

CITY OF

MAYOR

Tim Stearns

*"A Valley
Of
Friendliness"*



COUNCIL MEMBERS

Adam Blackburn

Jackie Hagberg

Wren Hoffman

Kevin Pieters

Cory Schurman

The Steamboat Rock City Council met in regular session September 13th, 2021, 6:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers and available via zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions. Present were Mayor Stearns and the following council members: Adam Blackburn, Jackie Hagberg, Kevin Pieters, Cory Schurman, and Wren Hoffman, absent: no one. Also present were Dave and Cheryl Mull, Jim Kramer, Marcia Frerichs, Diane Hennagir, Dave Hagberg, Melissa Johanson, Jolene Pieters, Scott Williams, Marvin Veld, JJ Veld, Bob & Vicki Hutchcroft, Carol Williams, Sandy Trampe, and Renee Oltrogge.

Mayor Stearns called the meeting to order. Pieters moved, seconded by Blackburn to approve the posted agenda. Absent: No one.

Pieters moved, Hagberg seconded the motion to approve the City bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: No one.

Hours were presented for Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk and Kelly Haskins, Water/Sewer Supervisor. Hagberg moved, Pieters seconded the motion to approve hours as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: No one.

Pieters moved to approve the August 9th, 2021 minutes. Hoffman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: No one.

Public comments:

Building permit request for 204 6th St. Pieters moved, Hagberg seconded the motion to approve permit as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: No one. Pieters advised council needs to discuss the future of shipping containers being used in City limits.

Mayor Stearns advised response to perceived bar fight at Happenings that was brought up at the prior meeting. No discussion.

Dave Hagberg described there was an issue with the dump not being open and no one available to unlock it. Schurman asked if we could have a schedule and Pieters advised we can't just leave it open due to illegal dumping. Hagberg advised we will be putting up new signs for the compost pile. Hagberg is upset that he can't put clean wood chips in the dump. Wood chips discussed with David Miller at the DNR field office #2 in Mason City, that there are three ways to do this correctly and David would help us with this issue. Pieters advised we need to research it and discuss this at the next meeting. Contact Dave Hagberg for access to the stick dump at 214-693-1928.

Jim Kramer discussed the trophies and pictures in the school being moved to The Historic Society. They are not willing to take the photos due to limited space, cost, and already having all the photos in books. Cheryl Mull discussed the school trophy's and class pictures petition stating Craig Babcock would like the left over trophy's to be placed in his building or put in the welcome center.

Dianne Hennagir advised the noise is getting too loud in town regarding Happenings and her neighbor two houses to the east. Hennagir dis-proves of the migrant workers being here as they reduce the peaceful enjoyment of her property. Bob Hutchcroft has received complaints from residents uncomfortable about using the shelter house and playground due to the intimidating presence of the migrant workers. Mayor Stearns

advised these comments will be taken into consideration when requested to rent rooms to the migrant workers in 2022.

Hoffman advised that she filed a complaint against the City for violating closed meeting laws.

Melissa Johanson, Librarian presented the library report stating implementing a policy if vendors want to use their electricity there will be a \$20 fee and a lock box in place. There will be no Halloween party in 2021. Discussing planting three trees by the pergola and adding cameras on the pergola and the front of the library due to the misuse of the food bank. Library PO's 2021090201, 2021090202, and 2021090203 were presented for approval. Pieters moved, Hagberg seconded the motion to approve PO's as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: No one.

Scott Williams, Fire Chief presented the Fire Department report stating they had snow cones for this year's bike show event. Can redemption has been going great and a new box will be there for glass containers. The money is allocated for changing out lighting systems to LED on rigs. Tanks and face masks testing completed. Williams asked council about the small engines changed over to airline fuel and asking to put this on the credit card. Pieters moved to allow the Fire Chief to use the City credit card to purchase aviation fuel at the Iowa Falls Airport to be used in the Fire Department's small engines. Schurman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: No one. Fire Department PO's 75 and 76 were presented for approval. Blackburn moved, Hagberg seconded the motion to approve PO's as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: No one.

JJ Veld presented the public works report stating this last quarter of testing for e-coli in the waste-water samples was well below tolerance limits. Advised we have another manhole replacement to complete. Chief Williams asked if Veld noticed if there was any sand in the water system since they had some come out of the fire hydrants. Also asked to paint the fire hydrants bright red.

Mayor Stearns stated no report on distressed properties.

Response to Noise Abatement Request per Mayor Stearns stated he did research and considers it unreasonable. Hoffman asked what was used to measure the noise and Mayor Stearns advised it is an app on his phone that anyone can use. Schurman and Pieters advised it will never be quiet enough to have your windows open all of the time with no noise. Pieters advised trucks are not parking there all night with engines running during the windows open time of year, and you are always going to have trucks go thru town. Hoffman advised it seems like this particular complaint is being brushed aside. Blackburn advised we have taken a lot of action around noise, we are currently rewriting our ordinance, and this particular complaint is unreasonable. Hoffman doesn't think the complaint is unreasonable. Hagberg advised we need to put a curfew on it and Mayor Stearns explained the trucks need to start and idle to get the air pressure up and they work at night. Schurman advised he owns one of the properties across the street and his tenants don't have any issues with noise from the trucks. Chief Williams discussed how this is going to be policed since other ordinances such as the jake brake is not enforced and making this rule for one business doesn't seem fair. Blackburn advised we need to set an ordinance with guidelines that we want to enforce. Hagberg advised we need to show them we are re-writing the noise ordinance. Mayor Stearns advised the business should be able to sustain their business within this ordinance as proposed. Schurman advised we don't respond until the new ordinance is passed.

Proposed first draft of a new Noise Ordinance was presented for council to review and be discussed and complete the first reading at the October meeting.

Auction totals given of Fire Department of \$5,374.12 and Library of \$465.37. Thank you for everyone that donated items and bought items on auction.

Mayor Stearns explained the lease payments to the solar company are 100% due when the solar energy is produced and then we get a Kilowatt credit on our Alliant bill the next month.

Hazard Mitigation Grants are becoming available to The State of Iowa from FEMA and Homeland Security due to COVID-19 and other declared natural disasters for cities with a cost share 75/25. The cities need to have their 25% cost share in hand at the time of filing the "Notice of Interest" for the grants. The hazards noted for each community in the 2017 Hardin County Hazard Mitigation document dictates what hazards each city can apply for now. Three hazards were noted for Steamboat Rock: 1) New back-up generator for the Lift station, 2) New back-up generator for the Community center/old schoolhouse facility, 3) Installation of a culvert at the 3200 Mile of County road 200th St. The engineering would need to be done in advance with the full cost paid by the City in addition to the City's cost share. Hoffman moved to approve

grant application for a new back-up generator at the lift station. Hagberg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: No one.

2021 Year End Annual Financial Report was presented. Motion to approve Resolution 21-09 was made by Pieters and seconded by Schurman. Roll call - Blackburn- aye, Hagberg- aye, Hoffman- aye, Pieters-aye, and Schurman- aye. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

2021 Year End Streets Financial Report was presented. Motion to approve Resolution 21-10 was made by Hagberg and seconded by Pieters. Roll call - Blackburn- aye, Hagberg- aye, Hoffman- aye, Pieters-aye, and Schurman- aye. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Mayor Stearns advised in the welcome center there are two trophy cases and Hagberg has volunteered to paint one of them. Schurman asked the old school colors and Pieters advised blue and gold. Hagberg suggested black. Schurman asked resident's their opinion and they requested to keep it as is. Discussion about keeping the doors unlocked 24/7.

Examples of city Ordinances for Fencing Around Swimming Pools presented for council review. Oltrogge advised other clerks do not enforce this ordinance. Pieters is concerned with too many rules in town and we shouldn't be liable for this as a city. Pieters moved to not to have an ordinance on this item. Schurman seconded the motion. Hagberg requested to table it for next meeting and do research. Roll call - Blackburn- aye, Hagberg- nay, Hoffman- nay, Pieters- aye, and Schurman- aye. Motion carried. Absent: no one.

Tree Treatments for Ash Trees. There are two by the playground and one in the small City park on Market St. Treatment is \$220 per tree and it is done every other year. Bob Hutchcroft from The Visionary Group requested we share 50% of this cost. Hagberg moved to approve this agreement. Blackburn seconded the motion. Roll call - Blackburn- aye, Hagberg- aye, Hoffman- nay, Pieters- aye, and Schurman- aye. Motion carried. Absent: no one. Hoffman asked if anyone consulted a DNR Forester. Hutchcroft advised he has a person in Iowa Falls that does this for a living and Mayor Stearns advised we do have the published tree report from 2018 and stated what the survey says about mature trees. Hutchcroft advised the treatment would start in 2022.

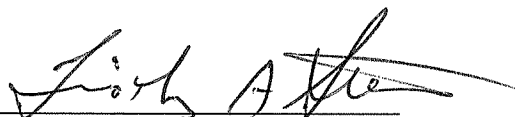
Solar Panels: Blackburn stated no report.

Mayor Stearns asked if the city will have Trick or Treat Night. The Library is not participating this year. The Steamboat Rock Baptist Church is having a trunk & treat. Jim Kramer was kind enough to offer information that the church was waiting for the City to pick the night. Vicki Hutchcroft requested that the City have theirs the same night as the local schools designate. Pieters moved to approve for Saturday, October 30th, from 5pm-7pm. Blackburn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: No one.

Hagberg advised we are planning an Art in the Park for June 25th, 2022 and is requesting council permission. To be discussed at next meeting.

Mayor Stearns comments: Life is short, don't waste it.

Schurman moved to adjourn the meeting, Pieters seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: No one. Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.



Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor



Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk

City of Steamboat Rock Claims To Be Approved 09/13/2021

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
VCID	09/13/2021	1971			
Check	09/13/2021	ACH	United States Treasury	Payroll	555.82
Check	09/13/2021	ACH	IPERS	Payroll	545.72
Check	09/13/2021	ACH	Alliant Energy	Electric/gas	2,634.17
Check	09/13/2021	ACH	Heart of Iowa	\$207.01 City, \$27.20 FD, \$27.20 Water, \$52.31 Library	313.72
Check	09/13/2021	ACH	Culligan	\$10.00 Library, \$153.07 City (Pd by Trevino Ag)	163.07
Check	09/13/2021	ACH	Great Western Bank CC	\$391.65 Mnt, \$2304.99 Lib, \$471.79 Sewer, \$153.40 Train, \$1336.60 Office	4,658.43
Check	09/13/2021	ACH	Grundy National Bank	Community Center Loan Payment	2115.00
Transfer	09/13/2021	ACH	Library	City contribution & tax levy	300.00
Check	09/13/2021	1972	Brown Supply	Manhole - Sewer	1,445.00
Check	09/13/2021	1973	DNR	Annual NPDES Permit - Water	210.00
Check	09/13/2021	1974	IAS	FD - LP Tank Charges	11.55
Check	09/13/2021	1975	Williams Underground Services	Sewer	547.00
Check	09/13/2021	1976	AP Appliance	Fridge for Community Center	999.00
VOID	09/13/2021	1977			
Paycheck	09/13/2021	1978	Haskins, Kelly	Payroll	390.30
Paycheck	09/13/2021	1979	Johanson, Melissa M	Payroll	640.28
Paycheck	09/13/2021	1980	Oltrogge, Renee	Payroll	1418.98
Check	09/13/2021	1981	VandeVoort, Darlene K	Payroll	375
Check	09/13/2021	1982	Veld, JJ	Contractual earnings	2,300.00
Check	09/13/2021	1983	Veld, JJ (mileage)	Mileage	266.16
Check	09/13/2021	1984	Jacob Oberle	Cleaning Contract	200.00
Check	09/13/2021	1985	Oltrogge, Renee A.	Mileage	212.28
Check	09/13/2021	1986	Ag Machinery	Vehicle Repairs	125.50
Check	09/13/2021	1987	Blythe Sanitation	Garbage pickup	1,979.00
Check	09/13/2021	1988	Brown Supply	Manhole	730.00
Check	09/13/2021	1989	Eldora Hardware	UPS charges; Lib 26.07	166.01
Check	09/13/2021	1990	Hardin County Sheriff	County Sheriff Contract	613.54
Check	09/13/2021	1991	Hardin County Solid Waste	Landfill assessment fee	2,441.25
Check	09/13/2021	1992	IAS	FD 1105.68, Streets 70.68	1,176.36
Check	09/13/2021	1993	Iowa Falls Computer Center	IT	80.25
Check	09/13/2021	1994	JCJDW Investments LLC	Solar Panels	2,001.81
Check	09/13/2021	1995	Keystone Lab	Water & sewer analysis	719.90
Check	09/13/2021	1996	Mid America Publishing	Publishing	362.33
Check	09/13/2021	1997	Shield Pest Control, LLC	Pest control	35.00
Check	09/13/2021	1998	Rock Stop	Fuel for fire trucks \$138.16/City \$40.85	36.42
Check	09/13/2021	1999	Roto Rooter	Main water line	250.00
Check	09/13/2021	2000	USPO	Box rental	72.00
Check	09/13/2021	2001	Compressed Air	FD	55.63

TOTAL

\$ 31,146.48

Alliant Energy Breakdown

21.80	Ball Field
22.53	Welcome Sign
1112.86	Street Light
114.51	Lift Station
30.08	Fire Department
348.81	Water
0.00	Community Center
788.61	Sewage Treatment Plant
194.97	Library
2634.17	TOTAL

Heart of Iowa Breakdown

207.01	City
27.20	Fire Department
27.20	Water
52.31	Library
313.72	TOTAL

Solar Panels Breakdown

1924.62	Community Center
77.19	Fire Department
2001.81	TOTAL