

**STATE OF TEXAS)**

**CITY OF STRAWN)**

On this, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025 the City Council of the City of Strawn met in regular session to hold a meeting and public hearing. Those in attendance were:

Carl Frazier-Mayor                      Aron Johnson-Mayor Pro-Tem                      Dewaine Lee-Alderman  
Delane Abbott-Alderman              Tommy Lackey-Alderman

Also in attendance was Danny Miller, Tracie Witt, Luis Limon, Michael Orsini, Susan Hurley, Brandi Sizemore, Martha and Michael McCoy, Stacey Tretter, Terri Carver, and Becky Lenoir.

Absent Alan Alison-Alderman. Dewaine Lee left the meeting at 7:05pm.

Carl Frazier called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was established. Carl Frazier led the opening prayer. Carl Frazier led the pledge to the flag. Aron Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 14, Tommy Lackey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

During public comments, Becky Lenoir stated her concern about the traffic over by the housing authority and that there needs to be a stop sign put up. She was concerned people go around speed bumps. Susan Hurley stated that the street signs being made by the Texas Correction Department will take 4 to 5 months. Susan also mentioned she will be attending the Chamber of Commerce meeting on Wednesday night. She'll bring up the playground equipment for the lot just North of City Hall where the Farmers Market is on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. Susan would also like to have a fundraiser for solar lights on Central Avenue. Martha McCoy agreed with Susan's comments about the playground equipment and stated that they sell playground equipment that meets safety requirements by the State. Stacy Tretter Thanked everyone for their support and participation on the baseball field. The kids love the lights. Stacy stated they would charge \$50 per team to help pay for the electric bill.

Tracie Witt, City Secretary, presented certified election results from Palo Pinto County Elections Administrator. On May 3, 2025 the results are Brenda Orsini – 83 votes, Dewaine Lee – 72 votes, Alan Alison – 46 votes and Carl Frazier ran unopposed and is elected to a 2 year term for Mayor of the City of Strawn. Dalane Abbott made a motion to approve the results of the election and Aron Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tracie Witt, City Secretary, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Carl Frazier. Mayor Carl Frazier Administered the Oath of Office to Brenda Orsini – Alderwoman and Dewaine Lee – Alderman for a 2-year term.

Tommy Lackey made a motion to vote for Delane Abbott, Mayor Pro-Tem for a 1 year term, Aron Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No action taken on an ordinance/policy regarding outdoor burning in the City Limits.

Brenda Orsini made a motion to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 05-12-2025; An Ordinance of the City of Strawn, Texas Adopting a Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan; Establishing Criteria for the Initiation and Termination of Drought Response Stages; Establishing Restrictions on Certain Water Uses; Establishing Penalties for the Violation of and Provisions for Enforcement of These Restrictions; Establishing Procedures for Granting Variances; and Providing Severability and an Effective Date. Delane Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Aron Johnson made a motion to approve, Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for financial assistance in the form of a Grant Agreement in the amount of \$367,500 through the Rural Water Assistance Fund and all other related documents required by TWDB for the delivery of grant funds to the City of Strawn. Dewaine Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Brenda Orsini made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the engagement of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta as public finance counsel to the City. Tommy Lackey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Dewaine Lee made a motion to approve the Cintas renewal for the Public Works uniforms. Aron Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussed adding meter reading tasks to Luis Limon. Michael Orsini spoke and stated that he was just fine with reading the meters. He is capable of this task and has been reading meters for many years and has it down to an art. He doesn't mind cross training but not during meter reading days because it will slow the process down. Right now, it takes about two and half days. Michael Orsini statement "If it's not broken don't try to fix it" .

Delane Abbott made a motion to approve the credit of water bills to Karen Martinez and Penny Sparks, to their average bill amount. Aron Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Brenda Orsini made a motion to approve April 2025 bills paid. Aron Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Department reports: Public Works – There is a technical issue with Cla Valve in the Standpipe at Ranger Ridge. The cost will be approximately \$26,000, Ranger Ridge is aware of this issue and will be paying for this and they are going to change out the Cla Valve so that it works properly. Animal Control – nothing new to report. Sending out letters to those that haven't maintained their property. City Secretary – Looked back through the city's emails to try and find the one sent to Progressive regarding a claim on the damaged fence at the baseball field, unable to find the email. It appears it never was sent and that we hope that the driver will reach out to the City and give his insurance information. DCOS – has not completed budget, David Hawes is working on this. The meeting will be on Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 6pm. They are discussing the Guest Chapel to determine future steps regarding maintenance. City Administrator – The tournament at the baseball field was a great turn out and there were lots of people that attended which in return helps Strawn, hope to see an increase on the sales tax. Stacy Tretter has done a good job taking charge of the baseball field and putting together the tournaments and hope that there will be more to come.

Mayor's Report - Carl Frazier discussed the Historical Tour and there were 115 visitors, it was a great turn out and was glad to see this many people interested in the tour. Virginia Jones is still interested in donating funds to the cemetery for the columbarium.

There being no further business to discuss, Aaron Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Tommy Lackey seconded. Meeting adjourned with a vote of 4-0 at 7:32 p.m.

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