

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 10, 2025**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 10, 2025, 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, Catherine Bergman, Terry Bryan, Clark Conklin and Chase Haman. Also present were, Nancy Baker and Sara Bryan representing Stratford Community Development Corporation (SCDC), Jim Leiding from Bolton & Menk, Inc., Randi Baker, Leland Carlson, Marie Carlson, Claude Dally, Gordon Erickson, Toni Larson, Cameron Mitchell, Lynn Peterson, Mitch Peterson, Mark Scott, Doug Timmons, Jr Ubben, Rick Woodard, Brad Larson, Gina Swanson and Kim Leeds.

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

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Chase Haman to approve previous meeting minutes from regular meeting on February 10, 2025, and Special Meeting on February 13, 2025. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

During Public Comments and Presentation Rick Woodard presented the City Council with an insurance dividend check of \$13,277.00 from EMC insurance Safety Group for fiscal year 2023-2024.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for February 2025, Current Claims since Previous Council approval for \$21,248.54 and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to open a public hearing for Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Fiscal Year 2026 at 7:09 p.m. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

No written or oral comments were received.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to close a public hearing for Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2026 at 7:10 p.m. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine 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 2025-13 – A resolution adopting Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2026. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Nancy Baker and Sarah Bryan from Stratford Community Development Cooperation (SCDC) were present to update the council on their July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 “Stratford on the Loose” event. SCDC requested permission to use the park and to close the street Shakespeare Avenue from Tennyson Avenue to Commercial Street on July 12<sup>th</sup>. The event will begin at 10:00 am, it will include a parade, children’s games, games on main street, and music in the evening.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve SCDC to use the park during the day and close street on Shakespeare Avenue from Tennyson Avenue to Commercial Street after 4:00 pm. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Randi Baker was available to address the council on the idea of a Community Garden. She explained that Iowa State University has a community garden program. They will do training for forty hours for \$150.00. She was wondering if the City of Stratford had any interest the idea or an area to do in.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Chase Haman to table request form Tyla Jensen to have chickens at her property 1125 Dryden Street to get written permission from neighbors. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Jim Leiding Engineer from Bolton & Menk was available to update the council on the drainage issue on Dryden Street. Jim reported that the field is approximately fifty-two acres. Approximately nine acres was drained to the east via six-inch tile. The remainder was drained to and tied into the twenty-four inch storm sewer at Shakespeare Avenue and Dryden Street which flows west to the Des Moines river. The five old tiles north of Dryden Street have been cut but are still operational, three tied into the twenty-four inch storm sewer running to the west, and two tied to the twelve inch flowing to the east. Bolton & Menk did a modeling of the watershed to try and understand effects of the change to the drainage system. The two primary changes are the seven additional acres draining to the west, and the shift from pothole tiling to pattern tiling. The conclusion was either to stay hooked up the old connection with five separate field tiles running through residential property, that may be plugged or connect to the new connection at the corner of Shakespeare Avenue and Dryden Street and hook to the twenty-four inch storm sewer running to the west. According to the results of the modeling done by Bolton & Menk it shows that the pattern tile is no worse than the prior condition and may even have a small, beneficial impact on the drainage in the north Dryden Street area.

Moved by Catherine Bergman and seconded by Clark Conklin to approve Ubben Tiling connection at the corner of Shakespeare Avenue and Dryden Street to the twenty-four inch storm sewer running to the west and disconnect the five old field tiles north of Dryden Street that run through residential properties. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman and seconded by Terry Bryan to approve of 2025 City Wide Clean up Rules and Regulations. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman and seconded by Terry Bryan to approve second and waive third reading of Ordinance 2025- 01 – An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of Stratford, Iowa, by amending Chapter 140 Driveway Regulations. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman and seconded by Chase Haman to approve second reading of Ordinance 2025-02 – An Ordinance amending Chapter 92; by setting new rates as established under 2012-08. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.


Moved by Terry Bryan and seconded by Clark Conklin to approve second reading of Ordinance 2025-03 – An ordinance amending §99.07 by setting new rates. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan and seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve second reading of Ordinance 2025-04 – An Ordinance amending the code of Ordinances of the City of Stratford, Iowa, by amending Chapter 90 Water Service Systems. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman and seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Resolution 2025-14 – A Resolution formalizing the City of Stratford Utility Deposit Process. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Terry Bryan to adjourn at 8:28 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

  
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Brian Ouerson, Mayor

**Attest:**  
  
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Gina Swanson, Deputy City Clerk