

# New Strawn City Council

Regular Monthly Meeting  
Thursday, October 13, 2022

## **PRESENT:**

Mayor Rhonda Taylor

Council members: David Christiansen, Stephanie Baker and Butch Gilkison

Absent: Jeanne Haas and Johnny Hernandez

Staff: Maintenance Operator Steven Dwight, City Attorney Philip Wright, and City Clerk Lana Johnson.

Others: Mark Petterson, Sarah Nuessen, Bob Saueressig, Steve Strawder, Wayde Thompson, Tai Troxell-Coons, Jeanette Tatton, Texal Jenkins and Greg Holmquist

**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:** None

*Christiansen moved, seconded by Gilkison, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried 3-0.*

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

### **Consent Agenda Items**

**Minutes:** Move to approve meeting minutes September 8, 2022.

Move to approve special meeting minutes September 22, 2022.

**Warrants:** Move to approve the warrants dated September 8, 2022, through October 11, 2022 in the amount of \$124,757.09.

**Payroll:** Move to approve the September 2022 payroll in the amount of \$8,890.83.

*Christiansen moved, seconded by Baker, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.*

## **APPOINTMENTS:**

Jeanette Tatton – NSCIO Jeanette introduced herself and explained that the New Strawn Community Improvement Organization (NSCIO) hosts the Easter Egg Hunt and the Spooky Stroll for the community. Last Halloween they had a turnout of 352 people which 182 were kids participating in the Spooky Stroll. Everything they are able to do is paid for by sponsors. This year they would like to update some of the decorations which some have been used since 1991.

*Christiansen moved, seconded by Baker, to approve a donation of \$250 to NSCIO. Motion carried 3-0.*

Tai Troxell-Coons – TrustPoint Real Estate - City Property, Tai explained that there was no local comp for the commercial property and suggested listing it in the \$15,000 to \$20,000 range. It would need to be a cash buyer since there was no comp. If she would list it there would be a 6-month agreement with 6% of the sell for commission. Council Member Christiansen thanked her for the information but said he wanted to wait for Jeanne (Finance Committee) to be present to make a decision.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Bob Saueressig introduced Wayde Thompson as his potential replacement as County Commissioner for District #5 – Coffey County.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

- a. No additional warrants.

**STAFF REPORTS****Zoning Administrator**

Zoning Administrator Collins was not present so City Clerk reported that several zoning applications have been received and Collins has been working with the residents.

**Code Enforcement Officer/Public Safety**

Resignation

*Baker moved, seconded by Gilkison to accept the letter of resignation from Randy Rogers, with regret.*

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Mowing Letters – City Clerk Johnson reported have mailed out mowing and dog at large letters.

**Maintenance Operator**

CIP – Walking Trails, meeting was cancelled.

Shelter House, concrete - waiting for bids. Have also included the concrete in front of the liquor store.

Security Cameras – Council Member Christiansen reported they were back in stock.

Trout/Fish – Crystal Lake has trout back in stock. Would the council prefer to restock with trout or spend the same amount on a larger variety of fish. This will be voted on at a later date.

Lead and Copper Rule/Training – the 1991 Lead and Copper Rule has been revised. All lead in new lead and copper rule has been put in place by the EPA.

Tin from Community Center - \$425 – Auction Fee \$42.50 = \$382.50

Water Pump – no update.

Maintenance Operator Dwight reported that a cylinder blew out on the dump truck. He won't have an idea of the cost to repair until he gets it out and to the repair shop.

QSI has started on the salt building.

**City Clerk**

Jury Duty 10/31 – 11/3 – Robert Williamson will be covering City Hall if Lana is selected for jury duty.

Council “In-Box” Clean-up

Kansas Set-Off Program \$484.28

Community Center – Outdoor Ashtray was stolen so another had to be purchased.

Veterans Day – City Hall Closed 11/11

Thanksgiving – City Hall Closed 11/24 & 25

City Wide Clean-up – 10/10 - 12

Zoning and Subdivision Regulations Now on Website

Community Building Rentals

October 3<sup>rd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> WCNO, 5<sup>th</sup> New Strawn Library, 11<sup>th</sup> New Strawn Library, 18<sup>th</sup> I.B.E.W.,  
29<sup>th</sup> NSCIO Halloween

November 6<sup>th</sup> Private Event, 7-9 Election, 13<sup>th</sup> New Strawn Community Christian Church  
Thanksgiving, 15<sup>th</sup> I.B.E.W., 16<sup>th</sup> New Strawn Library, 19<sup>th</sup> Private Event

**City Attorney**

Dog at Large/Dog Bite – dog owner went to municipal court and paid a fine.

Personnel Manual – City Attorney Wright spoke with an employment attorney regarding updating the current personnel manual. She is willing to meet with the council via zoom to go over options.

**Mayor's Report**

Mae's Landing – Texal Jenkins reported that he is waiting on a breakout on pricing and working with RWD3 and their engineer.

New Strawn Community Christian Church Thanksgiving, November 13

Reminder – Employee Evaluations in December

**Finance & Economic Development Report** – No Report

**Community Building Report** – No Report

**Utility Report**

Water Usage and Loss Report presented.

**Street Report**

Maintenance Operator Dwight reported with the ground drying out a lot of the roads are cracking.

**Public Relations Report**

Fall/Winter Yard of the Month Judging is 10/21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Parks & Recreation Report**

The Eagle Scout project at the basketball courts has started.

**New Business** - None

**Old Business**

City Owned Lots – Waiting on a full council to make a decision.

**Adjournment:**

*Christiansen moved, seconded by Baker, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.*