

**CITY OF NEW STRAWN  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, October 1st, 2009  
New Strawn City Hall**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Mark Petterson called the regular monthly meeting of the New Strawn City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Those present were:	Council Member Jeanne Haas Council Member Robert Harkrader Council Member Mary Ballengee Council Member Colin Sleezer
Those absent:	Council Member Terry Swank

Others present were City Clerk Marlas Christian, City Supervisor Larry Rich, Water Operator Ron Parkey, City Treasurer Kathy Payne, Coffey County Commissioner Bob Saueressig and Mark Doebele.

**Flag Salute:** The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Additions**

Mayor's report

- a. Survey
- b. School Building/City Hall

Council member Haas moved to approve agenda additions. Council member Sleezer seconded motion carried 4-0.

**Consent Agenda**

- Move to approve the September warrants \$6,196.48
- Move to approve the September payroll \$7,924.43
- Move to approve a building permit for construction of a new fence for Mike Riley at 365 N 1<sup>st</sup>, in the amount of \$10.00.
- Move to approve a building permit for storage shed for Keith Schaller at 427 N Arrowhead, in the amount of \$10.00.
- Move to approve a sign permit for Windblue Power/Kevin Sutton at 210 Getz, in the amount of \$10.00.
- Move to approve a temporary alcohol permit for J. Redmond Chapter of Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet, November 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in amount of 25.00.

- ❑ Move to allow NSCIO to use city equipment, primarily the city's tractor and trailer, for the annual Halloween party and hayrack ride on October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ❑ Move to allow city clerk to attend the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas November 9-13, in Wichita, cost of \$460.00 with travel, meals and hotel expense to be reimbursed.

Council member Harkrader moved to approve the consent agenda with the addition.  
Council member Ballengee seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Financial:**

Council member Harkrader moved to accept additional warrants in the amount of \$14,106.65. Council member Sleezer seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor's Report**

The City's trash contract with Allied Waste Services will expire at the first of the year. Two solid waste proposals were turned into City Hall. Waste Management and Allied Waste Service. The council reviewed the proposals and will consider awarding a contract at the next regular council meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance and Economic Development:**

The council discussed having the business mall property surveyed. The mayor was directed to contact a surveyor to determine the cost. The survey will be a topic at a special meeting.

Council member Harkrader moved to advertise for sealed bids for city-owned real estate located at 215 N. Main Street, New Strawn, with bids due by 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, and publicly opened and read aloud at the regular meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5. An ad for the Invitation to Bid will be published in the Official City newspaper, *The Coffey County Republican*, once per week for two consecutive weeks. A notice also will be published once in *The Emporia Shopper*, and posted on Web sites for the city, Coffey County Chamber of Commerce and possibly Coffey County Economic Development. The cost of the ads should not exceed \$300.00. Council member Haas seconded. Motioned passed 4-0.

**Utility Report:**

The City is seeking bids for sewer repairs. Bid #1: Approximately 770 feet of 8" sewer main. Starting at manhole #5, behind 225 Choctaw and ending at manhole #12. Manhole #9 to be replaced with new deeper manhole. With a new manhole #9a to be added between #9 manhole and #12. Manhole #12a will be removed.

Bid #2: One new manhole behind 116 Algonquin approximately 110 feet east of manhole #4. All sewer bids are due by 2:00 p.m. Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**Street Report:**

No report given.

**Public Relations:**

No report given.

**Park and Recreation Report:**

No report given.

**Public Safety:**

No report given.

**Finance and Economic Development:**

No report given.

**Utility Report:**

No report given.

**Staff Reports**

Council member Harkrader moved to waive the city's purchasing policy and to authorize City Supervisor Larry Rich to purchase a utility vehicle to replace the city's 1996 Kawasaki Mule, not to exceed \$6,500, with funds to come from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Council member Sleezer seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Council member Hass moved to approve giving the two hospital beds from the old school building to the hospice in Emporia, at their expense for removing. Council member Harkrader seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Council member Sleezer moved to hold a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 13, at the school building in order to consider the following topics: sewer bids, survey of city hall/business mall, and school building/city hall/post office. Council member Haas seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**New Business:**

**Old Business:**

**Correspondence:**

**Adjourn:**

Council member Sleezer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Council member Harkrader seconded. Motion passed 4-0.