

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 09, 2024**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 09, 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, Catherine Bergman, Terry Bryan, Clark Conklin and Chase Haman. Also present were, Claude Dally, Kim Jensen, Jr Ubben, Rick Woodard, Jim Leiding of Bolton & Menk, Brad Larson, Gina Swanson and Kim Leeds.

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

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve previous meeting minutes from regular meeting on November 11, 2024. 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 Catherine Bergman to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for November 2024, Current Claims since Previous Council approval for \$18,512.40, 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 Chase Haman to open public hearing for Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment at 7:06 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 verbal comments were received.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to close public hearing for Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment at 7:07 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 Terry Bryan to approve Resolution 2024-29 - A resolution amending Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the cities drainage issues from drain field tiles on the field just north of Dryden Street. It was explained that Jr. Ubben had approached city council a few months earlier to get permission to disconnect the drain field tiles behind the houses on Dryden Street east of Shakespeare Avenue. At the October 14, 2024, council meeting it was approved to disconnect those drain tiles behind the houses on Dryden Street east of Shakespeare Avenue. Ubben Tiling is wanting to reconnect those drain tiles from east Dryden Street to a east/west drain tile and hook them into the city storm sewer at the corner of Dryden Street and Shakespeare Avenue and push the water to the west. Council's concerns are that the storm sewer going west is

already undersized and the city would be agreeing to put more areas of drain field tiles into it which could cause the pipe to be at capacity and cause flooding.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve to table request from Ubben Tiling to hook Leland Carlson field drain tiles to storm sewer north of Dryden Street to set up special meeting with the City Attorney. 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 Carol Bergman to approve donation request for \$470.00 from Upper Des Moines Opportunity for FY 2024-2025. 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, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Farm Lease for an additional calendar year 2025. 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 Catherine Bergman to deny noise permit from Copperhead Saloon for New Year's Eve celebration December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. 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 Catherine Bergman to approve closing Stratford City Hall on December 24<sup>th</sup> for Christmas Eve Holiday. 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 paying out Kim Leeds for unused vacation time. 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, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve making correction to definition of the driveway ordinance. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – nay, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve paying 2025 invoice for \$9,900 and look into alternative for software system. 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 holding a Council budget workshop before the next regular Council meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:30 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 Terry Bryan to adjourn at 9:13 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Brian E. Ouverson  
Brian Ouverson, Mayor

**Attest:**

Gina Swanson  
Gina Swanson, Deputy City Clerk