

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 July 13th, 2020, 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, Wren Hoffman, and Kevin Pieters and Cory Schurman; absent: Jackie Hagberg. Also present were JJ Veld, Melissa Johanson, Bob & Vicki Hutchcroft, Suzie Devries, Scott Williams, Carol Williams, Sondra & Tracy Morlan, Ryan Stupp, Tony Vaughn, Jen Merfeld, Sandee Gavagan, Aaron Armstrong, Jacob Murphy, Dave Hagberg and Renee Oltrogge.

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

Pieters moved, Schurman seconded the motion to approve the City bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg. Hearing no additions and the Correction - Craig Babcock requested the purchase of a complete new toilet for the girls' locker room in the gym, this is a flushing valve not a full new toilet, the Minutes of the June 13th, 2020 City Council meeting. Blackburn moved, Schurman seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg. Hearing no additions or corrections to the Minutes of the July 29th, 2020 Special City Council meeting. Schurman moved, Pieters seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg. Hours were presented for Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk and Kelly Haskins as Water/Sewer Supervisor. Pieters moved, Blackburn seconded the motion to approve hours as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg.

During comments from the public Aaron Armstrong presented several ideas for the council to consider; 1) A city ordinance that requires a 5% of gross vacation rental tax within the city limits. 2) Use an executive committee for future city ordinances to save council time. 3) Decide what to do with the schoolhouse. Maybe allow manufacturing of non-hazardous products that don't make a lot of noise, dust or debris such as fishing lure or other outdoor companies, terminal servers, or a fish farm. 4) Pass an ordinance for a business permit to profit from new businesses and control what businesses come into town.

Ryan Stupp offered information on a local dump truck for sale.

Mimi Wagner presented PowerPoint slides for the dam mitigation planning update. Final revisions and complete planning to be published by August 10th, 2020.

Melissa Johanson, Director of the Steamboat Rock Library presented her report with The Library Board Meeting agenda, minutes and Budget. A Library Board Member Sandy Trampe resigned, they are requesting to appoint Kim Whiley. Mayor Stearns approved the new member. Melissa advised they have given out 17 bags to children and 6 to preschoolers in lieu of the summer reading program. She has also continued the library at

the campground. Hardin County Courthouse has donated two refurbished computers. Melissa requested permission to have the contractors dig holes in the alley to anchor the walls being repaired. Schurman moved, Pieters seconded the motion for the holes in the alley. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg.

Scott Williams, Fire Chief presented the fire department report to the council. SRFD has been in contact with the organizers about the Bike show coming July 25th. Plan to sell raffle tickets for the door prizes that were bought for our breakfast and give them away sometime in August. We were notified that all proceeds from the Bike show would be donated to the Fire Dept. A \$1,000 check has been received for helping with the Eldora fertilizer building fire which will come to the City. Received the check from the Bayer foundation in the amount of \$3,000 to be used to help fund the new wild land gear. The SRFD did receive grant papers from the DNR to be used on any wild land equipment. This grant is a matching up to \$3,500. No discussion yet about attempting to apply for this grant. Pump operation and port-a-tank training this Thursday night starting at 6 p.m. in front of the Historical Society building. Patrick Taylor has resigned and request to be removed from insurance and add a new employee Damion Homeister. Presented PO 64 & 65 for approval. Schurman moved, Blackburn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg.

JJ Veld presented the public works report. JJ advised water is doing fine and we will be testing for lead and copper soon. E-coli tests are delivered to Ellsworth each week with test levels good.. The end-loader has been repaired except the illusive starter issue. Heidi Young with Happenings advised she has three port-a-potties reserved for the motorcycle show and Renee will check on dumpsters. JJ asked about the status of parking at the fire department training lot.

Mayor Stearns gave update on properties. 101 E Main St will be receiving a letter from Attorney, Neederhoff for Dangerous Building Notice of Action this week. Attorney, Neederhoff is ready to move forward to foreclose with notices on the property at 601 W Sycamore & 308 6th St. The new owner of 206 5th St has it listed for sale. 208 3rd St is ready to move forward with notices of forfeiture. 101 E Main St has let the 90 days expire. Letter was issued this week requesting per city code to have the house inspected for livability. Nederhoff spoke with Mike Smith, Shore's attorney and they agreed to the sale and the city has until spring to establish the easements. Veld advised there might be a city well on mentioned property and it will be researched. A Special Meeting set for Monday, July 27th at 6:30 pm with the legal descriptions on notice.

Tracy Morlan is requesting the city to put a cap on the curb shut off for the property next to 416 W Market St. Morlan is requesting the city sell him public property south of the City lift station with the city retaining right of way for any utilities. Morlan requested a zoning change for their lots between the bike trail and 704 W Main St and their property across the north side of Main St to be changed from residential to light commercial. Requesting the city to abandon the alleyways in the middle of their property on the North side of Main St. All items were discussed and it was explained that if the city put any property up for sale it would have to be posted for anyone to buy. After much discussion Schurman advised Council needs to review items and it will be on next agenda.

We had our first Clean-up day on Saturday July 11th and the next one will be on the 18th from 8 am – 11 am. D&T Recycling in Iowa Falls will provide a truck for metals to be recycled and a trailer for appliances with a \$15 fee/ appliance, please bring cash, money order or check filled out to City of Steamboat Rock with the appliances at the drop off or call city hall prior to drop off to obtain a sticker. A roll-off will be provided for refuse and debris with the normal rules of no hazardous materials. The list of non-acceptable items is with the posters for clean-up days and on the landfill website at www.hardingcountysolidwaste.com. Social distancing should be observed at the collection site. Volunteers from the Council/ city will need to be present at the City shed location to assist local people.

Dave Hagberg gave a report for the proposed compost pile. He gathered information from DNR and a local environmental specialist. An all-weather base of 4"-6" of course limestone and 2" of fine limestone. Veld has 14 concrete blocks for purchase to make three bins with two blocks high. It will have to be turned by City

Man based on the internal temperature of 120 degrees; temp probe will need to be purchased. The pile needs to be 500 feet from an inhabitation, 200 from a public well and 100 feet from a private well, Hagberg thought the back of the dump would work and will investigate. Hagberg would like to start out small with 12-18 families in town enroll and have access to a key. Within the dump and he will monitor usage and appointments and those members will use the final compost product at no charge in about six months. Signs would be purchased and posted of details and rules.

The City Clerk was contacted on July 14th that our city did not receive the AARP Grant.

Ordinance No. 20-3 Chapter 144 Property Maintenance Code up for 2nd reading. Proposed ordinance is a blending of existing ordinance in a revised version. 144.08 with regards to entering a resident's home was discussed. It was understood that current city code specifies a homeowner would be contacted by letter and have 14 days to request a hearing on a nuisance prior to anyone entering their home. Pieters moved, Schurman seconded the motion of 2nd amended reading. Motion carried unanimously by roll call. Absent: Hagberg. Pieters moved, Hoffman seconded the motion of the 3rd reading waived. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

Ordinance No 20-4 for Engine Brakes up for 2nd reading. Schurman moved, Pieters seconded the motion of 2nd amended reading. Motion carried unanimously by roll call. Absent: Hagberg. Pieters moved, Hoffman seconded the motion of the 3rd reading waived. Motion carried unanimously by roll call. Absent: Hagberg.

Building permits presented for 403 Sycamore. Pieters moved, seconded by Schurman. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg. Building permits presented for 201 W Main St. Schurman moved, seconded by Pieters. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg. Building permits presented for 205 W Main St. Schurman moved, seconded by Pieters. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg. The building permit form was discussed. Schurman moved, Pieters seconded the motion to add estimated completion date & they are required to come back to City Council if it is not completed within 90 days of the estimate for an extension per City Code 144.1. Motion carried unanimously by roll call. Absent: Hagberg.

The Steamboat Rock Baptist Church Youth Group is looking for a 1-2 day project for a dozen kids to assist with in town. If you would like to be considered please contact City Hall or the church.

The Great Fall Ride in lieu of RAGBRAI is requesting to have us host 2,000 – 3,000 bikers October 2-4, 2020. They are having a check in and expo Friday in Iowa Falls, a Saturday road riding event and a Sunday morning gravel riding event. Pieters moved, Schurman seconded the motion to approve the ride. Blackburn and Hoffman wish to not have social events due to COVID-19 safety issues. Roll call Blackburn and Hoffman no, Pieters and Schurman yes, Hagberg absent. Mayor Stearns voted in favor to break the tie. Motion carried.

Jen Merfeld from the Visionary Group requested Council's input on having The Rainsbarger Daze 5k due to the COVID-19 health crisis. Roll call Blackburn no, Hagberg absent, Hoffman no, Pieters yes, Schurman neutral, Mayor Stearns voted in favor to break the tie. Merfeld will discuss this with her group and have their decision at the next council meeting.

At previous meetings it has been discussed to not have fireworks every other year anymore and to use all of the income to buy new holiday lights for the downtown area. Craig Babcock has been volunteering his time to return cans for the city and does not wish to do this anymore if we are not doing fireworks. Handling the can disposition has become increasingly complex. Pieters moved, Schurman seconded the motion to not have the city accept can donations anymore and to offer any group in town the use of the can cage if they wish to accept can donations. The city will still be accepting money donations for holiday lights. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg.

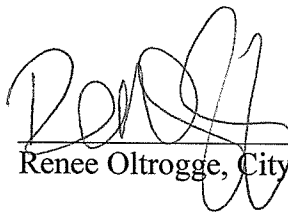
Mayor Stearns requested to obtain proposals and bids for a water diversion needed on the west end of East Market St. Babcock requested the same for an area by the church on 4th St. Schurman moved, Pieters

seconded the motion to obtain bids and further discuss options for this issue. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg.

Schurman moved to adjourn the meeting, Blackburn seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hagberg. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm.



Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor



Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk

City of Steamboat Rock
Claims To Be Approved 07/13/2020

| Type | Date | Num | Name | Memo | Amount |
|-----------------|------------|------|---------------------------------|---|----------|
| Liability Check | 07/13/2020 | ACH | Iowa Department of Revenue | WET Tax - 2020 1st quarter | 520.00 |
| Liability Check | 07/13/2020 | ACH | Iowa Department of Revenue | State Tax withholding - 2020 1st quarter | 48.00 |
| Liability Check | 07/13/2020 | ACH | United States Treasury | Payroll | 340.70 |
| Liability Check | 07/13/2020 | ACH | IPERS | Payroll | 298.87 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | ACH | Alliant Energy | June electric/gas | 2,073.02 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | ACH | Great Western Bank CC | \$347.03 Office, \$89.89 Tools, \$368.90 Building, \$59.98 Training | 865.80 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | ACH | Grundy National Bank | Community Center Loan Payment | 215.00 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | ACH | Heart of Iowa | Telephone & internet service | 237.55 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1535 | Terry Babcock | Water Heater Thermostat | 88.30 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1536 | Danko | Foam | 235.00 |
| Paycheck | 07/13/2020 | 1537 | Oltrogge, Renee A. | June payroll | 1,481.89 |
| Paycheck | 07/13/2020 | 1538 | Haskins, Kelly | June payroll | 390.30 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1539 | Veld, JJ | Contractual earnings | 2,100.00 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1540 | Veld, JJ (mileage) | Mileage | 244.88 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1541 | Ackley Publishing | Water Bills | 58.60 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1542 | AgSource | Water & sewer analysis | 121.50 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1543 | Blythe Sanitation | Garbage pickup | 1,735.29 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1544 | Babcock, Craig | Schoolhouse repair | 169.99 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1545 | Culligan Water | Library water | 10.00 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1546 | DNR | Annual water use fee | 35.40 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1547 | NIRG | Haz mat dues | 155.00 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1548 | Hardin County Sheriff | County Sheriff Contract | 613.54 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1549 | Iowa Falls Fire Extinguisher | Invoice 4811 | 242.50 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1550 | Iowa League of Cities | Yearly Dues | 346.00 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1551 | Iowa One Call | Locates | 36.00 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1552 | JCJDW Investments LLC | Solar Panels | 2,737.67 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1553 | Kevin Pieters Well Drilling Inc | Invoice #5340 | 157.65 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1554 | Keystone Lab | Water & sewer analysis | 323.90 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1555 | Mid America Publishing | Publish public notices & legals | 166.95 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1556 | NAPA | Parts | 72.61 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1557 | Rock Stop | Fuel for fire trucks | 598.41 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1558 | Silvey Construction | Install new roof on Concession Stand Materials \$117 | 1,528.31 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1559 | Stearns, Tim | Iowa Falls Glass | 175.00 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1560 | Steamboat Rock Public Library | City contribution & tax levy | 787.57 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1561 | Eldora Hardware | UPS charges, Supplies | 74.48 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1562 | USPO | Stamps | 110.00 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1563 | Freda Harms | Utility Deposit | 3.57 |
| Check | 07/13/2020 | 1564 | Keltek | Siren | 365.37 |

Alliant Energy Breakdown

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| 0.00 | Ball Field |
| 0.00 | Welcome Sign |
| 1040.02 | Street Light |
| 172.22 | Sewer |
| 0.00 | Fire Department |
| 283.08 | Water |
| 12.52 | School House |
| 565.18 | Sewage Treatment Plant |

2073.02 TOTAL

Solar Panels Breakdown

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| 2659.40 | School House |
| 78.27 | Fire Department |

2737.67 TOTAL

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