

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 10, 2024**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2024, 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: Carol Bergman, Terry Bryan, Clark Conklin and Chase Haman. Council member Catherine Bergman was absent. Also present were Andy Ingram, Doug Timmons, Grant Carlson, Ryan Weidemann Hamilton County Engineer, Toni Larson, Brad Larson, Gina Swanson, and Kim Leeds.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Chase Haman to approve previous meeting minutes from regular meeting on May 13, 2024, and Special Meeting on May 22, 2024. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for May 2024, Current Claims since Previous Council approval for \$64,815.57, Rungo's License Application #LC0037613 Outdoor Service on main street on July 13th, 2024 during "Stratford on the Loose" Event, and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Ryan Weidemann was present to discuss Teneyck Avenue resurfacing project. This project will extend from Webster County line north seventeen miles to highway twenty. Work will include milling the existing surface, adding two-inch wide paved shoulders to the curves, and resurfacing with hot mix asphalt. The county is targeting a January 2025 letting, with construction during the summer of 2025. There will be temporary short-term closures of intersecting city streets when resurfacing thru town. Stratford's population is more than five hundred therefore responsibility for Teneyck Avenue within the city limits is wholly the City of Stratford's responsibility.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Terry Bergman to approve donation request from Stratford Community Development Corporation (SCDC) of \$3000 for Fiscal Year 2025. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Terry Bryan to deny approval of Destination Statford for \$1109.00 for advertisement. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve building request from Doug Timmons at 1019 Dryden with a back yard variance. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve SCDC request for season pool pass for July 13, 2024 “Stratford on the Loose” silent auction. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve request from Andy Ingram to put sign in the city right-of way. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Pool Lifeguard year Bonus Policy. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Chase Haman to approve to vote Joel Skow Board of Directors, and Dean Bormann, Allen Mains, James Rotert for 2025 nominating Committee. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Chase Haman to approve increase in lifeguard pay to \$12.00 per hour and \$13.00 per hour for manager. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Chase Haman to approve Fire and Rescue Department request for gas tanks on their property located at 630 highway 175. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the organization of a Betterment Committee. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Council had a short discussion about maintenance staff and duties. Talked about if a person and a half still works for the City.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Chase Haman to approve Resolution 2024-22 – A resolution setting wages and salaries for employees of the City of Stratford. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.


Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Resolution 2024-23 – A resolution to simplify and solve fund balances authorizing transfer and funds adjustments. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Resolution 2024-24 – A resolution to transfer funds from the electric fund to the general fund as a payment in lieu of taxes §384.89. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve to open closed session per Iowa Code §21.5 at 8:22 P.M for personnel evaluation. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve closing closed session per Iowa Code §21.5 at 8:27 P.M. for personnel evaluation. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to adjourn at 8:34 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.



Brian Ouverson, Mayor

Attest:



Kim Leeds, City Manager/ Clerk