

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 8, 2025**

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 8, 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, Clark Conklin and Terry Bryan. Council member Chase Haman was absent. Also present were Saffron Carroll, Jim Leiding from Bolton & Menk, Toni Larson, Alec Nicholson, Doug Timmons, Mark Scott, Cayden Heck, Brad Larson, Molly Vaughn and Kim Leeds.

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, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Consent Agenda as follows: Financial Report for November 2025, Current Claims since Previous Council approval for \$16,022.62, Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan - aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to open public hearing for Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment at 7:10 PM. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman - aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

There were no written or oral comments received.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to close public hearing for Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment at 7:12 PM. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman- aye, Catherine Bergman -aye, Terry Bryan - aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Resolution 2025-27 - A Resolution amending Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan - aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve Kerry and Carol Harris request for variance at 1024 Goldsmith Street for Conex storage boxes. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan - aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve request from Saffron Carroll to have chickens at her property located at 1005 Ross Ave. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – nay, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan - aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve request for noise permit for fireworks from Copperhead Saloon on December 31, 2025. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan - aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Jim Leiding, engineer from Bolton & Menk, was present to enlighten council on the Stratford Swimming Pool exploratory excavation dig to find the pool leak. A significant circumferential crack was found on the north side of the wye fitting and a lesser crack on the south side of the wye fitting which is located in front of the concession stand area. It appears to be the cause of the leak and with accumulated backfill the leaking water would not get to the surface and is likely getting to the pool underdrain system. They also looked at the two-inch pipe that goes underneath the zero-depth entry to the west along the baby pool, and hooks into the baby pool drain. This pipe has standing water in the line, and they are not able to camera it. This would indicate a sag in the line. The water could freeze and damage the pipe. Council agrees we should fix this pipe as well.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve using LOSST Pool funds to fix two-inch sagging pipe that goes to the baby pool. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Legacy Power Line quote of \$41,650 for electrical infrastructure using LOSST funds allocated for infrastructure. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve closing Stratford City Hall on Wednesday, December 24, 2025, at noon for Christmas Eve Holiday. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Council member Catherine Bergman left meeting at 7:44 P.M.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve \$10,900 quote from Trailer World, LLC for fourteen-foot H&H dump trailer. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve the purchase of a snowblower from Skoglund Auto & Power not to exceed \$1,500. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to prorate vacation time for Cayden Heck and Molly Vaughn and continue to allow City employees to rollover one week of vacation annually. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve Kim Leeds to rollover half her accrued vacation time and pay out the other half. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve holding a Council budget workshop before the next regular meeting on Monday, January 12, 2026. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve second reading of Ordinance 2025-11 An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Stratford, Iowa, by adding

Chapter 56 Animal Protection and Control. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Ordinance 2025-12- An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Stratford, Iowa, by amending Chapter 69 Recreation Vehicles. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Resolution 2025-23 - A Resolution establishing fees for Stratford Code of Ordinances: Chapter §55 Urban Chickens. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Resolution 2025-25 - A Resolution setting salaries and wages for employees of the City of Stratford. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Terry Bryan to approve Resolution 2025-26 - A Resolution establishing fees for Stratford Code of Ordinances; §Shelter House Fee; §47.06(4) Camping Facility Fee; §56.03 Noise Control License fee, §123.06 House Mover Permit Fee; §135.09(11) Excavation Fee; and §145.09(5) Demolition Permit Fee. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve Resolution 2025-28 - A Resolution of Appreciation to Terry Bryan for his dedication as a Council Member for the citizens of Stratford, Iowa. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve Resolution 2025-29 - A Resolution of Appreciation to Chase Haman for his dedication as a Council Member for the citizens of Stratford, Iowa. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Terry Bryan, seconded by Carol Bergman to adjourn at 8:31 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Terry Bryan – aye, and Clark Conklin – nay. Motion carried.



Brian Ouverson, Mayor

Attest:



Molly Vaughn, Deputy City Clerk