

# New Strawn City Council

Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020  
New Strawn City Hall

Present: Mayor Mark Petterson; Council members Rhonda Taylor, Jeanne Haas, Gary Haehn and Richard Croll; Zoning Administrator Martha Newkirk; and visitors Philip Wright and Vanessa Dauber.

Absent: Council member Jim Weeks

## Call to Order

Mayor Petterson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Agenda Additions

Community Building Report – a. Community Building Fees

Street Report – a. Grading

## Approval of Agenda

\*\*Haas moved/Haehn seconded to approve the agenda with additions. Passed 4-0.

## Approval of Consent Agenda

Item (A) under Accounts Payable was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the regular agenda under Financial Report – b. Accounts Payable dated Sept. 11 to Oct. 5, 2020 in the amount of \$31,002.34.

\*\*Haas moved/Croll seconded to approve the consent agenda after removing Accounts Payable. Passed 4-0.

The approved consent agenda follows:

Minutes – a. Move to approve meeting minutes from Sept. 10, 2020.

Payroll – a. Move to approve the September 2020 payroll in the amount of \$8,555.05.

## **Public Comments**

No public comments

## **Financial Reports**

\*\*Haas moved/Taylor seconded to remove the City of Burlington water bill in the amount of \$12,232.93 from the list of accounts payable and to approve Accounts Payable dated Sept. 11 to Oct. 5, 2020 in the total amount of \$18,769.41. Passed 4-0.

## **Staff Reports**

Zoning Administrator: Martha Newkirk reported talking to several people seeking building permits. The New Strawn Board of Zoning Appeals will meet 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at New Strawn City Hall to hear Case No. BZA-A-2020-1, filed by Alisa James, 536 Arrowhead Dr., appealing a decision to issue a building permit on property zoned R1-Residential.

Code Enforcement Officer: No report.

Maintenance Operator: No report.

City Clerk: Continue to look at options for fire proof file storage to replace a two-door file cabinet.

City Attorney:

\*\*Haehn moved/Croll seconded to accept City Attorney Tom Robrahn's resignation, effective upon approval of a new city attorney. Passed 4-0.

\*\*Croll moved/Haehn seconded to approve the mayor's appointment of Philip Wright as New Strawn City Attorney, effective Oct. 8, 2020. Passed 4-0.

\*\*Haas moved/Croll seconded to direct the mayor to sign a contract for professional services of City Attorney Philp Wright, effective Oct. 8, 2020. Passed 4-0.

## **Mayor's Report**

Coffey County CRF Grant Resolution

\*\*Croll moved/Haehn seconded to approve a Coronavirus Relief Fund Resolution 2020-2. Passed 4-0.

\*\*Taylor moved/Haehn seconded to authorize and direct the mayor to sign a Coronavirus Relief Fund Memorandum of Agreement for Cities, School and Medical Facilities between the Coffey County Board of Commissioners and the City of New Strawn. Passed 4-0.

## **Committee Reports**

Finance and Economic Development: No report,

Community Building Report: Discussion about New Strawn Community Building rental fees.

\*\*Haas moved/Croll seconded to adopt the following rental and deposit fees: Full Day - \$100 rental fee and \$100 deposit and \$50 rental fee for each consecutive day; Half Day - \$50 rental fee and \$50 deposit; \$100 additional deposit for events with alcohol. Passed 4-0.

Utility Report: Request to adjust water bill for Texal Jenkins, who experienced a substantial water leak.

\*\*Croll moved/Taylor seconded to adjust the water bill of Texal Jenkins to reflect a three-month average of 1,057 gallons at \$14.27 per 1,000 gallons, 96,673 gallons at the wholesale rate of \$4.69 per 1,000 gallons, plus trash, maintenance fee and water protection fee for a total of \$522.92 due to the City of New Strawn. Passed 4-0.

Street Report: Killough Construction in town today milling streets on 2020 street project and will lay asphalt Friday, Monday and possibly Tuesday.

\*\*Taylor moved/Croll seconded to authorize Maintenance Operator Steven Dwight to hire a grader to spread asphalt millings on Industrial Road, up to \$1,000, to be paid from the Special Highway Fund. Passed 4-0.

Public Relations Report: Council member Haas reminded the council the dates for judging October (Halloween/Fall) Yard of the Month will be Oct. 23-25. A "Yard of the Month" sign will be placed in the winner's yard on Oct. 26.

Vanessa Dauber addressed the council about the New Strawn Community Improvement Organization's (NSCIO) plans for Halloween. Instead of the traditional Halloween party at the community building, NSCIO plans to have an outside walking trail 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at the New Strawn City Park.

\*\*Croll moved/Haehn seconded to allow NSCIO to use New Strawn City Park for a Halloween party Saturday, Oct. 31, and to allow NSCIO to use tables from the community building. Passed 4-0.

New Strawn City Hall will be a drop off location for Halloween candy donations to be used by NSCIO.

Parks and Recreation Report: No report.

Public Safety Report: No report.

**New Business**

No new business.

**Old Business**

No old business

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.