

**CITY OF NEW STRAWN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Present: Mayor Mark Petterson

Council Members:

Richard Croll

Rhonda Taylor

Jim Weeks

Others present:

City Attorney Tom Robrahn

City Clerk Joni Hernandez

City Superintendent Ron Parkey

Zoning Administrator Carl Ware

County Commissioner Bob Saueressig

Patrons present:

None

Call to Order: Mayor Mark Petterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Flag Salute: The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Additions and/or Amendments:

Under Old Business

- b. Council Chairs

Weeks moved, seconded by Taylor, to approve the agenda with addition. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Public Comments: County Commissioner Bob Saueressig reminded the Council that Coffey County proclaimed the week of May 13-17 as Free Dump Week (Landfill). The City of New Strawn will coordinate as **City-Wide Cleanup** from **May 13-15**.

Consent Agenda:

- Move to approve the March 14, 2019 regular council meeting minutes
- Move to approve the warrants dated March 15, 2019 through April 11, 2019 in the amount of \$36,101.45
- Move to approve the March 2019 payroll in the amount of \$18,786.63
- Move to approve Excavating/Building Permit for Jane Hartley
- Move to approve Excavating/Building Permit for Stephen Hopkins

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

Financial Reports:

Taylor moved, seconded by Croll, to approve additional warrants for a total of \$1,799.91. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Staff Reports:

City Superintendent Report

- Cleaned up tree limbs in park
- Mowing season started now
- Painted lines and handicap lanes in parking lot
- Cleaned up cul de sacs
- Drainage taken care of where possible; still working on Seneca Circle
- Stored salt and spreader for the winter
- Repaired curb at 301 W. Choctaw Street
- Removed dirt in culverts
- Aeration pump installed
- Rock sign to be installed next week
- Batwing rotary cutter to be delivered April 12

City Clerk Report

- Audit report filed as public record and verified by Kansas Department of Administration as required by K.S.A. 75-1124
- Bank sweep transaction charges reversed
- Foster & Associates visit
- Trash services contract renewal
- TrustPoint Insurance premium reduction
- Water Leak Adjustment request for customer
- Website

Zoning Administrator's Report

- Planning Commission will hold public hearing May 1 at 6 p.m. for Special Use Permit request from US Cellular to be erected at southeast corner of 16th Road and Hwy. 75
- Annual Review of Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Regulations and Sub Division Regulations will also be discussed as required annually

City Attorney's Report

- Policy for Competitive Bidding will be presented at **work session scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.**

Mayor's Report

- Reminder of Codification Manuscript also to be discussed at **work session scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.**

Finance and Economic Development Report: N/A

Community Building:

Door at community building needs weather stripping underneath.

Utility Report:

Weeks moved, seconded by Croll, to approve request for adjustment of water leak for Heather Kelly residence at Kafir Road that occurred in march by charging her full cost of average use of 1,000 gallons for a discount of \$454.67 and charge remained of 47,450 gallons at City's wholesale cost for a total amount due of \$289.78 including trash, maintenance and state protection fees. **Motion FAILED 1-2. (Croll and Taylor opposed)**

Street Report:

Council Member Rhonda Taylor presented hand-outs of proposed street repairs for 2019 and 2020-21 that she and City Superintendent Ron Parkey worked on. Bids for 2019 were received from APAC-Kansas, Inc., Bettis Asphalt & Construction, Inc., and Killough Construction, Inc.

The following streets are planned for repairs in 2019:

Algonquin
Cherokee
Decker
Fourth (North end)
Neosho
Payne

Taylor moved, seconded by Croll, to accept the bid of Killough Construction, Inc. for street repairs in the amount of \$134,417.50 to be paid from Infrastructure Fund. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Taylor also stated she noticed a possible safety hazard with iron rods protruding from cement parking curbs/bumpers that need to be leveled. Ten (10) car bumpers need to be placed at the parking lot by the horse shoe pits.

Public Relations Report: N/A

Parks and Rec Report: N/A

Public Safety Report: None

New Business: Unfit Structures

The council discussed designation of unfit dwellings. City Attorney Tom Robrahn referenced the City Code 8-508 that addresses the procedures to follow regarding meeting with the property owner(s) and further steps if needed. It was suggested that the property owners in question be contacted to take advantage of the City-Wide Clean up days in May.

Old Business: Republic Services Contract Renewal for Trash Pick-up

Jennifer Fagan of Republic Services was unable to attend the meeting. The Council would like clarification regarding Item 3, Letter D (Equipment) "additional service".

Correspondence: No action required

Other Business: Quarterly Challenge

Council Member Rhonda Taylor spoke about the quarterly challenge for council members to donate as they see fit for projects.

There was discussion regarding the NSCIO East Egg Hunt. It is still planned for Saturday, April 20 in New Strawn with the Community Building as a back-up if needed due to inclement weather. They will no longer be hosting a Halloween party.

Mayor Petterson adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.