

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 12, 2024**

The Stratford City Council met for a budget work session on Monday, February 12, 2024, with Mayor Brian Ouverson calling the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Council members answering roll call were: Carol Bergman, Catherine Bergman, Terry Bryan, Clark Conklin, and Chase Haman. Also present was Kim Leeds, and Cathy Siefken.

Council and City Manager Leeds reviewed the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 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 Toni Larson, Jaime Carroll, Saffron Carroll, Jaylee McFarland, John Selviy, Melvin Bechtel, Jenna Mathis representing Stratford Community Development Corporation, Ron and Kathy Birkestrand from YSS of Hamilton County, Brad Larson, Kim Leeds, and Cathy Siefken.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Carol Bergman to 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 Chase Haman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve previous meeting minutes from January 8, 2024. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, and Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Melvin Bechtel was available to address the council during public comments and presentation regarding the speed limit on the east Tennyson Avenue gravel, and the rocks that are in the ditch in front of his property.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for January 2024, Current Claims since Previous Council approval for \$32,536.88, 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.

Ron and Kathy Birkestrand from YSS of Hamilton County were available to address the council regarding the services of YSS.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the donation request from YSS of Hamilton County in the amount of \$620.00. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Chase Haman - aye. Motion carried.

Jenna Mathis from SCDC was available to give the council a brief update on “Stratford on the Loose.” Event. It will be held on July 13th, 2024. SCDC will be having a carnival, foam party, food trucks, vendor fair, bag tournament, silent auction, bingo, and live band. SCDC would like to close of Shakespeare Avenue from Tennyson Avenue to Goldsmith. They will be back to update City Council as plans move forward.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Carol Bergman to set the public hearing date for the Property Tax Levy Hearing for Thursday, March 28, 2024. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Chase Haman - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Chase Haman to set the public hearing date for the Capital Improvement Plan approval for the regular council meeting March 11, 2024. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Chase Haman - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the quote from Electric Pump for \$1,205.00 for a Bermad Valve for the Water Plant. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Chase Haman - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve the General Engineering Contract with Bolton & Menk, Inc. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Chase Haman - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve the 28E Agreement for Law Enforcement with Hamilton County Sheriff Office. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – nay, Clark Conklin – aye, Chase Haman - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Chase Haman to approve a Family Pool Pass for 2024 Pool Season for the Stratford Library Fundraising Event on February 4, 2024. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Chase Haman - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve a Family Pool Pass for 2024 Pool Season for the Stratford Booster Club Fun Night Event on March 23, 2024. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Chase Haman - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Terry Bryan to authorize the City of Stratford Water and Electric businesses to pay \$100.00 each in dues to be members of the Stratford Community

Development Corporation. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Chase Haman - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Chase Haman to approve the Demolition Request from United Cooperative at 719 Commercial Street. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Chase Haman - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Chase Haman to approve the City Manager advertising for and hiring the 2024 pool staff. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Chase Haman - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the Pool Policy Manual for the 2024 pool season. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Chase Haman - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to accept sealed bids for scrap metal. Sealed bids are due by noon, Friday, February 23, 2024. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Chase Haman - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve the reading of Ordinance 2024-01 – An Ordinance §92.02 by setting new rates as established under 2012-08. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve the reading of Ordinance 2024-02 – An Ordinance §99.07 2 by setting new rates. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Chase Haman – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Chase Haman, seconded by Carol Bergman to adjourn at 8:10 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:



Cathy Siefken, Deputy City Clerk