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 December 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, Wren Hoffman, Kevin Pieters, Cory Schurman, and Jackie Hagberg attend via zoom due to illness, absent: no one. Also present were Mickey Shields, JD Holmes, Scott Williams, Craig Babcock, Jim & Ladana VanEschen, Shane Blythe, JJ Veld, and Renee Oltrogge.

Mayor Stearns called the meeting to order. Schurman moved, seconded by Blackburn to approve the posted agenda. Absent: no one. Motion carried unanimously.

Mickey Shields, VP of The League of Cities presented the required Sunshine Laws for open/closed meeting session rules with a power point presentation. Closed Session Checklist presented and reviewed. Pieters moved, seconded by Schurman to approve the checklist. Absent: no one. Motion carried unanimously.

Pieters moved to approve the November 8th, 2021 minutes. Schurman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Schurman moved, Blackburn 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 Haskin, Water/Sewer Supervisor. Blackburn moved, Pieters seconded the motion to approve hours as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Public comments: The VanEschen's discussed multiple issues about the small trucking company operating at 103 E Main St. Mayor Stearns plans to contact the business owners and discuss the issues.

Melissa Johanson, Librarian was not present to present the library report. From her written report Oltrogge advised Johanson and the Library Board asked that \$900 of money donated be placed into the Library savings fund to be used as matching funds for future grant projects. Schurman moved, Hoffman seconded the motion to approve moving funds as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one. PO's request for approval for 20211201, 20211202 Iowa Library Association \$30.00, Baker & Taylor \$195.90. Schurman moved, Pieters seconded the motion to approve the PO's as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Scott Williams, Fire Chief presented the Fire Department report stating #652 will be getting serviced soon. Hose testing was completed and 4 lines failed. Replacements will be ordered. Handed out 75 sacks at Breakfast with Santa event.

JJ Veld presented the public works report stating snow removal equipment is ready. Plan to follow our past guideline of removing 2 inches or more.

Hagberg left the zoom portion of meeting due to illness.

Mayor Stearns advised on distressed properties we are ready to put up the caution tape and signs to start clean-up on the 208 3rd St property. It was agreed to discuss/alert the fire department of a controlled burn and complete a One-Call prior to disturbing anything sub-surface. Schurman and Blackburn asked about the status of 305 4th St and Mayor Stearns advised this is in the hands of the city attorney and the owner's attorney. Schurman suggested the city pay for an inspector to come look at this property. Oltrogge advised this is between the city attorney and the owner's attorney. Dogs at the property were also discussed.

The 3rd reading of The Noise Ordinance was presented. Schurman moved, Pieters seconded the motion to approve Noise Ordinance as presented. Roll call - Blackburn- aye, Hoffman- aye, Pieters-aye, and Schurman-aye. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg.

Mayor Stearns advised the concession stand roof has been repaired. The dead red elm tree has been dropped located 30 feet SW of the concession stand. City is ready to take sealed bids for cleaning up and removing the firewood. Bids to City Hall by 12/31/2021 with the wood to be removed by 05/01/2022. Successful bidder is to consolidate into a pile whatever they don't use. Any wood remaining after 5/1/2022 is free to anyone.

Mayor Stearns opened discussion on the shipping containers used for storage in town. Schurman advised he heard from residents to treat them like a regular building to have a foundation, no wheels or under carriage, and in good repair. Needs some kind of structural foundation. Mayor and City Clerk will work on some wording to add to our existing building code.

Mayor Stearns asked for discussion about renting issues with Trevino Ag Services with the plus and minuses of renting to them in 2022. Council had no comments.

Shane Blythe presented a new contract to charge the City an increase of 12% to \$7/ residence and a 50% increase to \$45 per dumpster. The City would then need to adjust the billed amount to users to accommodate the landfill charges. New contract terms are from 1/31/2022 through 01/31/2027. Mayor Stearns advised the larger increase for the dumpsters is in response to a 60% increase in the cost of new dumpsters and depreciation of about \$8.92 per month over a 7 year estimated lifespan. Pieters moved to accept the contract, Schurman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg. The tags for extra bags are \$2.00 available at City Hall or the Library. Contact the City Clerk if you are unable to pick up the tags during business hours.

Rock Stop liquor license is up for renewal next month, Mayor Stearns requested council's approval. Pieters moved to accept the license renewal, Blackburn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg, Schurman abstained.

Mayor Stearns and Council discussed ongoing grant applications and possible future grants for the city.

Blackburn discussed the city website and Facebook page and requested the City Clerk have access. Schurman suggested more positive news and upcoming events be posted.

Mayor's comments: Mayor Stearns suggested we consider having a special City council meeting to discuss the future of the old school house building. Council members were asked to carefully consider options and solicit ideas from residents. Any ideas presented need to come with information about how the project would be funded excluding normal municipal budgeting or borrowing for the funding. Each plan needs to include the building, restaurant area, gym, flat roofed areas and address: roofing for the gym and flat roofed areas, new electrical, new plumbing to each room, lighting, floors, walls, and amenities in each room. Blackburn suggested a project of this scope might require hiring a Project Manager. Once we have boiled down the ideas and narrowed our vision, Schurman asked if our grant writer would be willing to attend one of our council meetings to give us guidance. Mayor Stearns discussed special meeting dates with 1/17/2022 for the building discussion and 01/03/2022 for the 2023 Budget Workshop Meeting. Schurman advised he was very impressed with the Tree Lighting and thought the Library did an outstanding job.

Schurman moved to adjourn the meeting, Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent:

Hagberg. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor

City of Steamboat Rock Claims To Be Approved 12/13/2021

Туре	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Check	12/13/2021	ACH	United States Treasury	Payroll	535.74
Check	12/13/2021	ACH	IPERS	Payroll	525.07
Check	12/13/2021	ACH	Alliant Energy	Electric/gas	2,547.39
Check	12/13/2021	ACH	Heart of Iowa	Phone/Internet	297.55
Check	12/13/2021	ACH	Culligan Water	City .45, Library 10.00	10.45
Check	12/13/2021	ACH	Great Western Bank CC	\$22.94Mnt, \$14.99Lib, \$170Sewer, \$87.10Office, \$747.87Streets, \$300.10Clean, \$344.58 IT	1,687.58
Check	12/13/2021	ACH	Grundy National Bank	Community Center Loan Payment	2115.00
Transfer	12/13/2021	ACH	Library	City contribution & tax levy	300.00
Check	12/13/2021	2049	Eldora Hardware	UPS charges;	70.72
Check	12/13/2021	2050	Compressed Air	FD	58.22
Check	12/13/2021	2051	Hardin County Treasurer	Invoice # 212641	17.00
Paycheck	12/13/2021	2052	Haskins, Kelly	Payroll	390.30
Paycheck	12/13/2021	2053	Johanson, Melissa M	Payroll	660.93
Paycheck	12/13/2021	2054	Oltrogge, Renee	Payroll	1418.98
Paycheck	12/13/2021	2055	VandeVoort, Darlene K	Payroll	356.94
Check	12/13/2021	2056	Veld, JJ	Contractual earnings	2,300.00
Check	12/13/2021	2057	Jacob Oberle	Cleaning Contract	200.00
Check	12/13/2021	2058	Blythe Sanitation	Garbage pickup	1,943.50
Check	12/13/2021	2059	Cemetery	Biennial Contribution	500.00
Check	12/13/2021	2060	Baker & Taylor	Library PO #2021090201	359.52
Check	12/13/2021	2061	JCJDW Investments LLC	Solar Panels	1,208.28
Check	12/13/2021	2062	Keystone Lab	Water & sewer analysis	323.90
Check	12/13/2021	2063	Mid America Publishing	Publishing \$422.87, \$55 Lib	477.87
Check	12/13/2021	2064	Rock Stop	Fuel for fire trucks \$149.84/City \$76.34	226.18
Check	12/13/2021	2065	Toyne's ·	Fire Department Truck	608.00
Check	12/13/2021	2066	Iowa League of Cities	Mayor Dues	30.00
Check	12/13/2021	2067	Heart of Iowa	Telephone & internet service	297.55
Check	12/13/2021	2068	Eldora Hardware	UPS charges/Paint	287.88
Check	12/13/2021	2069	Hardin County Sheriff	County Sheriff Contract	613.54
Check	12/13/2021	2070	Hardin County Solid Waste	Landfill assessment fee	2,441.25
Check	12/13/2021	2071	IAS	FD	343.52
Check	12/13/2021	2072	NAPA	FD	1.84
Check	12/13/2021	2073	Shield Pest Control, LLC	Pest control	35.00

Alliant Energy Breakdown Alliant Energy Breakdown

23.22	Ball Field
22.53	Welcome Sign
1099.22	Street Light
117.47	Lift Station
44.05	Fire Department
301.75	Water
40.59	Community Center
657.88	Sewage Treatment Plant
240.68	Library
2547.30	TOTAL

Heart of Iowa Breakdown

177.49	City
34.75	Fire Department
34-75	Water
50.56	Library
297.55	TOTAL

Solar Panels Breakdown

1162.18	Community Center
46.10	Fire Department
1208,28	TOTAL

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