

April 13, 2015

The Stromsburg Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session Monday, April 13, 2015 at 5:35 p.m. at the City Office. Advance notice was published in the Polk County News Thursday, April 9, 2015, posted at the City Office, Economy Hometown Market, and the U.S. Post Office Thursday, April 9, 2015, and agendas were hand delivered Friday, April 10, 2015. Members present were Ken Everingham, mayor; Bobby Kelley, Terry Larson, and Dennis Nuttelman, councilmembers; Nancy Bryan, city clerk/treasurer; Jim Papik, city attorney; and Lenard Schaefer, public works director/city supervisor. Also present were Glen Bower, Jr., Andy Bowman, Carol Colson, Larry Colson, Burdette Flodman, LeRoy Gerrard, Dwaine Ladwig, Rob Lundstrom, Wayne Nestor, Jim Norman, Abbey Peterson, Diane Peterson, Vern Tallman, and Monica Tidyman. Lois Burke, councilmember, was absent.

Ken Everingham, mayor, called the meeting to order and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Everingham gave notice that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted at the back of the room for anyone interested and that forms are available to complete if someone has a future agenda item. There were no changes to the agenda or citizens present with business not scheduled on the agenda.

Nuttelman moved, Larson seconded, to approve the March 23, 2015 minutes. Larson and Nuttelman voted yes, Kelley abstained, Burke absent, motion approved.

The public hearing on the request from Central Valley Ag to rezone Lot 1 Block 5 and Lot 2 Block 5, Town Company's First Addition, Stromsburg, Polk County, Nebraska was opened at 5:37 p.m. Public comments were received concerning noise from fans, set backs, the location of the new construction, possible increase in traffic, and the height of the proposed storage. The planning commission recommended approval of the zoning request. The hearing was closed at 5:46 p.m. Nuttelman moved, Kelley seconded, to approve the request from Central Valley Ag to rezone Lot 1 Block 5 and Lot 2 Block 5, Town Company's First Addition, Stromsburg, Polk County, Nebraska as recommended by the planning commission. Kelley, Larson, and Nuttelman voted yes, Burke absent, motion approved.

Nuttelman moved, Larson seconded, to deny the request from Central Valley Ag to vacate Exchange Street from 1st Street south to the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way. Kelley, Larson, and Nuttelman voted yes, Burke absent, motion approved.

Dwaine Ladwig was present to give the March, 2015 police report. Nuttelman moved, Larson seconded, to go into executive session at 5:54 p.m. to discuss a law enforcement investigation. Kelley, Larson, and Nuttelman voted yes, Burke absent, motion approved. Ken Everingham, mayor, restated the reason for the executive session is to discuss a law enforcement investigation. Those present were Ken Everingham, LeRoy Gerrard, Bobby Kelley, Dwaine Ladwig, Terry Larson, Dennis Nuttelman, and Jim Papik. Lois Burke arrived at 6:12 p.m. Nuttelman moved, Larson seconded, to come out of executive session at 6:15 p.m. Burke, Kelley, Larson, and Nuttelman voted yes, motion approved.

Larson moved, Kelley seconded, to accept the March, 2015 police report. Burke, Kelley, Larson, and Nuttelman voted yes, motion approved.

The hearing on the request from Robert Martin Lundstrom d/b/a West Side Bar for a Class CK liquor license was opened at 6:15 p.m. No comments were received from the public. The hearing was closed at 6:20 p.m. Kelley moved, Larson seconded, to approve the application for a Class CK liquor license from Robert Martin Lundstrom d/b/a West Side Bar. Burke, Kelley, Larson, and Nuttelman voted yes, motion approved.

Nancy Bryan, city clerk/treasurer, presented the February, 2015 treasurer's report. Nuttelman moved, Kelley seconded, to accept the February, 2015 treasurer's report. Burke, Kelley, Larson, and Nuttelman voted yes, motion approved.

Glen Bower, Jr. was present to discuss his property at 611 Ekeley Street. Mr. Bower reported he has resolved many of the problems earlier in the day. The boat has been moved to the driveway and a pickup has been sold. Mr. Bower stated he is still working on cleaning up parts of the back yard. The side yard has been cleaned up. Mr. Bower was given until June 8, 2015 to construct a building for storage, clean up the items, and sell additional vehicles. Once completed, Mr. Bower will need to maintain the property.

Bobby Kelley, councilmember, was excused at 6:47 p.m.

Nuttelman moved, Larson seconded, to extend the listing agreement with Neeli Noyd to sell lots in the Elementary Park Subdivision. Burke, Larson, and Nuttelman voted yes, Kelley absent, motion approved.

Nuttelman moved, Burke seconded, to approve the armor coat quote from Sta-Bilt Construction Company. Burke, Larson, and Nuttelman voted yes, Kelley absent, motion approved. The streets are 2nd Street between Commercial and Central Streets; Washington from 4th Street to 9th Street; and 4th Street from Washington Street east.

The Highway 81 drainage issue was discussed. Wayne Nestor is willing to work with the city if the existing easement is not wide enough for equipment during construction. Larson moved, Burke seconded, to approve the contract with Miller and Associates for engineering services for the Highway 81 drainage issue. Burke, Larson, and Nuttelman voted yes, Kelley absent, motion approved.

The lot sold to Myron Bernt in 1994 was discussed. The county will be asked to fix the error and get the property transferred to Mr. Bernt.

Nuttelman moved to authorize the special city attorney to take legal action for non-compliant rental property owners. Action was tabled.

Larson moved, Burke seconded, to approve the following ambulance officers as elected by the ambulance squad: Angel Ewing, EMT Chief; Glen Bower, Jr. Assistant EMT Chief; L. Sue Lehn, Training Officer; and Erik Peterson, Secretary. Burke, Larson, and Nuttelman voted yes, Kelley absent, motion approved.

Making an appointment to the Midwest Covenant Home Board was tabled.

Tax increment financing was discussed. An application for a sidewalk may be completed.

Nancy Bryan, city clerk/treasurer, reported the new tape backup has been installed. Quarterly payroll reports have been completed. Mrs. Bryan is working on Carli Conrad's life insurance application and the retirement issue. Quarterly financial statements for the water department will need to be sent to USDA. Employees are still receiving telemarketing calls at all hours of the day. One remaining option will be explored in an effort to stop the unwanted phone calls. Discussion was held about the proposed gas tax increase in the Legislature. Senator Kolterman will be contacted to let him know Stromsburg is in support of the bill to increase the gas tax.

Lenard Schaefer, public works director/city supervisor, reported Schmader Electric is working with the city on the ball park lighting update. The 1999 ambulance has been sold and the proceeds will go towards the loan from the natural gas department. Employees are doing spring clean up in the parks.

Jim Norman, building inspector/nuisance officer, reported he is working on three nuisance properties. Discussion was held regarding 115 Main Street.

Discussion was held about the ambulance cot. It was reported the ambulance squad will be looking at another cot next week. It was requested at least one councilmember attend.

Nuttelman moved, Larson seconded, to approve the claims. Burke, Larson, and Nuttelman voted yes, Kelley absent, motion approved. Claims approved were **April 1, 2015 NET PAYROLL-\$13,466.73; GENERAL & UTILITIES-\$77,804.93** as follows: Craige Allison, lease-\$332.15; American Legion, su-\$49.00; Ameritas Life Ins., ins-\$366.52; Ascensus, 401(k)-\$702.07; B.B.'s Metal Works, su-\$230.80; Bascom-Turner Instruments, su-\$44.21; Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins-\$6,769.91; Data Tech, se & su-\$4,508.60; Ronald Carson, re-\$104.90; Casey's General Stores, su-\$764.79; Central Valley Ag, su-\$51.62; City of Stromsburg, se & loan pymt-\$34,098.29; Cornerstone Bank, HSA-\$1,787.50; Jake Coyan, re-\$25.00; Cummins Central Power, se-\$798.89; Steve Dubas, se-\$35.00; Dutton-Lainson, su-\$464.84; Eakes Office Solutions, su-\$45.57; Economy Hometown Mkt., su-\$67.01; EFTPS, withholding tax-\$4,534.21; EMS Billing Services, se-\$409.15; Ericson Cash Hardware, su-\$101.68; Jennifer Graham, se-\$460.00; Grain Products Co., re-\$100.00; Great Plains Pest Mgmt, se-\$150.00; Groebner, su-\$2,029.77; HD Supply Waterworks, su-\$984.43; Kathy Hengelfelt, re-\$37.74; Heritage Bank, se-\$36.02; Holiday Inn-Kearney, se-\$166.00; Jackson Services, se-\$437.13; Klein's Blue River Power & Rental, equip. & su-\$914.42; Marsden's Auto Clinic, se & su-\$161.05; Midwest Service & Sales, su-\$871.05; Moore Syndication, su-\$383.94; Nebr. Dept. of Rev., withholding tax-\$922.38; Nebr. Public Health Environmental Lab, se-\$30.00; Nebr. State Patrol, se-\$15.00; Lewellen & Carolyn Nielsen, re-\$20.00; C.J. Norman, se-\$150.00; Northern Lawn & Underground, se & su-\$285.32; NRECA, se-\$66.51; NRECA Group Benefits Trust, ins-\$577.15; One Call Concepts, se-\$11.05; Chem-Dry, se-\$800.68; Overland Ready Mixed Concrete, su-\$1,094.94; Papik Law Office, se-\$1,531.25; Pavers, su-\$93.50; Pinnacle Bank-Shelby, HSA-\$375.00; Polk Co. Clerk, contract & fees-\$6,131.64; Polk Co. News, se-\$288.35; Polk Co. RPPD, se-\$820.21; Postmaster, se-\$174.04; Rally Auto Parts, su-\$239.65; Ramada Inn-Kearney, se-\$140.00; Dena Stucky, re-\$78.92; The Nyberg Group, se-\$87.50; US Cellular, se-\$255.63; Jeff Waller, re-\$15.00; Windstream, se-\$556.05 and Zee Medical, su-\$21.90.

No further business appearing, Larson moved, Burke seconded, the meeting be adjourned. Burke, Larson, and Nuttelman voted yes, Kelley absent, motion approved, meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m. The next meeting of the Stromsburg Mayor and City Council will be Monday, April 27, 2015 at 5:35 p.m., such meeting being open to the public. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

Mayor