

## 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 February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6:30 p.m. with City Council in 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 Melissa Johanson, Jerry Hoffman, Heidi Young, Todd Fleming, Neicko Deemer and Renee Oltrogge.

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

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

Hoffman moved, Pieters seconded the motion to approve the January 11 & 25, 2021 minutes with no corrections. 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.

Heidi Young requested to approve the liquor license for Happenings. Pieters moved, Hagberg seconded the motion to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Neicko Deemer requested approval of the July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Pine Lake Festival Motorcycle & Vendor Show with the income donated to Steamboat Rock Fire Department. May ask to rent the gym to house additional vendors. Market St would be blocked and utilized from in front of the Schoolhouse, to west of the Library to accommodate a greater attendance. Blackburn suggested overflow parking at the ball diamond and possibly fireworks. Concerning alcohol consumption, Deemer advised same plan as last year with Hardin County Sheriff staff presence and Happenings staff monitoring drinking with wrist bands to help identify qualified individuals. Schurman moved, Blackburn seconded the motion to approve as presented for street closures. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Melissa Johanson, Director of the Steamboat Rock Library presented her report. Plan to begin replacing aged out computers. Blackburn suggested schools may be willing to help with the computers. Blind Date with a Book Program has been in process and will have drawing on 2/13/21. Schurman moved, Hagberg seconded the motion to approve PO #201202101, 201202102, 201202103 & 201202104 with the removal of Happenings bill. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: none.

Scott Williams, Fire Chief provided his report. January monthly meeting canceled by weather. Debriefed Monday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> @ the Wellsburg FD for the Hwy 20 accident that occurred on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Thank you to those that have donated their cans to the redemption bin. Plan to discuss the annual fundraiser at the next monthly meeting. Hagberg moved, Schurman seconded the motion to approve PO #2. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: none.

JJ Veld presented the public works report. A new blower was installed on the sewer for aeration and the following week they fixed the electrical on the other blower. Lift station repair is on pending warmer weather.

Update on distressed properties: Mayor Stearns advised for 101 & 103 E Main St a petition has been filed to obtain court dates by City Attorney. 205 6<sup>th</sup> St was reviewed externally by Mayor & a council person and several items need to be repaired. The history of the property shows this has been deemed as unlivable since 1992. City will send a second notice with a specific list of concerns. 208 3<sup>rd</sup> St a petition has been filed with the IRS with expected city possession by mid- April. 305 4<sup>th</sup> St is a mobile home that is vacant and the city will send a second notice with a specific list of concerns.

Superintendent of Janitorial Services interviewed and recommended by Mayor and City Clerk. Schurman moved, Hagberg seconded the motion to approve the applicant and terminate current contract. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: none.

Budget amendment for 2021 and proposed 2022 budget reviewed. Blackburn moved, Pieters seconded the motion to approve Budget and Resolution 21-01. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: none. Roll Call - Blackburn- aye, Hagberg- aye, Hoffman- aye, Pieters-aye and Schurman- aye. Absent – none.

Five Year City Strategic Plan Mayor Stearns would like to defer discussion until next meeting to let The Visionary Group meet and report back with the city.

Gym has been open for adult walking and one group has utilized it. Supervised Saturday open gym for minors has not yet started Another party has supervised open gym on Sunday afternoons.

City Code Permits discussed per Council interpretation of a structure. Schurman and Pieters discussed removing remodel and repair from the code and focus on new construction. Hoffman advised removing a word or adding a word will help with clarity on this code and suggests we obtain more information. Mayor Stearns advised we need to focus on what is done to a property that increases the assessed value and will do research with the County Assessor.

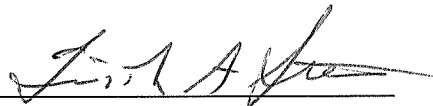
Iowa Ride discussed. Website has not been updated since May 2020 and contact attempts have failed.

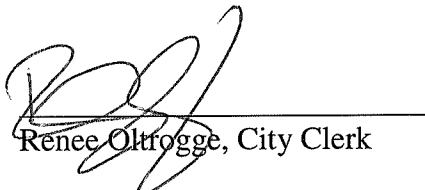
Hardin County Visitors Guide advertising was discussed and will be done.

REAP Grant for Pine Ridge County Campground Sewer Project. Mayor Stearns advised the cost estimate is \$330,000.00 and the Hardin County Conservation is asking the City to apply for a REAP Grant to help with the sewer system for a non-matching \$50,000.00. This County project may not get funding until after 2021. County has a plan for keeping the Pine Ridge Campground functional in the interim. Schurman moved, Pieters seconded the motion to approve a grant application. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: none.

Mayor Stearns suggested using the replacement of a section of the downtown Market street sidewalk to promote more community involvement via volunteers since the City only has the funds available for the materials. Schurman suggested we wait until June to review the budget. Pieters advised the highest pedestrian traffic usage is on the south side of Market St. Mayor Stearns advised there was plenty to do, let's just get started on a section. Blackburn advised we are such a small town we don't need sidewalks in the residential areas. Mayor Stearns suggested we promote bike trail parking in the downtown area to bring people to downtown businesses. Possibly provide public restrooms near the proposed trail parking.

Hoffman moved to adjourn the meeting, Schurman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

  
Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor

  
Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk

City of Steamboat Rock Claims To Be Approved 02/08/2021

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Check	02/08/2021	ACH	United States Treasury	Payroll	460.00
Check	02/08/2021	ACH	IPERS	Payroll	490.40
Check	02/08/2021	ACH	Alliant Energy	Electric/gas	2,688.29
Check	02/08/2021	ACH	Heart of Iowa	City 180.00, FD \$27.20, Library \$91.48, Water \$27.20	353.31
Check	02/08/2021	ACH	Culligan	Library	10.00
Check	02/08/2021	ACH	Great Western Bank CC	\$ 520.40 SStreets, \$235.94 Office, \$107.11 Mnt, \$40.00 M ship	903.45
Check	02/08/2021	ACH	Great Western Bank	Loan for water meters	10,824.78
Check	02/08/2021	ACH	Grundy National Bank	Community Center Loan Payment	2115.00
Transfer	02/08/2021	Transfer	Library	City contribution & tax levy	300.00
Check	02/08/2021	1745	Carstens	Lobby Furnace	120.00
Check	02/08/2021	1746	JC Powers	Library Snow Removal	40.00
Check	02/08/2021	1747	Mid American Publishing		145.64
Check	02/08/2021	1748	Eldora Hardware	UPS charges	126.41
Paycheck	02/08/2021	1749	Haskins, Kelly	Payroll	390.30
Paycheck	02/08/2021	1750	Johanson, Melissa M	Payroll	604.14
Paycheck	02/08/2021	1751	Oltrogge, Renee A.	Payroll	1,203.84
Paycheck	02/08/2021	1752	VandeVoort, Darlene K	Payroll	275.61
Check	02/08/2021	1753	Veld, JJ	Contractual earnings	2,300.00
Check	02/08/2021	1754	Veld, JJ (mileage)	Mileage	114.84
Check	02/08/2021	1755	Sanchez, Mrs. Maria	Cleaning Contract	200.00
Check	02/08/2021	1756	Alliant Energy	Electric & gas	2,688.29
VOID	02/08/2021	1757			
Check	02/08/2021	1758	Clappsaddle-Garber Associates	Sanitary Sewer Easement	803.00
VOID	02/08/2021	1759			
Check	02/08/2021	1760	Current Electric	2 fixtures LED & repaired switches	175.04
Check	02/08/2021	1761	Fareway	Fire Department - Santa	133.50
Check	02/08/2021	1762	Gateway Insurance	Fire Trucks	3,027.00
Check	02/08/2021	1763	Iowa Municipal Professionals	Dues	20.00
Check	02/08/2021	1764	Iowa One Call	Locates	13.50
Check	02/08/2021	1765	JC Cross	Sutorbilt blower	1,845.00
Check	02/08/2021	1766	JCJDW Investments LLC	Solar Panels	740.51
Check	02/08/2021	1767	Keystone Lab	Water & sewer analysis	396.00
Check	02/08/2021	1768	NAPA	Parts	68.42
Check	02/08/2021	1769	Rock Stop	Fuel for fire trucks/city	116.03
Check	02/08/2021	1770	Shield Pest Control, LLC	Cafe pest control	35.00
Check	02/08/2021	1771	Stockdale Law, LLC	City Attorney charges	150.00
Check	02/08/2021	1772	Hardin County Sheriff	County Sheriff Contract	613.54
Check	02/08/2021	1773	Blythe Sanitation	Garbage pickup	1,445.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>35,935.84</b>

Alliant Energy Breakdown

21.11	Bail Field
21.13	Welcome Sign
1045.19	Street Light
175.29	Lift Station
129.97	Fire Department
296.05	Water
156.49	Community Center
634.12	Sewage Treatment Plant
208.94	Library
<b>2688.29</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Heart of Iowa Breakdown

207.57	City
27.20	Fire Department
27.20	Water
91.34	Library
<b>353.31</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Solar Panels Breakdown

714.39	Community Center
26.12	Fire Department
<b>740.51</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>