

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 August 12th, 2020, 6:30 p.m. with City Council in chambers and available via zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions and the date change due to power outage in the town. Present were Mayor Stearns and the following council members: Adam Blackburn, Jackie Hagberg, Kevin Pieters and Cory Schurman; absent: Wren Hoffman. Also present were JJ Veld, Melissa Johanson, Heidi Young, Bob & Vicki Hutchcroft, Suzie Devries, Jolene Pieters, and Renee Oltrogge.

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

Pieters moved, Hagberg seconded the motion to approve the City bills as presented with the Correction of duplicate bill Great Western Bank CC \$965.62, so the total of the bills \$38,819.84. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hoffman. Hearing no additions or corrections the Minutes of the July 13th, 2020 City Council meeting. Blackburn moved, Pieters seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hoffman. Hearing no additions and the Correction - Pieters moved, seconded by Schurman to approve the motion on the vacation and abandonment of above mentioned` property. Kevin- aye, Adam- nay, Wren- aye not nay, Cory- aye, Jackie-aye. Absent: none. Motion carried., to the Minutes of the July 27th, 2020 Special City Council meeting. 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: Hoffman.

During comments from the public Jeff Folkerts at 102 E Market St inquired about a four foot ditch being installed on his property is requesting a box culver and reverse curb and gutter. Mayor Stearns advised no decision has been made and no bids have been submitted.

Craig Babcock presented the last of the can donation is complete. There was a total of 17,826 cans and bottles with a final deposit of \$891.10.

Marvin Veld is requesting to purchase the city owned 1,000 gallon LP Tank with a broken valve for \$500 as is. Oltrogge checked with IAS and the city does own it and a new one would go for \$1500 and a used one for \$900. Pieters moved, Hagberg seconded the motion to approve the sale. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hoffman.

Councilperson Hagberg asked about the removal of the item of the slurry tank. Pieters moved, Blackburn seconded the motion to approve the sale. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hoffman.

Building permit presented for 304 W Main St presented a building permit to demolish a detached garage and not replace it. Hagberg moved, Pieters seconded the motion to approve permit. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hoffman.

Aaron Armstrong presented a technology overview to provide at his home office at cameras, alarm, networks video recorder, and distribute a public Wi-Fi-network from 205 W Main St to The School House. Blackburn and Hagberg said no and Pieters advised where we stop letting others. Schurman advised when he was connected last time Heart of Iowa advised it was slowing our internet down and was a possible liability.

Shane of Iowa Pump presented quotes and options for the lift station. Last year fixed pump #1 and now onto replacing pump #2 and replacing the 40 year old panel. Pump is running for 15 seconds and stopping over and over again and this is a panel issue. Both quotes have new pumps but quote #2 has added new panel, Quote #1 \$18,943.81, Quote #2 \$27,952.81. Blackburn moved, Hagberg seconded the motion on quote #2. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hoffman. Roll Call - . Kevin- aye, Adam- aye, Cory- aye, Jackie-aye. Absent: Hoffman.

Tyson Communications is requesting we release right of ways so he can fix the lines. Pieters moved, Blackburn seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hoffman.

Heidi Young from Heart of Iowa Communications spoke on the fiber optics installation progress. Current lines are copper going into homes with a 10 Meg max. Upgrade is to fiber and will go to 100 Meg all for the same price. Everything has just started again since COVID-19, no later than mid-September and they will have to go into all the homes. Pieters asked how long it would take and Heidi said they don't know, hopefully before winter.

Melissa Johanson, Director of the Steamboat Rock Library presented her report with The Library Board Meeting agenda, minutes and Budget. 21 summer reading bags put together, distributed and books taken to the campground and 5 kids finished the summer reading program. Wi-Fi usage has gone from 294 to 697 this month. Back room was painted and furniture rearranged to be used as a small conference room. Pieters moved, Hagberg seconded the motion for PO's, 720202 Baker & Taylor, and Anchored Wall to be approved. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hoffman.

Scott Williams, Fire Chief no report.

JJ Veld presented the public works report. Monday due to the storm had to purchase gas for our existing generators and asked if the City should consider purchasing another generator to run the well. Currently the sewer plant generator is "borrowed" by the well to fill the water tower and then replaced at the sewer plant. Hagberg asked to discuss this during the 2021-22 budgeting process. Pieters advised there is a valve in the well pump house system that won't shut off completely. Mayor Stearns advised to schedule it to be fixed now during the warm months.

Update on distressed properties, no report.

Dave Hagberg gave a report for the proposed compost pile. Mayor Stearns said Hagberg will gather information from DNR to allow distances less than the recommended spacing.

Mayor Stearns contacted Blythe, Gehrke and McDowell to obtain proposals and bids for a water diversion needed on the west end of E Market St., but has not received any response.

Street Financial Report is not yet complete.

Trevino Ag Services is requesting another lease for 30 workers for 30 days starting August 24th, 2020. Blackburn is against it due to COVID-19 issues and increasing our town to an unneeded risk. Oltrogge explained they are tested prior to coming and each week by nurses from the State of Iowa. Pieters moved, seconded by Hagberg to approve lease. Motion carried 3 to 1. Absent: Hoffman.

City Liquor License is up for renewal in September, Oltrogge is requesting a review of P&L, pricing and items to sell. Hagberg suggested we wait until socials are back on. Pieters and Blackburn said to not do it since there is a bar in town. Oltrogge advised to sell current alcohol inventory at \$1 per bottle.

Mayor Stearns presented The City Plan as required for the state of Iowa. Suggesting to get input from Visionary Group and Pride and Betterment. Blackburn said to clean the town up and the houses cleaned up and add sidewalks and ideas for the schoolhouse. Hagberg suggested having a separate meeting for this to brainstorm. Hagberg moved to have a meeting in November, motion withdrawn. Mayor Stearns advised response from the groups in town by October and schedule a special meeting in November to discuss further.

Bill pay option from Great Western Bank to allow customers to pay online with a debit or credit card including a 3% fee with no charge to the city. There would be a link on the city website and Facebook page. Pieters is concerned with our systems being hacked and Hagberg is concerned with the 3% fee for the customer.

Rental of the Schoolhouse Restaurant was discussed. Mayor Stearns advised there are hardware issues that need to be corrected. Blackburn advised the hallway roof leaks and the entire facility smells of mildew.

Ordinance 20-5. Mayor Stearns advised we can introduce today and defer discussion until all council members are present.

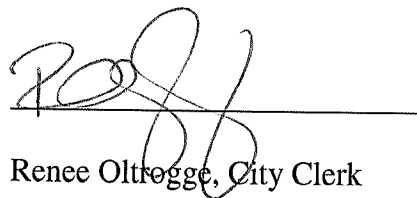
Mayor Stearns presented a proposed checklist for rentals before a property can be rented. Per City Code, the Mayor needs to inspect each property. Mayor Stearns advised that existing tenants would be grandfathered in and it could be used as the tenants rotate out. Blackburn advised to put it in the Friendly Valley Times and on our website once approved. Deferred to next meeting.

Potential pickle ball court proposed by Hagberg. A group has been playing pickle ball in town with chalking off the basketball court and using their own net. They are requesting to get city permission to get rid of the asphalt south of the basketball court with city assistance to put in the new pickle ball court paid thru grants and donation. Mayor Stearns asked Veld if the end loader can remove it and potentially save \$5,000. Pieters moved, seconded by Blackburn to approve a pickle ball court. Absent: Hoffman.

Hagberg moved to adjourn the meeting, Blackburn seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Hoffman. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.



Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor



Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk

City of Steamboat Rock
Claims To Be Approved 08/10/2020

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Liability Check	08/10/2020	ACH	United States Treasury	Payroll	340.70
Liability Check	08/10/2020	ACH	IPERS	Payroll	349.69
Check	08/10/2020	ACH	Alliant Energy	July electric/gas	2,435.79
Check	08/10/2020	ACH	Great Western Bank CC	\$244.32 Office, \$21.39 Tools, \$50.00 Memberships, \$64	965.62
Check	08/10/2020	ACH	Grundy National Bank	Community Center Loan Payment	215.00
Check	08/10/2020	ACH	Heart of Iowa	\$182.15 City, \$183.70 Library, \$27.20 FD, \$27.20 Water	421.25
Check	08/10/2020	ACH	Culligan	Library water	10.00
Transfer	08/10/2020		Library	City contribution & tax levy	300.00
VOID		1567			
Check	08/10/2020	1568	Ve d, JJ	Contractual earnings	2,100.00
Check	08/10/2020	1569	Ve d, JJ (mileage)	Mileage	77.31
Check	08/10/2020	1570	Sanchez, Maria	Cleaning contract	200.00
Check	08/10/2020	1571	Hand Nutrient Management	New Snow Plow Truc<	18,500.00
Check	08/10/2020	1572	Blythe Sanitation	Garbage pickup	1,733.05
Check	08/10/2020	1573	D and T Recycling LLC	Appliances for Clean up Day	310.00
Check	08/10/2020	1574	DNR	Annual water use fee	210.00
Check	08/10/2020	1575	Eldora Hardware	UPS charges; supplies	95.90
Check	08/10/2020	1576	Hardin County Sheriff	County Sheriff Contract	613.54
Check	08/10/2020	1577	Illinois Casualty Company	Dram Policy	750.00
Check	08/10/2020	1578	Iowa One Call	Locates	40.50
Check	08/10/2020	1579	Iowa Pump Works	labor, machine work, shop supplies	1,210.00
Check	08/10/2020	1580	JCJDW Investments LLC	Solar Panels	1,985.20
Check	08/10/2020	1581	Keystone Lab	Water & sewer analysis	323.90
Check	08/10/2020	1582	Knight Sanitation	Spring Clean Up	548.55
Check	08/10/2020	1583	Mid America Publishing	Publish public notices & legals	541.36
Check	08/10/2020	1584	NAPA	Parts	99.50
Check	08/10/2020	1585	T & T Computers	Comuter assistance	60.00
Check	08/10/2020	1586	USPO	Postage card stamps & regular stamps	125.00
Paycheck	08/10/2020	1587	Johanson, Melissa	July payroll	451.82
Paycheck	08/10/2020	1588	Vande Voort, Darlene	July payroll	312.02
Paycheck	08/10/2020	1589	Oltrogge, Renee A.	July payroll	1,203.84
Paycheck	08/10/2020	1590	Haskins, Kelly	July payroll	390.30

TOTAL

\$ 38,819.84

Alliant Energy Breakdown

0.00	Ball Field
0.00	Welcome Sign
1077.01	Street Light
124.89	Sewer
0.00	Fire Department
390.06	Water
58.40	School House
623.32	Sewage Treatment Plant
162.11	Library
2435.79	TOTAL

Solar Panels Breakdown

1552.20	School House
433.00	Fire Department
1985.20	TOTAL