

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 2023**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 2023, with Mayor Brian Ouverson calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members answering roll call were: Catherine Bergman, Carol Bergman, Terry Bryan, Ht Buie. Also present were Nancy Baker representing Stratford Community Development Committee (SCDC), Toni Larson, Jim Leiding of Bolton & Menk, Rick Woodard, Jamie Nielsen, Brad Larson, and Kim Leeds.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie, – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve previous meeting minutes from August 14, 2023, and Special Meeting on July 21, 2023. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for August 2023, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for \$26,380.14, Renewal of Copperhead Saloon License #LC0045910 Class C Liquor, Class B Wine, and Sunday Sales Liquor License, and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the Letter of Interest received from Jamie Nielsen for council seat that was vacated on August 14, 2023, by Brian Ouverson.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Catherine Bergman to appoint Jamie Nielsen to the vacated council seat with term commencing September 11, 2023. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie - aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Brian Ouverson administered the Oath of Office to Jamie Nielsen as City Council member of the City of Stratford, Iowa with term to commence on September 11, 2023 and expiring on December 31, 2025.

Nancy Baker was in attendance to update the council on the Straford Community Development Corporation (SCDC) next few events. Starting with “Music in the Park” on October 7th from 4-7 pm with music from dueling pianos. There will also be a vendor fair. Next up will be Community Church in the park On October 8th, 2023, with food following the service. Christmas in the Park will be November 26th, 2023, the Sunday after Thanksgiving for 3- 5 pm, then at 5:30 pm they will light up Leland Carlson big tree on Highway 175.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Ht Buie to approve update from SCDC for “Music in the Park” October 7, 2023, Community Church in the Park October 8, 2023, and “Christmas in the Park” November 26th,2023. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Jamie Nielsen -aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve request from Michael and Dawn Roosa to put up a mailbox for 1101 Highway 175 on the west side of Teneyck Ave about twenty-five feet from intersection of Teneyck Avenue and Highway 175. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Jamie Nielsen -aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Ht Buie to approve request from Josh Savage building permit with north and east side variance for property located at 415 Willow Street to encourage economic growth and development for business with in the city limits of Stratford. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Jamie Nielsen -aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Ht Buie to approve of Change Order No. 1 with Jet Drain & Excavating for West Tennyson Avenue Watermain Improvement Project. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Jamie Nielsen -aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Jamie Nielsen to approve Payables #2 for \$13,741.84 for the West Tennyson Avenue Watermain Project as follows: Jet Drain & Excavating for \$13,741.84. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Jamie Nielsen – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve of Certificate of Substantial Completion of West Tennyson Avenue Watermain Improvement Project. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Jamie Nielsen – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve of Final Acceptance and Certificate of Completion of West Tennyson Avenue Watermain Improvement Project. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Jamie Nielsen – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Resolution 2023-26 – Resolution approving Final Acceptance and Certificate of Completion and release of Retainage for the West Tennyson Avenue Watermain Improvement Project with the City of Stratford. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Jamie Nielsen – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Jamie Nielsen to approve Payables #3 for \$2,847.30 for the West Tennyson Avenue Watermain Project as follows: Jet Drain & Excavating for \$2,847.30. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Jamie Nielsen – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Ht Buie to acknowledge Stratford Library 2023 Annual Report. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Jamie Nielsen – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year 2023. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Jamie Nielsen – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Ht Buie to approve setting Tuesday, October 31st from 5:00 - 7:00 pm for Halloween Trick or Treat night. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Jamie Nielsen – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve Maguire Iron to paint the exterior of the water tower the same as the current color, Tnemec White for water storage sphere and Cadet Blue for the lower half to mask dirt accumulation which will assist in long term appearance. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Jamie Nielsen – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve clean up of the south lot, water plant and maintenance shop with a bid process and allowance Stratford residence to take the cut wood, and wood chips with a deadline of September 30, 2023. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Jamie Nielsen – aye. Motion carried.


Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve the inspection of the Stratford Municipal Pool. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Jamie Nielsen – aye. Motion carried.

City Manager reviewed the Stratford Municipal Pool 2023 season report with council. It was noted that attendance was up from the previous year. There was a total of 79 days this season. The pool was closed 5 full days and 4 partial days for weather. Payroll expenses were up this year due to an increase in wages for lifeguards and the hot temperatures. Lesson revenues were up from the previous year. There was a week of group lesson and a few sets of private and buddy lessons.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, Seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the Stratford Municipal Pool 2023 season report. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Jamie Nielsen – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Ht Buie, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2023-02 – An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Stratford, Iowa, by adding a yield sign on the southwest corners of Milton Street at the intersections of Milton Street and Avon Street and Milton Street and Byron Street. Roll call vote: Catherine Bergman – aye, Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Jamie Nielsen – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Berman adjourn at 8:07 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Ht Buie – aye, Jamie Nielsen – aye. Motion carried.



Brian Ouerson, Mayor

Attest:



Kim Leeds, City Manager/Clerk