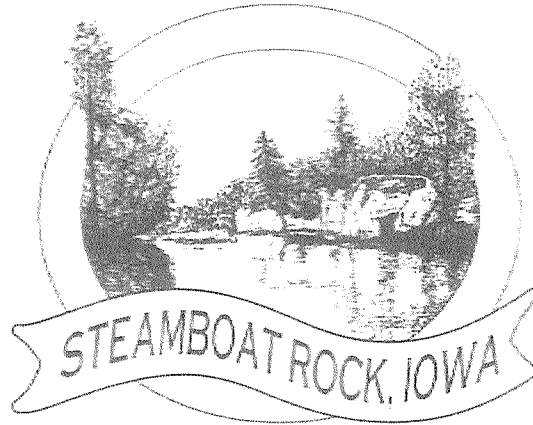


CITY OF

MAYOR

*Tim Stearns*

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

*Adam Blackburn*

*Jackie Hagberg*

*Wren Hoffman*

*Kevin Pieters*

*Cory Schurman*

The Steamboat Rock City Council met in regular session May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 6:30 p.m. via zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions. Present electronically were Mayor Tim Stearns and the following council members: Jackie Hagberg, Wren Hoffman, Kevin Pieters and Cory Schurman; absent: Adam Blackburn. Also present were JJ Veld, Melissa Johanson, Bob & Vicki Hutchcroft, Suzie Devries, Scott Williams, Carol Williams and Renee Oltrogge.

Mayor Tim Stearns called the meeting to order. Schurman moved, seconded by Hagberg to approve the posted agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Blackburn.

Hearing no additions or corrections to the Minutes of the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Special Meeting or City Council meeting. Pieters moved, Schurman seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Blackburn.

Hoffman moved, Schurman seconded the motion to approve the City bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Blackburn. Hours were presented for Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk and Kelly Haskins as Supervisor. Pieters moved, Schurman seconded the motion to approve hours as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Blackburn.

Melissa Johanson, Librarian presented the library report to the council. Curbside delivery has been available and delivery to homes during April. Library opened May 1<sup>st</sup> with staff wearing masks, 3 people with an hour limit having the 2 computers 6 feet apart, and 2 chairs at conference table in efforts to not spread COVID-19. Hardin County Endowment Fund Grant for building improvements was approved, but none from the Barlow Grant. Plan to do fundraising to raise the rest of the \$7,000 of funding needed for basement wall repairs. Probably will not be doing summer reading, checking with other libraries. Authors reading to the kids on Facebook has been very popular. Tree out front needs to come down. Working with Hardin County to obtain their excess computers with Windows 10 already installed.

Scott Williams, Fire Chief presented the fire department report to the council. During the last month, SRFD was able to conduct four CRP burns creating \$2,000 of A/R. House burn scheduled May 16th 3-4 guys in Wellsburg. SRFD applied for a grant through Bayer out of Beaman to help offset the cost of new wildland protection gear. Received \$6,000 from the township trustees towards that gear, but the pricing came back with the estimate closer to \$10,000. No confirmation of approval yet from Bayer. New candidate that filled out paperwork to join the department, Patrick Taylor. He will begin his six-month probation, during this time he will be allowed to respond to calls but only to observe and direct traffic if needed. He will need to attend classes and obtain his Firefighter 1 classification. Once his six months have been fulfilled, the department will

then vote to approve him full-time or extend probation. During COVID-19, the SRFD received the necessary PPE for our First Responders. Now that the recently acquired gear washing machine is up and running, the members have been diligently washing their gear. A drying rack will be constructed to help speed up the drying process so that gear can be put into service quicker. A manufactured dryer is between \$10,000 - \$12,000. Schurman moved, Hoffman seconded the motion to approve the PO in the amount of \$300 to build a PVC drying rack. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Blackburn.

JJ Veld presented the public works report. Request for a couple clean-up days, last year June 8th. D&T Recycling in Iowa Falls took the appliances. Landfill brought large dumpster. Social distancing shouldn't be an issue since most people stay in their car while they wait. Council decided on Saturday, July 11th and Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> as potential dates, 8am - 11am. D&T will be contacted about receiving the old appliances and metals, and a roll-off dumpster will be arranged for. Volunteers from the Council/ city will need to be present at the City shed location to assist local people. Suggestion was to take this opportunity to clean up the Hackbarth property during these days. The city will be flushing hydrants Thursday and Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> between 9am - 11am, the water may be discolored so take caution when doing laundry.

Melissa asked about erosion on Main street west of Eric Nielsen's from the adjacent culvert. Since that is a County Road, the county may need to be contacted. JJ advised the large culvert on River Road just south of Main St doing the same thing.

Update on Akins, Eckheart, Hackbarth, Reid and Risius properties per Mayor Stearns advised he hasn't received any information from City Attorney Nederhoff. Akins properties had notices in 2018. Have asked Taylor if we need to repost notices and they have campers on the properties. Eckheart property has had some work done recently by new owners Linden Grove. Hackbarth property will hopefully have the legal items in place to work on it during clean-up day. We will be moving forward and send a second letter to Reid since there has been minimal work being noticed. Risius property no work done other than mowing, Levi Smith said without a longer lease it isn't worth it for him so we will have Nederhoff keep working on it. Other properties discussed Shore Real Estate is having issues finding city easements. Camper sitting on Cobe property without tags. Zach Thomas has truck and camper doesn't have tags on it and boat trailer. Cory has had two people complain about Eric Nielsen's property. Tim advised it is a native prairie and Eric has made progress so far this spring. Cory said the excessive growth is still breaking ordinance. Ryan Rogers garage roof is caving in by entrance to ball-field.

Oltrogge presented the previous Limas Farms lease to council since they would like to have the rent lowered from \$1000 to \$800 due to having to supply their own beds and bedding. Mayor Stearns advised we already agreed to the lease, they are just asking for a lower amount due to the extra costs. No motion was made to change the rent.

Affordable Tree Service in Ackley gave bid of \$1250 for the trees in the north hillside ditch on West Main St and two pine trees at the Library including grinding out the two stumps. Mayor Stearns advised we need to move forward or it won't get done this year and the City needs to show citizens their commitment to continue with cleaning up the community. Hagberg moved, Schurman seconded the motion to approve the bid. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Blackburn.

Mayor Stearns brought up a proposal to adopt Ordinance No. 20-3 Chapter 144 Property Maintenance Code. If Steamboat Rock were to adopt this ordinance, it would be consistent with some other communities in Hardin County. This will be more inclusive than our current ordinances. Hoffman asked if this is replacing or additional to our current codes. After researching City Clerk Oltrogge has found we can remove current conflicting ordinances at the same time as adding this ordinance. Discussion tabled until the June meeting.

Ordinance for 4 wheelers/ATV, noise ordinance and engine brakes was brought up for discussion by Mayor Stearns due to citizens requesting to allow 4 wheelers and ATV driving in city limits. Mayor Stearns advised we currently allow golf carts on city streets with a licensed driver not including county roads.

Examples of ordinances given showed Eldora had set hours, Dewitt set speed limit to limit noise and charges an annual permit fee as a source of revenue for the city. Schurman asked if we had complaints or any negatives, Mayor Stearns said no, this is a request to make it legal. Pieters said we've already had a young, but licensed driver crash by the river and we will just get more issues. He is against it from a safety standpoint and thought it would be hard to police. Schurman said he is ok with side by sides and golf carts but agree with Pieters on ATV's safety issues and likes the limit to daytime hours. Hoffman agreed on how do we police it. Veld said county interpretation is if the machine is for farm use, a 35 miles per hour limit is applied with a SMV sign. Hagberg asked if council could sit on this for a while. Agreed by all to defer discussion.

Mayor Stearns advised we don't have an actual ordinance against engine brakes within the City limits. Hoffman talked to the county about this and they are trying to develop wording for an ordinance, plus it is hard to prove the engine brakes were not used in an emergency situation. Looked at Dewitt's Ordinance 62.15 which was well worded. Even if we do this as an ordinance it might be difficult to enforce. Mayor Stearns advised the council that with no ordinance, we have nothing to enforce and to think about 62.15 for next meeting with the addition of a designated sequence of increasing fines for repeat offenders.

AARP Grant update: the OEL bid came in today with five foot width sidewalks so two people can walk side by side for a more qualified grant about transportation and detail on additional sidewalk areas. Bid was significantly greater than expected and the application will need to be revised this week.

Veld requested we move the meetings back to City Hall. It was suggested we do this and have the public on zoom so we stay under the 10 person per social distancing rule. Council advised to look into this and measure the room.

Schurman moved to adjourn the meeting, Hoffman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Blackburn. Meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.



Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor



Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk

City of Steamboat Rock  
 Claims To Be Approved 05/11/2020

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Liability Check	05/11/2020	ACH	United States Treasury	Payroll	340.70
Liability Check	05/11/2020	ACH	IPERS	Payroll	298.87
Paycheck	05/11/2020	1489	Haskins, Kelly	Payroll	390.30
Paycheck	05/11/2020	1490	Oltrogge, Renee A.	Payroll	1,203.84
Check	05/11/2020	1472	Iowa League of Cities	IMPI Classes	195.00
Check	05/11/2020	1473	J.J. Veld	Mileage & office supplies	79.40
Check	05/11/2020	1474	Veld, JJ	Contractual earnings	2,100.00
Check	05/11/2020	1475	Sanchez, Maria	Cleaning contract	200.00
Check	05/11/2020	1476	Ag Machinery	Repairs	245.88
Check	05/11/2020	1477	Blythe Sanitation	Garbage pickup	1,560.94
Check	05/11/2020	1478	Eldora Hardware	UPS charges; supplies	151.85
Check	05/11/2020	1479	Gehrke Quarry	Rock	410.94
Check	05/11/2020	1480	Hardin County Sheriff	County Sheriff Contract	613.54
Check	05/11/2020	1481	Heart of Iowa	Telephone & internet service	259.71
Check	05/11/2020	1482	JCJDW Investments LLC	Solar Panels	1,574.05
Check	05/11/2020	1483	Keystone Lab	Water & sewer analysis	323.90
Check	05/11/2020	1484	Mid America Publishing	Publish public notices & legals	234.14
Check	05/11/2020	1485	NAPA	Parts	2.39
Check	05/11/2020	1486	Region VI	Dues	139.50
Check	05/11/2020	1487	VanWall Equipment	Pole saw parts	14.69
Check	05/11/2020	1488	Alliant Energy	Electric & Gas	2,278.81
Check	05/11/2020	1491	Steamboat Rock Library		750.00
Check	05/11/2020	1492	Rock Stop	Fuel for FD/Endloader	233.56
Check	05/11/2020	1493	Shield Pest Control	Café Pest Control	35.00

Alliant Energy Breakdown

22.11	Ball Field
21.13	Welcome Sign
1053.90	Street Light
138.11	Sewer
16.72	Fire Department
317.39	Water
65.54	School House
644.91	Sewage Treatment Plant

**2278.81 TOTAL**

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\$ 13,637.01