

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 October 11th, 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, Kevin Pieters, and Cory Schurman, absent: Jackie Hagberg and Wren Hoffman. Also present were Dave Hagberg, Melissa Johanson, Carol Williams, David Miller, Scott Williams, Craig Babcock, JD Holmes, and Renee Oltrogge.

Mayor Stearns called the meeting to order. Schurman moved, seconded by Pieters to approve the posted agenda. Absent: Jackie Hagberg and Wren Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.

Schurman moved to approve the September 13th, 2021 minutes. Blackburn seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Jackie Hagberg and Wren Hoffman.

Pieters moved, Schurman seconded the motion to approve the City bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Jackie Hagberg and Wren Hoffman.

Hours were presented for Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk and Kelly Haskins, Water/Sewer Supervisor. Schurman moved, Pieters seconded the motion to approve hours as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Jackie Hagberg and Wren Hoffman.

Public comments: none

David Miller from the DNR Mason City that covers Hardin County came in to describe municipal composting. Dave Hagberg gave David Miller a tour of the compost pile and the adjacent structures/ activities. David Miller gave the city clerk information about minimum requirements on signage and permits. Miller explained that the burn pile and composting facility located in the same fenced in area looks adequate. Wood chips are generally not great for City compost piles, but may be mixed in a ratio of no more than 25%. Stearns asked how many towns our size have compost sites and Miller advised about half of the towns do have compost sites. Discussed moisture needs as per handout received. Once the pile gets to just about 150 degrees F internally, it is time to roll the materials to let in more oxygen. That may be as often as twice/week during the warm months. Once it turns colder, turning the materials over is seldom needed. Hagberg suggested that if we turn it twice a week when it is hot we will have a finished product within two years. Hagberg asked if he can get water from the firehouse and Kevin advised that shouldn't be a problem.

Melissa Johanson, Librarian presented the library report. Request for separate fund accounting for a Library "savings account" for unused funds from the 2021 fiscal year and for designated contributions. The cameras have been installed and she can speak thru them and hope to help deter mischief. The basement wall tightening is going better with the new wrench. Tree lighting is November 24th, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Pre-lighting activities include: cookies, story reading, coloring contest, and possible gift certificates. Residents have been requesting a sun cover over the pergola, so the Friends of the Library might pay for it and plant three Blaze Maple Trees to the west. Working on getting written permission from the adjacent property owner to plant right on property line.

Scott Williams, Fire Chief presented the Fire Department report stating they did burn down a barn and were given a donation for that. There was a resident complaint for running lights and sirens in town. Presently up to 18 or 19 volunteers. Need to replace all 8 glow plugs in the brush fire unit at around \$190 for each. There

was a briefing tonight for a fatal accident on highway 20. Report that there were kids breaking bottles, we will make a container for glass bottles.

Cory Schurman presented the public works report for JJ Veld. Need to discuss purchasing a replacement bucket for the end loader. Research has found an ACS bucket made new for about \$5,600 compared to rebuilding the existing bucket that may not be worth repairing. A used bucket is too expensive compared to new. Could also look at an auction to replace the entire unit and get pallet forks in the deal at a state auction on Saturday. Pieters will get a few local bids to rebuild the bucket and we need to make a decision soon since it will take at least 30 days to get re-built or buy a new one. Schurman moved to approve the amount to spend no more than \$7,000 delivered for rebuilding or buying a new loader bucket. Pieters seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Jackie Hagberg and Wren Hoffman. Schurman mentioned to discuss with Veld a collapsed septic tank that needs to be repaired since it is a health issue.

Mayor Stearns stated no report on distressed properties other than the papers for 103 East Main St to sign ownership to another local party are prepared.

Proposed third draft of a new Noise Ordinance was presented for council to review and be discussed. Per Schurman request, examples of certain decibel were described. Holmes advised the Sheriff's office does not have a way to measure sound and does not have a record of enforcing sound complaints. Pieters asked how and who is going to police this proposed ordinance. Blackburn believes it falls on the City to respond to complaints, do the research, and determine how to police the situation. Pieters discussed the proposed noise duration limits. Blackburn requested we have printed permits made to be posted at events that a variance to the noise ordinance has been approved by the city council. Schurman asked the final draft be consistent at the 88 Db rather than 85 one place and 88 another. Schurman moved to complete the first reading tonight, Pieters seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Jackie Hagberg and Wren Hoffman. Roll call - Blackburn- aye, Pieters- aye and Schurman- aye.

Trophy retention suggestions from The Historic Society were reviewed: Option #1—Keep only the trophies that are part of state competition such as sectional, district, etc. That would be approx. 32 trophies to keep. There are about 20 trophies from the "Pine Lake Conference" from the years of 1940 through 1959. One of these trophies has the names of the players that year. The Historical Society would take that trophy and we would put it on display along with poster that would list all the other years that trophies were won. That way the history of the "Pine Lake Conference" would not be lost. There are around 20 trophies from 1960 through the late 1980's that are also "conference" trophies that I would suggest you give away or throw away. The remaining trophies are mostly Jr. Hi. trophies that could for sure be given away or thrown away. Option #2—Same as above except also keep the 20 trophies from 1960 through the 1980's. This would be another 20 trophies to keep and would put the total to keep at 52. Option #3—Put all the trophies back in the display case EXCEPT the J.H. trophies. They do NOT need to be kept. Oltrogge advised at least 20 of the cities in Iowa that responded to her question about keeping trophies, are currently active schools that are photo digitizing trophies and then discarding the trophies. Schurman advised he can donate a few televisions if needed for that purpose. Pieters believes the schoolhouse is very large and we need to keep the trophies now for those that want to keep the trophies and throw them away after those residents are all gone and Blackburn agreed with Pieters. Pieters asked we make a committee to handle all of the trophies, trophy cases, year books, and class photos. Please contact Craig Babcock to join this new committee to present ideas to the city on these memorial items.

Visitors Center discussed by Mayor Stearns advised we need to apply non-slip paint to the whole floor plus paint the walls in the bathroom, add a door lock on the inside of the bathroom, and perhaps add a baby changing station. Schurman suggested the city promote the bike trail with renting bikes. Blackburn asked about having the area open in the winter for the kids to wait for the bus and it was discussed there is already a camera in that space.

IPIB Complaint will be discussed on the line item for the resolution.

Mayor Stearns explained there is a big dead red elm by the concession stand and a limb fell on the concession stand and dinged a part on the roof. Mayor Stearns is getting a bid to drop the tree. Pieters advised to just haul it to the dump and Blackburn advised to take sealed bids from people who want to clean up the wood for firewood to offset some of our cost to have it dropped. Schurman said to rotate the access of dead wood around town. Blackburn moved to accept bids to drop the tree and accept closed bids for cleaning up the wood. Pieters seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Jackie Hagberg and Wren Hoffman.

Stick dump discussion. Mayor Stearns advised wood chipping is getting more popular and best case is for people to have them spread on a farmers land, not bring them to the stick dump. New signage is coming for the compost pile and stick dump. Hours are currently open 1st and 3rd weekends and it was discussed to open additional hours. Schurman requested all council, mayor, and city office to have a copy of the keys and Oltrogge said no and explained there have been no complaints since it's been open the two weekends a month. Pieters and Schurman are both ok with having keys. It was decided to stick with open the two weekends a month.

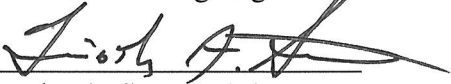
Art in the Park for June 25th, 2022 needs to be approved. Schurman moved to approve the event and to close streets if needed, Blackburn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Jackie Hagberg and Wren Hoffman.

Shipping containers being used locally for storage or other uses were discussed. Pieters is concerned how they will look visually 10 years down the road. Painting, level, concrete footings, rodents, level of repair, shingles, concrete pad, stackable, and other issues may arise and guidance is needed.

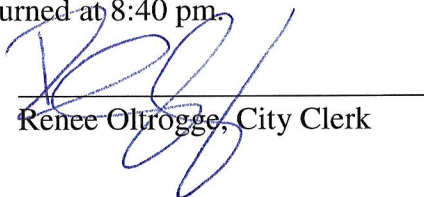
Iowa Public Information Board Informal Resolution presented by Mayor Stearns. Mayor Stearns stated in the interest of not wasting additional time that could be used for doing good in Steamboat Rock, that we may have made an error by not having the closed session portion of the June 14, 2021 City Council meeting on the posted agenda. The Mayor and City clerk are required to prepare a checklist to be used for future closed sessions. At the November City Council meeting we are required to watch a one hour power point training presentation. Schurman moved to approve the informal resolution, Pieters seconded the motion. Blackburn asked what happens if the council votes no on this? Mayor Stearns advised the complaint goes to a probable cause investigation and will waste a lot more time, money, and energy. Schurman advised this is the lesser of two evils and a complete waste of time, no malice, no self-gain, and there needs to be accountability for the person that created the complaint. Roll call vote - Blackburn- nay, Pieters-aye and Schurman- aye. Absent: Jackie Hagberg and Wren Hoffman. Motion carried. Blackburn stated his vote was no so if anyone has questions they can discuss it with him.

Mayor's comments: Experience is the hardest kind of teacher; it gives the test before the lesson.

Schurman moved to adjourn the meeting, Blackburn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Jackie Hagberg and Wren Hoffman. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.



Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor



Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk

City of Steamboat Rock Claims To Be Approved 10/11/2021

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Check	10/11/2021	ACH	Iowa Department of Revenue	WET Tax - 2021 3rd quarter	579.00
Check	10/11/2021	ACH	Iowa Department of Revenue	State Tax withholding - 2021 3rd quarter	48.00
Check	10/11/2021	ACH	United States Treasury	Payroll	483.70
Check	10/11/2021	ACH	IPERS	Payroll	461.68
Check	10/11/2021	ACH	Alliant Energy	Electric/gas	2,269.43
Check	10/11/2021	ACH	Heart of Iowa	\$171.27 City, \$27.20 FD, Water \$27.20, \$39.42 Library	265.09
Check	10/11/2021	ACH	Culligan	Library \$10.00, City \$433.35 (Trevino Ag Services)	443.35
Check	10/11/2021	ACH	Great Western Bank CC	\$458.72 Mnt, \$369.18 Sewer, \$251.31 Staff Dev, \$177.03 Office, \$157.47 Shipping	1,413.71
Check	10/11/2021	ACH	Grundy National Bank	Community Center Loan Payment	2115.00
Transfer	10/11/2021	Transfer	Library	City contribution & tax levy	300.00
Paycheck	10/11/2021	2005	Haskins, Kelly	Payroll	390.30
Paycheck	10/11/2021	2006	Johanson, Melissa M	Payroll	771.96
Paycheck	10/11/2021	2007	Oltrogge, Renee	Payroll	1418.98
Paycheck	10/11/2021	2008	VandeVoort, Darlene K	Payroll	347.9
Check	10/11/2021	2009	VOID		
Check	10/11/2021	2010	Jacob Oberle	Cleaning Contract (1/2 paid by Trevino Ag Services)	400.00
Check	10/11/2021	2011	Veld, JJ	Contractual earnings	2,300.00
Check	10/11/2021	2012	Veld, JJ (mileage)	Mileage	475.55
Check	10/11/2021	2013	Oltrogge, Renee A.	Mileage	243.04
Check	10/11/2021	2014	Baker & Taylor	Library PO #2021090201	181.63
Check	10/11/2021	2015	Blythe Sanitation	Garbage pickup	2,259.55
Check	10/11/2021	2016	Eldora Hardware	UPS charges; Lib 26.07	90.68
Check	10/11/2021	2017	Hardin County Sheriff	County Sheriff Contract	613.54
Check	10/11/2021	2018	Iowa Falls Glass	Plexy glass screen	275.75
Check	10/11/2021	2019	Iowa League of Cities	Yearly Dues	356.00
Check	10/11/2021	2020	Interstate Battery	Fire Department PO# 75	273.90
Check	10/11/2021	2021	NAPA	Fire Department PO# 75	368.98
Check	10/11/2021	2022	JCJDW Investments LLC	Solar Panels	1,806.59
Check	10/11/2021	2023	Kevin Pieters Well Drilling Inc	Invoice #5967	93.93
Check	10/11/2021	2024	Mid America Publishing	Publishing	172.42
Check	10/11/2021	2025	Overdrive	Library PO# 2021090202	355.80
Check	10/11/2021	2026	Rock Stop	Fuel for fire trucks \$292.88/City \$26.97	319.85
Check	10/11/2021	2027	Sandry Fire Supply	Fire Department PO# 76	1,327.50
Check	10/11/2021	2028	Shield Pest Control, LLC	Pest control	35.00
Check	10/11/2021	2029	Superior Welding	Oxygen & Acetylene	90.00
Check	10/11/2021	2030	Stockdale Law, LLC	City Attorney charges	187.50
Check	10/11/2021	2031	Post Office	Library Post office box PO# 2021090203	72.00
Check	10/11/2021	2032	Visionary Group	Grill repair & cleaning (Trevino Ag Services)	500.00

TOTAL

Heart of Iowa Breakdown

171.27	City
27.20	Fire Department
27.20	Water
39.42	Library
265.09	TOTAL

Solar Panels Breakdown

1806.59	Community Center
70.10	Fire Department
1876.69	TOTAL

Alliant Energy Breakdown

21.11	Ball Field
20.42	Welcome Sign
1113.44	Street Light
94.87	Lift Station
19.43	Fire Department
281.97	Water
0.00	Community Center
577.88	Sewage Treatment Plant
140.31	Library
2269.43	TOTAL

\$ 24,107.31