

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 June 14th, 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 Carol Williams, John Nielsen, Melissa Johanson, Marcia Frerich, Cindy Snittjer, Jerry Hoffman, JD Holmes, Marvin Veld, Craig Babcock, Mariah & Jon Schurman, JJ Veld and Renee Oltrogge.

Mayor Stearns called the meeting to order. Schurman moved, seconded by Hagberg to approve the posted agenda.

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

Pieters moved, Schurman seconded the motion to approve the May 10th, 2021 minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one. Hagberg moved, Hoffman seconded the motion to approve the May 24th, 2021 minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

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

Comments from the public:

Expanded Solar Arrays for the City presented by John Nielsen from Perry Novak. Suggestion was to add arrays for the sewer plant and lift station, the library, and the two wells. Would involve adding about 100 KW of capacity. Estimated to save the City about \$5,000.00 of utility costs annually.

Numerous noise complaints within the City limits have been received. Our existing ordinance is short and subjective. Mayor Stearns asked if the council would like to dive deeper into this ordinance at the next meeting. Consensus was yes.

ATV comment by Mayor Stearns was misquoted in the newspaper. He explained once the County decides what to do on county roads, the subject will again be an agenda item for the council.

Cindy Snittjer commented that if a council member is unhappy with the City Man's job completion, that the work should not be micro-managed through gossip at the Rock Stop. Cindy believes council members could be more effective by paying attention to other items that are more important. Negative criticism gets us nowhere. Marcia Frerich, Carol Williams, and Marvin Veld concurred. Jerry Hoffman believes the job should be out for bid every year.

Todd Oftedahl at 407 5th St applied for a permit to display fireworks for July 4th. Schurman moved to approve the permit subject to the Burn Ban, Pieters seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Steamboat Rock Librarian presented her report; several summer programs and activities upcoming. Books weeded out of inventory will end up in schools overseas. Presented PO #'s 2021060105 Jones Appliance \$579.95, 2021060104 Baker & Taylor \$252.44, 2021060108 National Mississippi River Museum \$351.00, 2021060107 Times Citizen \$75.00, 2021060106 North Iowa Libraries Collaborating \$715.42, 2021060103 Science Center of Iowa \$350.00. Schurman moved, Hagberg seconded the motion to approve PO's as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Scott Williams, Fire Chief provided his report starting with thanking all of council that showed up for the fundraising breakfast serving 129+ patrons. #653 Grass Rig is out of service and will be worked on in-house. #652 will go to Breda to be checked out.

JJ Veld presented the public works report; found the large water leak at 202 7th St. Water Meter Pit recommended for 301 1st St at an estimated cost of \$1000. Schurman moved, Pieters seconded the motion to approve the project as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one. JJ rebuilt two sewer plant pumps recently. Blower pump needed replacement and should be under warranty. Stick dump has been burning for a month due to the amount of woodchips in the pile. Discussion about not allowing woodchips to be placed at the stick dump. Veld is concerned that mowing while it is so dry will kill the grass. Schurman suggested not mowing until the moisture situation changed. Hagberg agreed. Schurman advised of a tick infestation in town and suggested spraying for them., Hoffman suggested that if the City plans to rescue our grass by not mowing that we should advise our residents of the same for their own lawns.

Update on distressed properties per Mayor Stearns. 101 & 103 E Main St sale is in process. The IRS responded for 208 3rd St they will not be contending. No new information for 305 4th St.

Iowa's Ride Weekender Bicycle event in Eldora on July 16-18. Route comes through Steamboat Rock on Saturday. Streets will be closed on W Market in front of Happenings and one block east. Variety of vendors including food, accessories, newspaper, and radio. Vendor fees used to cover the cost of port-a-pots and spraying for bugs.

Resident Survey results completed and will be analyzed by Council.


City Building Ordinance Code 4-1-1 – 4-1-6 presented for approval of the third reading. A motion to approve the third reading was made by Schurman and seconded by Pieters. Roll call - Blackburn- aye, Hagberg- aye, Hoffman- aye, Pieters-aye and Schurman- aye. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

City Auction is underway and will end the weekend of The Pine Lake Motorcycle Show on July 24th.

Resolution 21-08, Declaration of Dangerous Building Emergency Abatement on property at 208 3rd St. Motion to approve made by Schurman and seconded by Pieters. Roll call - Blackburn- aye, Hagberg- aye, Hoffman- aye, Pieters-aye and Schurman- aye. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Pieters moved, Schurman seconded the motion to move into closed session to discuss city staff. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Pieters moved to adjourn the meeting, Blackburn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.



Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor



Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk

City of Steamboat Rock Claims To Be Approved 06/14/2021

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Check	06/14/2021	ACH	United States Treasury	Payroll	
Check	06/14/2021	ACH	IPERS	Payroll	526.74
Check	06/14/2021	ACH	Alliant Energy	Electric/gas	543.71
Check	06/14/2021	ACH	Heart of Iowa	\$211.81 City, \$27.20 FD, Water \$27.20, \$202.65 Library	2,148.65
Check	06/14/2021	ACH	Culligan	Library	468.86
Check	06/14/2021	ACH	Great Western Bank CC	38.60 Office, \$116.88 Mnt, \$165.94 Lib, \$408.38 Staff Dev, Water \$78.69, Mem \$35.00	10.00
Check	06/14/2021	ACH	Grundy National Bank	Community Center Loan Payment	928.49
Transfer	06/14/2021	Transfer	Library	City contribution & tax levy	2115.00
Check	06/14/2021	1863	Ackley Publishing	Water Bill Paper	300.00
Check	06/14/2021	1864	Municipal Management Corp	Water Leak Search	293.00
Check	06/14/2021	1865	Danko	FD PO#74	800.00
Check	06/14/2021	1866	VOID		908.62
Paycheck	06/14/2021	1867	Haskins, Kelly	Payroll	
Paycheck	06/14/2021	1868	Huisman, Nancy	Payroll	390.30
Paycheck	06/14/2021	1869	Johanson, Melissa M	Payroll	58.18
Paycheck	06/14/2021	1870	Oltrogge, Renee	Payroll	456.98
Paycheck	06/14/2021	1871	VandeVoort, Darlene K	Payroll	1203.84
Check	06/14/2021	1872	Veld, JJ	Contractual earnings	433.74
Check	06/14/2021	1873	VOID		2,300.00
Check	06/14/2021	1874	Babcock Home Repair	Items for 2nd floor rental	
Check	06/14/2021	1875	Baker & Taylor	Library	89.35
Check	06/14/2021	1876	Blank Park Zoo	Library	485.32
Check	06/14/2021	1877	Blythe Sanitation	Garbage pickup	198.56
Check	06/14/2021	1878	compressed Air	FD	1,914.75
Check	06/14/2021	1879	Danko	FD	39.58
Check	06/14/2021	1880	Eldora Hardware	UPS charges; Paint 138.21	3,773.56
Check	06/14/2021	1881	Gehrke Quarry	Rock	360.43
Check	06/14/2021	1882	Hardin County Sheriff	County Sheriff Contract	440.02
Check	06/14/2021	1883	Hardin County Solid Waste	Landfill assessment fee	613.54
Check	06/14/2021	1884	Hilltop Truck	FD	2,441.25
Check	06/14/2021	1885	iRead	Library	1,147.54
Check	06/14/2021	1886	Jacob Oberle	Cleaning Contract	229.85
Check	06/14/2021	1887	JCJDW Investments LLC	Solar Panels	200.00
Check	06/14/2021	1888	Jones Appliance	Library	1,559.64
Check	06/14/2021	1889	Keystone Lab	Water & sewer analysis	579.95
Check	06/14/2021	1890	Magic Muffler	FD	397.50
Check	06/14/2021	1891	Mid America Publishing	Publishing	811.39
Check	06/14/2021	1892	National Mississippi River Muse	Library	1,034.10
Check	06/14/2021	1893	North Iowa Libraries	Library	351.00
Check	06/14/2021	1894	Pride & Betterment	Case of paper - 2	715.42
Check	06/14/2021	1895	Rock Stop	Fuel for fire trucks \$138.16/City \$40.85	65.00
Check	06/14/2021	1896	Science Center of Iowa	Library	179.01
Check	06/14/2021	1897	Shield Pest Control, LLC	Pest control	350.00
Check	06/14/2021	1898	Times Citizen	Library	35.00
Check	06/14/2021	1899	USPO	Postage card stamps & regular stamps	130.00
Check	06/14/2021	1900	Williams Excavation	Water leak	125.00
Check	06/14/2021	1901	VOID		1,548.00
Check	06/14/2021	1902	Veld, JJ	Mileage	
Check	06/14/2021	1903	Long, Stacy	Utility Deposit Refund	97.90
Check	06/14/2021	1904	Faris, Kim	Sewer rock	115.01
TOTAL					149.29

\$ 34,063.07

19.69	Ball Field
19.71	Welcome Sign
1021.88	Street Light
83.84	Lift Station
18.29	Fire Department
379.80	Water
0.00	Community Center
479.72	Sewage Treatment Plant
125.72	Library
2148.65	TOTAL

211.81	City
27.20	Fire Department
27.20	Water
202.65	Library
468.86	TOTAL

1492.29	Community Center
67.35	Fire Department
1559.64	TOTAL