

**STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 9, 2026**

The Stratford City Council met for a budget work session on Monday, February 9, 2026, with Mayor Brian Ouverson calling the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Council members answering roll call were: Catherine Bergman, Carol Bergman, Clark Conklin, Mark Scott and Doug Timmons. Also present were Cayden Heck, Brad Larson, Molly Vaughn and Kim Leeds.

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 9, 2026, 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, Mark Scott and Doug Timmons. Also present were Toni Larson, Cayden Heck, Brad Larson, Molly Vaughn, and Kim Leeds.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman - aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Doug Timmons to approve previous meeting minutes from regular meeting on January 12, 2026. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman - aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Mark Scott to approve the consent agenda as follows: Financial Report for January 2026, Current Claims since Previous Council approval for \$29,702.67 KC Store for renewal of Class E Liquor License LE#0003829, and Delinquent Utility Account Report. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Doug Timmons, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve Fiscal Year 2027 Budget and set public hearing date for Property Tax Levy for Monday, March 30, 2026. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion was held with council about sub-contracting mowing and trimming and/or weed eating. Council suggested bidding it out to see what bids come in at. Council requested maps of locations be available to bidders at City Hall.

Moved by Doug Timmons, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve bidding out the sub-contracting of mowing and trimming for the 2026 mowing season. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Mark Scott, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2027 and set hearing date for regular council meeting March 9th, 2026. Roll call vote:

Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Doug Timmons and seconded by Mark Scott to table authorizing 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, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott -aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Doug Timmons to approve of Bolton & Menk invoice for \$427.50 for Stratford Municipal Pool leak using LOSST Funds. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott -aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Doug Timmons, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve of Electric Pump invoice for \$43,668.24 for lift station Flygt Pump using Infrastructure LOSST Funds. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott -aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Doug Timmons, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Legacy Power moving forward with quoting electrical infrastructure work. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott -aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Doug Timmons, seconded by Clark Conklin to approve city staff to clean up easement in alley behind 924 Teneyck Ave. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Mark Scott to approve City Manager advertising for and hiring 2026 Pool Staff. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Mark Scott, seconded by Doug Timmons to approve Pool Policy Manual for the 2026 pool season. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

The Council had a lengthy discussion about sanitary sewer concerns in the areas of the 600 block of Milton Street, corner of Washington Avenue and Pollock Street, Alley east of Teneyck Avenue and south of Dryden Street, and corner of Walnut Street and Ross Avenue.

Moved by Clark Conklin, seconded by Doug Timmons to approve dye testing of sanitary sewers in areas of concern. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

The Council addressed the future of the Community Garden Project. If someone is willing to oversee this Project then it will move forward.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Mark Scott to approve Ordinance 2025-11 – An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Stratford by adding Chapter 56 Animal Protection

and Control. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Doug Timmons, seconded by Catherine Bergman to approve 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, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott -aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Mark Scott, seconded by Doug Timmons to approve Resolution 2026-08 – A Resolution establishing a policy for snow removal at Oakwood Cemetery. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Doug Timmons, seconded by Clark Conklin to adjourn at 8:28 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye. and Doug Timmons – aye. Motion carried.



Brian Ouverson, Mayor

Attest:



Molly Vaughn, Deputy City Clerk