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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Adam Blackburn

Jackie Hagberg

Wren Hoffman

Kevin Pieters

Cory Schurman

The Steamboat Rock City Council met in special session July 27th, 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, Jackie Hagberg, Wren Hoffman, Kevin Pieters and Cory Schurman; absent: none. Also present were JJ Veld, Melissa Johanson, Suzie Devries, Sondra & Tracy Morlan, Randall Shores, Jerry Hoffman, City Attorney Taylor Nederhoff and Renee Oltrogge.

Mayor Stearns called the meeting to order. Blackburn moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the posted agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: none.

Mayor Stearns read aloud the Shores Property proposal as provided by City Attorney Taylor Nederhoff:
At 6:45 pm Public hearing on the vacation and abandonment of

All streets and alleys located in the Town of Steamboat Rock, Hardin County, Iowa as platted in County Recorder's Book C Pages 87 to 88, between a line 50.00' offset Southerly from the Centerline of the former Eldora Railroad and Coal Company Railway and lying North and West of the Centerline of the Iowa River as said streets and alleys are platted through and around Blocks 47, 48, 49, 50, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 100, and 103; excluding any property under title to said Railroad (or its successors); except properties listed in County Recorder's Book 435 Page 444 and Book 541 Pages 60, 154 and 228; and except that portion of Eleventh Street lying between Blocks 68 and 69 and south of said 50.00' offset line from said Railroad.

It was discussed that the city will have an easement for any city owned items such as the road to the sewer plant, well for sewer plant, sewer lines to and from the sewer plant and anything of that nature. Pieters moved, seconded by Schurman to approve the motion on the vacation and abandonment of above mentioned property. Kevin- aye, Adam- nay, Wren- nay, Cory- aye, Jackie-aye. Absent: none. Motion carried.

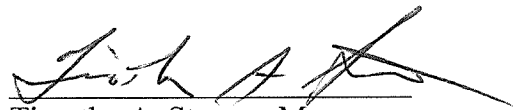
Mayor Stearns advised at our last council meeting it has been requested for the city to sell a portion of our river front property. Since that meeting a petition was posted from citizens of Steamboat Rock stating –
Disposition of City owned River front property. The following citizens of the City of Steamboat Rock, Iowa request the Mayor and City Council present an ordinance to forbid the sale of any City owned river front property to private entities or individuals. In addition we request an ordinance forbidding any privately owned campgrounds/campsites within 500 yards of any residential property. The purpose of these ordinances is to protect the privacy and sanctity of the property and citizens in the area. It is to be a noise and nuisance deterrent to ensure the current peaceful natural environment of the inhabitants, both human and wildlife.

This petition was signed by 35 citizens all with addresses with-in the city limits of Steamboat Rock and represent greater than 10% of the population. Mayor Stearns presented the results of multiple discussions with the DNR and their recommendation we not sell or lease any river front property and City Attorney Taylor Nederhoff recommended we not lease any publicly owned property. Mayor Stearns also gave examples of Iowa communities that are reclaiming river front property for the public to enjoy. City Council gave Sondra Morlan permission to speak on the subject. Morlan wish to discuss the campground portion of the petition and Mayor Stearns explained this is a separate topic that will be discussed at a later meeting, we are just addressing the sale of publicly owned river front property at this meeting. Morlan is still requesting the city to sell them a 30 foot portion of river front property. All council members advised they wish to not sell any city owned river front property at this time. Hagberg moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the motion to not sell city owned public river front property. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: none.

The purchase of a snow plow truck was presented. A 2006 International for \$20,000 was inspected by some of the councilpersons. Schurman suggested we offer \$18,500. Pieters moved, seconded by Blackburn to approve the purchase of a snow plow truck. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: none.

During the public comment period: Jerry Hoffman believes our city needs a master plan, vision for parks, river front and trails. Hoffman stated there are three counties growing due to available outdoor recreation. Hoffman believes the city should be collecting revenue for parking, gas, food trucks, etc as an important wheel in the cog to move forward. Hoffman sees people moving into town and buying property to use as rental and would rather see homeowners with pride of ownership. Hoffman would like to assist with getting grants for parks.

Pieters moved to adjourn the meeting, Hoffman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: none. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.



Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor



Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk