

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 2025**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 14, 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, Clark Conklin and Chase Haman. Council members Catherine Bergman and Terry Bryan were absent. Also present were Rick Adams, Casey Kraus, Toni Larson, Tanner Jensen, Rick Woodard, Brad Larson, Gina Swanson and Kim Leeds.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman approve the tentative agenda with the following modifications: under the Consent Agenda change item B to add invoice #8543 from Octillo for \$1,130.00, Invoice #472111 from Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. for \$2,697.50, Invoice #222527 from Oxen Technologies for \$7,087.50 for computer work, forensic testing, and restoration with the rest of Consent Agenda as follows. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – 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 March 11, 2025, and Special Meetings on March 31, 2025. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for March 2025, Invoice #8543 for Octillo for \$1,130.00, Invoice #472111 from Booz Allen Hamilton Inc, for \$2,697.50, Invoice #222527 from Oxen Technologies for \$7,087.50, Renewal of Rungo's License #LC0037613 for Class C Liquor, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales, Stratford Food Center for Renewal of Class B Alcohol License, Rungo's License Application #LC0037613 Outdoor Service on main street on July 12th, 2025 during "Stratford on the Loose" Event, Current Claims since Previous Council approval for \$139,104.92 and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve request form Tyla Jenson to have chickens at her property 1125 Dryden Street. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – nay, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve of Mobile Collect Event thru North Central Iowa Regional Solid Waste Agency (NCIRSWA). Report. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Chase Haman to approve application for noise permit from Becky Dakin for Saturday, May 17, 2025 at City Park. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

A short discussion was held with council concerning the fence around the lagoon ground. Rick Adams was present to explain that the fence needs repairs. The city maintenance repaired 250 feet of damaged fence. Adams is requesting the City replace existing fence to match his property fence

which is 4 feet woven wire fence with barbwire on top to reduce geese from invading his crops. Adams also requested the DNR tag the geese to reduce flight.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Chase Haman to table the request from Rick Adams to repair/replace fence around lagoon ground to contact DNR. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve of the Tree Removal Plan and quote from KT & T Landscaping to remove two trees for \$3,400. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, second by Carol Bergman to approve KT & T Landscaping invoice for \$5,300.00 for emergency work. The Council is requesting the homeowner portion, be charged to the homeowner. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Chase Haman, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve a tree line clearance quote from KT & T Landscaping for \$19,900.00, in an area that has not been trimmed for 5 to 7 years with larger trees to be removed. Council requested this project be spread out over two fiscal years. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman and seconded by Clark Conklin to approve the road maintenance plan. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve The Pavement Doctor quote of not to exceed \$3,500.00. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 budget Amendment and set hearing date for next regular meeting. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to consider Iowa One Call a Proxy Member. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the quote to replace hallway and bathroom floors at the pool using LOSST Funds. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve a computer server project through Oxen Technologies for \$13,641.00 to be installed in Fiscal Year 2026. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to table nuisance abatement procedure until after City Wide Clean-up Day. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman declined selling vacated alley east of 900 block of Teneyck Avenue south of Lot 2. The Council suggested the city maintenance maintain

alley. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded Clark Conklin to consider approval to change date of June 9th, 2025 Council Meeting to June 16th, 2025. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

City Manager Leeds updated council on resurfacing with milling project on Teneyck Avenue/Stagecoach Road (R21) HSIP-SWAP-CO40(113)—FJ-40 project. Leeds explained that the project is a 16.8 mile resurfacing project from Highway 20 south to Chase Avenue. Fort Dodge Asphalt is the contractor for this project. They will be starting at the north end and working their way south. Hope to be near Stratford by beginning of June 2025. They will also be slip lining culverts and working on ADA compliant sidewalks in the areas that already had sidewalks.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve of quote for \$17,600.00 from Fort Dodge Asphalt for curb and gutter at corners of Milton Street/Teneyck Avenue and Tennyson Avenue/Teneyck Avenue, for ADA Sidewalk Compliance. Curb and gutter would be 100% responsibility of the city and will be added to 28E agreement with the Hamilton County to pay back in 5 years interest fee. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Chase Haman to increase lifeguard wages to \$13.00 per hour. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Chase Haman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

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

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

Moved by Clark Conklin and seconded by Chase Haman to approve third 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, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Chase Haman to adjourn at 8:43 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.



Brian Ouverson, Mayor

Attest:



Gina Swanson, Deputy City Clerk