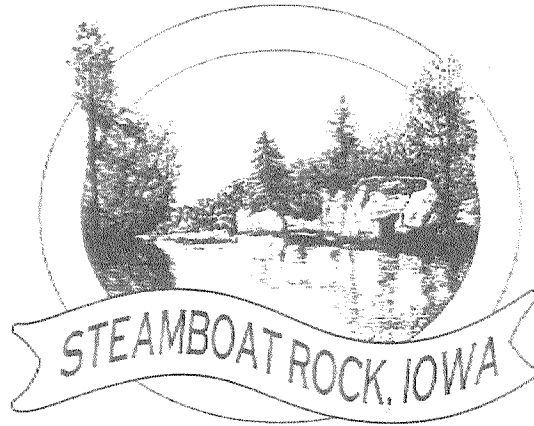


CITY OF

MAYOR

*Tim Stearns*

*"A Valley  
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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 December 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 Kevin Pieters, Cory Schurman and Wren Hoffman, absent: no one. Also present were JJ Veld, Melissa Johanson, JD Holmes, Jolene Pieters, Deanna Kieliszek, Joan Schuller, Vickie Hutchcroft and Renee Oltrogge.

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

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

Hoffman moved, Blackburn seconded the motion to approve the November 9, 2020 minutes. 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.

Wes Weis, Hardin County Conservation, discussed the Pine Ridge Campground sewer system failure on their last open weekend. The campground is in the flood plain and they have limited options to handle sewage. Engineering firm Ground & Down is performing the research and engineering designs. Preliminary findings led them to ask Hardin County Conservation to inquire about tapping into the City of Steamboat Rock sewer system. Wes asked if the City would be willing to allow the campground to tap into the City sewer system as a paying customer. If completed, this project would open up City sewer system availability to existing Steamboat Rock residents on the west side of the Iowa River. This sewer upgrade to the campground would include an RV dump station. Schurman moved, Hagberg seconded the motion to work with the County on this new installation. Motion carried by all in favor except Blackburn abstained due to his residence location to the project. Absent- none.

Mayor Stearns advised that a local farmer had pumped a small amount of water out of the Iowa river at our City landing into a large manure tank. There was no discharge into the Iowa river. The water was used to slosh around inside the tank at the end of the manure pumping season, and then discharged out on land owned by the farmer. The farmer knew all the rules and acted completely within those rules. Mayor Stearns verified the rules and visited with the farmer to apologize for the way he had been treated by some local residents.

Melissa Johanson, Director of the Steamboat Rock Library presented her report with The Library Board Meeting agenda, minutes and budget. Hagberg moved, Schurman seconded the motion to approve PO #'s 1125202001, 1209202001. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: none. Library still doing home delivery and curbside pick-up. Internet usage is presently down from normal. Library has an application to the Hardin County Supervisors to maintain contributions. The Library received a bag of legal documents for the Library building that need to be in some kind of safe keeping/ fireproof box.

Scott Williams, Fire Chief provided his report. Schurman moved, Hagberg seconded the motion to approve PO #70. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: none. Three air tanks failed certification and were destroyed, already had new tanks to replace them. Pumper truck passed inspection. Santa Sacks on December 19<sup>th</sup> and Santa will be there from 9am-10:30am. Wildland gear being ordered through a Bayer Grant. Will be receiving two COVID-19 vaccines for the two EMS staff.

JJ Veld presented the public works report. Pressure line across the field for the sewer plant has been located and a 50 foot easement document being developed by CGA engineering. The well being used by the sewer plant already has an addendum. A suspect pipe at sewer plant was reviewed by a camera and showed no signs of failure. The newly acquired snow plow truck worked great. Discussion about whether to keep the salt/sand/choline mix in the truck all season or empty and oil the system between snows.

Update on distressed properties. Mayor Stearns spoke with city attorney Nederhoff. 101 E Main St letter will be sent out by attorney. 103 E Main St multiple stages, first letter will be sent by attorney. City will send letters for junk and vehicles. 205 6<sup>th</sup> St letter was issued by the city with no response. 208 3<sup>rd</sup> St has not been purchased as of yet, the city attorney will move forward with redemption from tax sale. 308 3<sup>rd</sup> St and 601 W Sycamore St have been sold and are being cleaned up.

Superintendent of Janitorial Services received one applicant, the current contractor for the position. Job will be posted for another month.

Community Center Loan discussed by Mayor Stearns. Requested GNB to reduce the interest rate and re-amortizing the remainder of the loan. GNB failed to offer an equitable solution. Mayor will inquire at other banks.

Budget for 2021 reviewed for the first six months.

Rock Stop liquor license is up for renewal. Pieters moved, Hagberg seconded the motion to approve license. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one and Schurman abstained due to ownership interest in the business.

Marvin Kramer warehouse has requested a hook up to City sewer and water per Pieters.. Veld advised that during a recent discussion with Mr Kramer, he has changed his mind due to the cost.

Council decided to get ready for an auction in the spring for the old Fire department pick-up and perhaps other things.

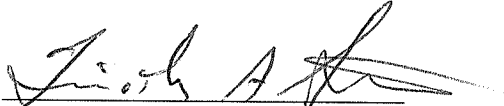
Community Catalyst Grant opportunity discussed by Mayor Stearns for \$100,000.00 with the application going thru the City and work being completed within 2 years. Specifically for commercial buildings that can be completely renovated and have historical significance. Pre application is due by January 29, 2021. Please contact City Hall for more information.

Pine Lake Food Shelf is a food distribution program that is looking for a board member from Steamboat Rock area. Please contact City Hall if you are interested.

Five Year City Strategic Plan sample questions reviewed that are less task oriented and more vision oriented. Completed plan is needed to assist with obtaining grants. Mayor Stearns reviewed the questions and requested changes and/or suggestions. Ideas of how to get people to come to Steamboat Rock to live/work/play, what type of businesses do we want here, how can the City help current businesses flourish, create local jobs, and encourage tourism.


Schurman moved, Blackburn seconded the motion to go to closed session. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one. Hoffman moved, Hagberg seconded the motion to end closed session. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Schurman moved to adjourn the meeting, Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one. Meeting adjourned at 10:06 pm.



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Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor



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Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk

City of Steamboat Rock  
 Claims To Be Approved 12/14/2020

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Check	12/14/2020	ACH	United States Treasury	November payroll	478.44
Check	12/14/2020	ACH	IPERS	November payroll	490.40
Check	12/14/2020	ACH	Alliant Energy	Electric & gas	2,086.21
Check	12/14/2020	ACH	Great Western Bank CC	Library 66.13, Training 660.68, Sewer 29.22, Mntnce 233.84, Clean 147.61, IT 344.47, Office 176.70	1,658.65
Check	12/14/2020	ACH	Grundy National Bank	Community Center Loan Payment	2,115.00
Check	12/14/2020	ACH	Heart of Iowa	Telephone & internet service	325.46
Check	12/14/2020	ACH	Culligan	Library water	10.00
Check	12/14/2020	Transfer	Library	City contribution & Tax levy	300.00
Check	12/14/2020	1687	Affordable Tree Service	Tree removal	1,755.00
Check	12/14/2020	1688	Tim Stearns	Commnunity Center Roof	121.54
Check	12/14/2020	1689	Sandry Fire Supply	FD Pump Test	1,515.50
Check	12/14/2020	1690	Danko	FD Load Manager	350.44
Paycheck	12/14/2020	1691	Johanson, Melissa M	November payroll	441.48
Paycheck	12/14/2020	1692	Oltrogge, Renee A.	November payroll	1,203.84
Paycheck	12/14/2020	1693	VandeVoort, Darlene K	November payroll	280.13
Paycheck	12/14/2020	1694	Haskins, Kelly	November payroll	390.30
Check	12/14/2020	1695	Veld, JJ	Contractual earnings	2,300.00
Check	12/14/2020	1696	Veld, JJ (mileage)	Mileage	79.46
Check	12/14/2020	1697	Sanchez, Mrs. Maria	Cleaning Contract	200.00
Check	12/14/2020	1698	State Library of Iowa	Invoice # 20-237391, 20-218403	220.14
Check	12/14/2020	1699	Baker & Taylor	Library	373.13
Check	12/14/2020	1700	Toyne's	Fire Department Drain	960.50
Check	12/14/2020	1701	VOID		
Check	12/14/2020	1702	AgSource	Water & sewer analysis	54.00
Check	12/14/2020	1703	Brown Supply	Water - Mueller SS Repair	330.14
Check	12/14/2020	1704	Eldora Hardware	UPS charges; supplies	72.60
Check	12/14/2020	1705	Hardin County Sheriff	County Sheriff Contract	613.54
Check	12/14/2020	1706	Hardin County Solid Waste	Landfill assessment fee	2,441.25
Check	12/14/2020	1707	VOID		
Check	12/14/2020	1708	IAS	LP tank charges	113.36
Check	12/14/2020	1709	Iowa League of Cities	Yearly Dues	30.00
Check	12/14/2020	1710	Iowa One Call	Locates	90.90
Check	12/14/2020	1711	JCJDW Investments LLC	Solar Panels	1,225.35
Check	12/14/2020	1712	Kevin Pieters Well Drilling Inc	Invoice #5340	146.85
Check	12/14/2020	1713	Keystone Lab	Water & sewer analysis	670.10
Check	12/14/2020	1714	Mid America Publishing	Publishing	144.87
Check	12/14/2020	1715	Rock Stop	Fuel for fire trucks/city	310.02
Check	12/14/2020	1716	Roto Rooter	Main water line	330.00
Check	12/14/2020	1717	Shield Pest Control, LLC	Pest control	35.00
Check	12/14/2020	1718	USPO	Postage card stamps & regular stamps	125.00
Check	12/14/2020	1719	Demco	Library	242.17
Check	12/14/2020	1720	VOID		
Check	12/14/2020	1721	Region 6	Dues	139.50

TOTAL

**24,770.27**

Alliant Energy Breakdown

19.00	Bell Field
19.00	Welcome Sign
8030.08	Street Light
70.85	Lift Station
18.52	Fire Department
310.59	Water
21.35	Community Center
485.35	sewage Tx Plant
152.43	Library
<b>2086.21</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Heart of Iowa Breakdown

178.63	City
27.20	Fire Department
27.20	Water
22.43	Library
<b>325.46</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Solar Panels Breakdown

1178.55	Community Center
46.80	Fire Department
<b>1225.35</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>