne Haas, Butch Gilkison and Johnny Hernandez
Absent: Council Members David Christiansen and Stephanie Baker
Staff: Maintenance Operator Steven Dwight, Code Enforcement Ray Wards, City Attorney Philip Wright and City Clerk Lana Johnson
Others: Danyle Harvey & Zoey, Jaclyn Nelson and Mark Petterson

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:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Gilkison moved, seconded by Haas, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA ADDITIONS:

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda Items

Change: Warrants: A: from ?? to \$27,753.52

Change: License: A: 2024-P-01 to 2024-P-02

MINUTES: Move to approve meeting minutes of April 11, 2024.

WARRANTS: Move to approve the Warrants dated April 9, 2024, through May 7, 2024, in the amount of \$27,753.52.

PAYROLL: Move to approve the April 2024 Payroll in the amount of \$8,161.95.

LICENSES: Move to approve Plumbing License 2024-P-02 for Shoemaker Construction.

Hass moved, seconded by Hernandez approve the consent agenda with changes. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS:

- a. Jaclyn Smith-Nelson - Fowl

Jaclyn passed out copies of the current code, proposed changes and read from attachment A requesting the council to consider allowing male fowl within city limits on a 3+ acre fenced area.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- a. Additional Warrants – None

STAFF REPORTS

Zoning Administrator

- Board of Zoning Appeal Meeting – Zoning Board Approved the Rezone Request From Tim & Brenda Klubek – a recommendation to rezone is needed from the Board of Zoning Appeals. If the council approves an ordinance to rezone would need to be passed.

Code Enforcement Officer/Public Safety

- Dog Tag Update – the dog owner did not show so the court will send a summons to appear.
- Property on 6th St – the property has been mowed and an orange safety fence is now around the property.
- Property on 3rd St – the judge gave the property owner another 30 days for cleanup.
- Will need to send a notice to junk vehicle owner. It had previously been sent to the landowner. The fines on junk vehicles are \$100 per vehicle per day.
- Ray and Steven are to meet tomorrow around 11:30 to measure the distance the adjacent landowner is mowing from a residence. The homeowner wants the grass mowed father back from her house. It must be 150 feet from a residence or business. They will also check properties that need to be mowed.

Maintenance Operator

- Fish Update – ordering more fish that should be delivered at least a week before Strawnfest.
- The lawnmower broke down again, due to an electrical issue.
- Navajo St, trying to be patient with the guy. He is wanting to put a French drain and rock down trying to make it look nice. Had him reroute the fence as he was trying to block the fire hydrant.
- Had a meter setter that the top broke off. Never seen that before but it’s fixed.

City Clerk

- City Hall Closed Monday, May 27
- There have been challenges this week with no internet access and the printer/scanner being down.
- Community Center Rentals

May – 4th pm Private Event, 5th am Radiant Life Church/Slead luncheon, 9th pm Private Event, 10th & 11th Private Event, 12th Private Event, 18th pm Private Event, 21st I.B.E.W., 22nd & 23rd Private Event, 25th Private Event

June – 2nd Private Event, 7th & 8th Strawnfest, 15th pm Lyle Combs Celebration of Life, 18th I.B.E.W., 23rd Private Event, 26th – July 5th Radiant Life Fireworks

City Attorney

- Personnel Manual
- Waste Removal Ordinance

*Haas moved, seconded by Gilkison to accept Ordinance No. 2024-02 Increasing Waste Removal Fees as presented. **Show of hands 3-0***

- Rezone Resolution – discussed under Zoning.
- Food Truck – if located on private property the city won't regulate.
- Executive Session – Drainage

*Haas moved, seconded by Gilkison to enter into executive session at 7:35 pm for 5 minutes for consultation with attorney, mayor and council to discuss legal options regarding drainage issues on Seneca Circle. **Ayes: 3 - Nays: 0***

Returned to regular session at 7:40 pm.

Hernandez moved, seconded by Haas to have Maintenance Operator Dwight get bids regarding drainage issues on Seneca Circle to see what it will take to fix that.

Discussion: **Dwight:** Do you want it cleaned out where it is or on the property line. **Wright:** Clean it out where it is. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Mayor's Report

a. City Hall – Interior Paint & Flooring **Rhonda:** We had a discussion last month regarding painting and flooring in City Hall. **Haas:** Other businesses in the building have had to upgrade their wiring and the state asked if we have remodel planning to upgrade our wiring. We have always said yes. I propose that we go out for electrical bids, move a wall, take out the back bathroom. We don't need to do a facelift just to be told our wiring is a mess. I propose taking 35 – 40 thousand out of general and out of infrastructure about 30 thousand with fixing the electrical to be our main goal. **Dwight:** In 2012, when I started working here, we have the power moved from overhead to underground and we put in a new electrical panel. We are good on the breaker box. From the breaker box out is a mess. We are partially there. **Haas:** I would like to see Ron Strawder of Great Plains Design Center meet with Rhonda to draw up a plan.

b. Budget Prep/Workshop Dates – June 11, 6:00 pm

Finance & Economic Development Report – Jeanne Haas

We have money coming in, we are not in the hole anywhere. We are doing fine.

Community Center Report – Stephanie Baker

Utility Report – Butch Gilkison

a. Water Usage & Loss Report – water loss is going down.
Maintenance Operator Dwight reported on replacing a meter on the Newkirk property. There were 4 yards of concrete around the meter. We had to call Skillman in for help.

Street Report- Rhonda Taylor

Public Relations Report- Jeanne Haas

- a. Strawnfest

Haas moved, seconded by Gilkison to allow catch and release fishing from 8 am to 5 pm at the city lake on June 8, 2024. Motion carried 3-0.

Haas moved, seconded by Hernandez to give two adult and two youth fishing licenses for bingo prizes. Motion carried 3-0.

Haas provided a schedule for the Strawnfest.

- b. Fishing Permits for Crosswinds Kids Groups

Haas moved, seconded by Gilkison to allow CrossWinds Kids Groups four fishing licenses each covering one adult and four youth at the cost of \$10 each license. Motion carried 3-0.

- c. Disc Golf Kit for Ribbon Cutting

Disc Golf Tournament Strawnfest \$20 signup, would receive a New Strawn bag.

Parks & Recreation Report – Johnny Hernandez

a. Disc Golf Signage – still trying to touch base with the correct person to get this going. The plan is to buy the signs, get them installed then work on sponsors.

New Business:

Old Business:

Adjournment:

Haas moved, seconded by Hernandez, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.