STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 10, 2026

The Stratford City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 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 Kurtis Bower, Toni Larson, Matt Leeds, Molly Vaughn, Cayden Heck, Brad Larson and Kim Leeds.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Doug Timmons 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 Carol Bergman, seconded by Doug Timmons to approve previous regular meeting minutes from July 13, 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, seconded by Mark Scott to approve the tentative agenda as follows: Financial Report for July 2026, Current Claims since Previous Council Approval for $22,053.51, 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 Catherine Bergman, seconded by Mark Scott to open the public hearing for Hamilton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazzard Mitigation Plan at 7:11 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons - aye. Motion carried.

There were no written or oral comments

Moved by Doug Timmons, Carol Bergman to close the public hearing for Hamilton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazzard Mitigation Plan at 7:12 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Catherine Bergman to table request from Stratford Community Development Corporation to update council. 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 abide by current Iowa Code and deny donation request from SCDC of $3,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2027. 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 building permit request with variance from Matt Leeds for property located at 1119 Washington Avenue to build fence on south

side of property. 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 Clark Conklin to table request from Stratford Fire and Rescue for additional driveway at 630 Highway 175 until DOT approves driveway state requirements. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons - abstain. Motion carried.

Moved by Doug Timmons, seconded by Carol Bergman to table request from Tom Link to address council about storm drains on east Tennyson Avenue on account of Tom Link absents. 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 acknowledge outstanding obligation disclosure statement for Fiscal Year 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, seconded by Carol Bergman to approve Midwest Pump Works quote for $3,335.00 for main lift station valve using LOSST funds designated for infrastructure. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Mark Scott to approve Jetco's quote for $4,016.21 for transducer for Water Plant. 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 Kahl Constructions invoice for $1,515.38 for pool leak repairs using LOSST funds designated for pool. 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 Mark Scott to approve Hall Backhoe and Tiling invoice for $2,748.07 using LOSST funds designated for pool. 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 proposal for electric rate analysis and design for $4,000 by David Berg. 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 by council concerning the City of Stratford drainage. The first sub-committee meeting was held on July 20th, 2026. Sub-committee members are Mark Scott, Clark Conklin, Cayden Heck, Brad Larson, and Kim Leeds. The discussion was to attack the sub-station water issues, the corner of Ross Avenue and Walnut Street, and the Fire station pond. The sub-committee met with Midland Power to address the issues at the sub-station on August 3rd, 2026. It was agreed that the new sub-station is sitting on a drain tile and that tile now needs to be rerouted. Midland agreed to pot-hole dig on both ends so that the engineer can find the fall and see if the drain tile can be rerouted to the north of the fence of the sub-station. Ross Ave and Walnut will need to be televised. It is believed that the Fire station pond is a broken tile and will be working with a contractor to get that issue fixed.

Moved by Catherine Bergman, seconded by Carol Berman to approve of Ubben Tiling invoice for $2,620.00 for drainage issues using LOSST funds designated for infrastructure. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons - aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Bergman, seconded by Doug Timmons to acknowledge inspection of Stratford Municipal Pool for 2026 season. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons - aye. Motion carried.

Council had a short discussion on the nuisance abatement process. After talking about how it works and what has been addressed council decided to leave it as is.

Moved by Mark Scott seconded by Doug Timmons to approve Resolution 2026-22 – A resolution of the Stratford City Council adopting the Hamilton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazzard Mitigation Plan for Stratford Iowa. 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 adjourn at 8:52 P.M. Roll call vote: Carol Bergman – aye, Catherine Bergman – aye, Clark Conklin – aye, Mark Scott – aye, and Doug Timmons - aye. Motion carried.

Brian E Ouverson

Brian Ouverson, Mayor

Attest:

Molly Vaughn

Molly Vaughn, Deputy City Clerk