

**CITY OF NEW STRAWN
COUNCIL MEETING
December 3rd, 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 7:56 p.m., after a quorum was present to conduct business.

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

Others present were City Clerk Marlas Christian, City Supervisor Larry Rich, Water Operator Ron Parkey, Coffey County Commissioner Bob Saueressig and Citizen Glenda Perkins and Richard Newkirk.

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

Council member Harkrader moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council member Ballengee seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Consent Agenda

- ❖ Move to approve the minutes of the November 5th, 2009 regular Council Meeting.
- ❖ Move to approve October warrants, in the amount of \$11,916.75.
- ❖ Move to approve the October payroll, in the amount of \$9,510.20.
- ❖ Move to approve application by Buddies Bar & Grill for retail Cereal Malt Beverage License, in the amount of \$150.00.
- ❖ Move to approve an Electrical License for Michael Contracting, in the amount of \$25.00.
- ❖ Move to approve a building permit for Tim Klubek, 420 W. Decker, for a deck, in the amount of \$10.00.
- ❖ Move to approve application by Indian Plains Grill for retail Cereal Malt Beverage License, in the amount of \$75.00.

Council member Haas moved to approve the consent agenda with corrections to the November minutes and the amount of November warrants. Council member Harkrader seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comments:

Coffey County Commissioner Bob Saueressig informed the council about the Mitigation Plan, which shall be reviewed and considered for adoption by New Strawn City council upon completion.

Financial:

Council member Haas moved to approve additional warrants in the amount of \$9,900.74. Council member Harkrader seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

The City Clerk reported that the audit has been scheduled for February 16th, 2010.

Mayor's Report

No sealed bids were received for the city hall building. The mayor will contact local realtors about possibly listing the building for sale.

Council member Harkrader moved to approve Ordinance No 2009-06, increasing water rates, effective the next billing period, and setting the following rates: Within city limits \$30.00 maintenance fee and \$8.75 for each 1,000 gallons used; outside city limits \$30.00 maintenance fee and \$13.10 for each 1,000 gallons used. Council member Swank seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands 4-0.

Council member Harkrader moved to designate Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009, as a paid holiday for full-time city employees and to give city employees a Christmas bonus in the net amount of \$50.00 each. Council member Swank seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Council member Haas moved to approve Resolution No. 78, Authorizing EFM Consulting, LLC, on behalf of the City of New Strawn, to prepare the City of New Strawn Mitigation Plan, which shall be reviewed and considered for adoption by New Strawn City Council upon completion. Council member Ballengee seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Economic Development:

No report given.

Utility Report:

The manholes for the sewer line replacement in Arrowhead Hills are being made and should be ready to be picked up soon.

Street Report: City Supervisor Larry Rich and Council member Harkrader will schedule a time to look over street projects for the upcoming year.

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

City Supervisor Larry Rich will be taking vacation December 21st-31st, 2009.

New Business:

Council member Harkrader moved to enter executive session at 9:07 p.m. for 20 minutes, to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. Council member Ballengee seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

The council returned to regular session at 9:27 p.m.

Council member Haas moved to enter executive session at 9:28 p.m. for 10 minutes, to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. Council member Harkrader seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

The council returned to regular session at 9:38 p.m.

No action was taken.

Old Business

None

Correspondence:

None

Adjourn:

Council member Harkrader moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Council member Haas seconded. Motion passed 4-0.