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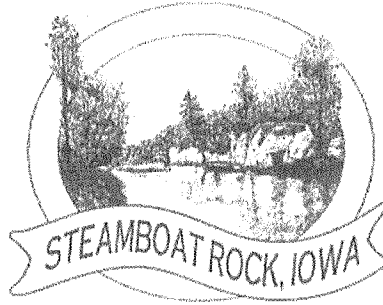
MAYOR

Tim Stearns

"A Valley

of

Friendliness"



COUNCIL MEMBERS

Adam Blackburn

Jackie Hagberg

Kevin Pieters

Cory Schurman

Jon Schurman

The Steamboat Rock City Council met in regular session April 11th, 2022, 6:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers and available via zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions. Present were Mayor Stearns and the following council members: Adam Blackburn, Jackie Hagberg, Cory Schurman, and Jon Schurman absent: Kevin Pieters. Also present were Melissa Johanson, Dave Hagberg, Heidi Young, Todd Fleming, and Renee Oltrogge.

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

Hagberg moved, seconded by C. Schurman to approve the minutes from March 14th, 2022. Motion carried unanimously, absent Pieters. C. Schurman moved, seconded by Blackburn to approve the minutes from March 23rd, 2022. Motion carried unanimously, absent Pieters. J. Schurman moved, seconded by Hagberg the motion to approve City bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Pieters. Hours were presented for Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk and Kelly Haskin, Water/Sewer Supervisor. C. Schurman moved, Blackburn seconded the motion to approve hours as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Pieters.

Public comments: Mayor Stearns presented building permit request for new deck and ramp for 202 E Market St. C. Schurman moved, Hagberg seconded the motion to approve the permit as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Pieters.

Dave Hagberg requested the city allow wood chips (not allowed in the City stick dump) to be piled on the east side of the fence adjacent to the north bin of the compost center. He would like to promote this as a source of wood chips for residents use. J. Schurman moved, C. Schurman seconded the motion to approve the wood chip pile as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Pieters.

Melissa Johanson, Librarian presented the library report. Working to re-install the library sign. Grant just received for new book cases. 14 people came to the author reading. Norm will be planting some new Maple trees on the property line, with the neighbor's approval at no cost with the ability to put some signage up for his tree nursery. Mayor Stearns advised we have 8-10 oak trees that need to be transplanted from in front of the solar panels, they might be able to use. PO's requested #202203011 \$25.00 JC Powers for snow removal, #20220302 Baker & Taylor \$427.72 for books. Hagberg moved, Blackburn seconded the motion to approve the PO's as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Pieters.

Scott Williams, Fire Chief was not present for the Fire Department report. Mayor Stearns relayed from the Chief's written report: advised no burn bans at this time. All members needing new gear have been fitted and ordered. Fireman's Breakfast on May 28th from 7 - 11 a.m. Pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, bacon, toast, and drinks. Newest members Harrison and Justin are continuing classes for certification for FF1. Practice burn on April 23.

Nothing to report from public works.

Mayor Stearns advised on distressed properties; 101 E Main- a petition is in process. 103 E Main-deed to transfer ownership signed and waiting for the transfer to be recorded. 208 3rd St- City attorney has sent "Consent to enter judgement" and "Request to release lien" to IRS. Plan to get a roll off with volunteers to clean up the junk, then burn the sticks. Sources of additional volunteers were discussed. 301 W Market St is sold and the new owner plans to rehab the property. 305 4th St has been sold and clean-up is in process. 308 6th & 601 W Sycamore are 50% thru the 90 day notice. No response so far.

New Superintendent of Janitorial Services at Community Center has no applicants and City Clerk is asking Council to consider increasing to offering wage. Blackburn suggested to make it an hourly job instead of salaried. C. Schurman moved to make the offering \$10/hour with a maximum of 24 hours per month, Blackburn seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Pieters.

Hardin County Conservation & Sewer Hook Up presented by Mayor Stearns requesting the council to approve an easement for the county campground to hook up somewhere to the City sewer system with the proper legal documents. Blackburn moved, C. Schurman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Pieters.

Proposed River Road Sewer Installation was discussed by Mayor Stearns with the two estimates received so far, each with a variety of options. Long term, the gravity feed proposals, while higher in cost, would allow more flexibility as the community expands to the SW over the next 15-20 years. Mayor Stearns suggested we apply for grants covering 40% of the cost, pay for 20% out of the Sewer fund, and request financing for the other 40%, about \$200,000 on a 10 year loan. This could be doable to justify the return on investment. Currently seven potential customers on the west side of the river, plus hook up the county campground on that line. Long term there could potentially be an additional 6-12 homes construction to the SW. Sewer in that area would promote new homes which would increase the tax base and we could serve the residents that are already there better. Mayor Stearns suggested that gearing this towards tourism as a joint venture for the bike trail and County Conservation, along with growing our town might add to the competitive nature of a grant application.

Happenings Bike Night Dates to be exempted from the sound ordinance and street closures were presented by owner Heidi Young. Dates requested are the 3rd Saturday of each month, 5 pm – 9 pm May through September with street closures from noon – 10 pm. This is the fifth year they have done these type of activities here in Steamboat Rock. The August one coincides with Jeep Jam. C. Schurman moved, Blackburn seconded the motion to approve the noise exemption as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Pieters. Hagberg moved, J. Schurman seconded the motion to approve the street closures as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Pieters. Young, who has been helping re-build the official city website, asked for additional local input for suggestions of what to include on the city website.

Mayor Stearns advised a bid for 12 LED gym lights has not yet been received. To fix the current lights costs about \$250 per fixture which is not cost effective when the fixtures could be changed to LED for about the same amount of money, then apply for the Alliant rebate of an estimated \$130 per fixture, and reduce electric usage by 80%. The project is estimated at a net cost of about \$2,000. No motion until further, more complete information is received. The idea of some donations towards the fixtures was discussed and getting the Visionary group involved to embrace that was agreed.

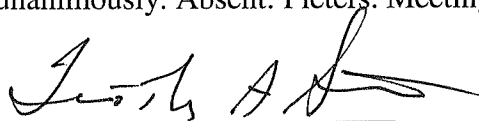
Mayor Stearns discussed completing the City 5 Year Strategic Plan with the help of Region IV. Region IV is very experienced with developing these plans in a way to help with securing grants. They are requesting the city to have “some skin in the game” with a suggested donation of \$500. Blackburn, C. Schurman, Hagberg, and Mayor Stearns advised they would like the completed plan to be flexible, more umbrella like so the city has the ability to maneuver within the plan. Plan should touch on everything and involve The Visionary Group. Oltrogge advised the items in the city survey with over 40% agreement includes; Tourism, Friendly Valley Times, and the downtown. Hagberg moved, Blackburn seconded the motion to approve pursuing the plan and \$500 towards it as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Pieters.

Mayor Stearns presented Resolution 22-04 Max Levy with no changes. C. Schurman moved, Hagberg seconded the motion to approve. Roll call - Blackburn- aye, Hagberg- aye, and C. Schurman- aye, J. Schurman - aye. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Pieters.

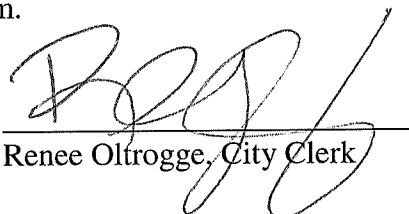
Date set for Public Budget Adoption Hearing Resolution 22-05 to be during the City Council Meeting, May 9th, 2022 at 6:30 pm at City Hall 306 W Market St. C. Schurman moved, Blackburn seconded the motion to approve the date as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Pieters. Oltrogge advised due to this error the FY2023 budgeted property tax revenues will be reduced by \$10,512.

Mayor’s comments: Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are, and doing things as they should be done. -Josh Billings (1818-85)

C. Schurman moved to adjourn the meeting, J. Schurman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Pieters. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.



Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor



Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk

City of Steamboat Rock Claims To Be Approved 4/11/2022

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Check	04/11/2022	ACH	Iowa Department of Revenue	WET Tax - 2022 1st quarter	458.48
Check	04/11/2022	ACH	Iowa Department of Revenue	State Tax withholding - 2022 1st quarter	48.00
Check	04/11/2022	ACH	United States Treasury	Payroll	1088.20
Check	04/11/2022	ACH	IPERS	Payroll	1067.37
Check	04/11/2022	ACH	Alliant Energy	Electric/gas	3,131.65
Check	04/11/2022	ACH	Heart of Iowa	\$177.42 City, \$34.75 FD, Water \$34.75, \$50.29 Library	297.21
Check	04/11/2022	ACH	Culligan	Library \$10.00, City \$8.80	18.80
Check	04/11/2022	ACH	Great Western Bank CC	\$177.93 Office, \$102.45 Maintenance	280.38
Check	04/11/2022	ACH	Grundy National Bank	Community Center Loan Payment	215.00
Transfer	04/11/2022	Transfer	Library	City contribution & tax levy	300.00
Check	04/11/2022	2153	Williams Excavation	Water leak	2,669.00
Paycheck	04/11/2022	2154	Haskins, Kelly	Payroll	390.30
Paycheck	04/11/2022	2155	Johanson, Melissa M	Payroll	746.15
Paycheck	04/11/2022	2156	Oltrogge, Renee	Payroll	1418.98
Paycheck	04/11/2022	2157	VandeVoort, Darlene K	Payroll	384.04
Check	04/11/2022	2158	Veld, JJ	Contractual earnings	2,300.00
Check	04/11/2022	2159	Veld, JJ (mileage)	Mileage	110.10
Check	04/11/2022	2160	Baker & Taylor	Library PO #20211204	425.52
Check	04/11/2022	2161	Blythe Sanitation	D \$405, Res \$959, T \$598.95, Rec \$0	1,962.95
Check	04/11/2022	2162	Brown Hurst Insurance		23,020.00
Check	04/11/2022	2163	Dave's Crane & Wrecker Service	Snowplow	450.00
Check	04/11/2022	2164	Eldora Hardware	UPS charges	98.38
Check	04/11/2022	2165	Hardin County Sheriff	County Sheriff Contract	613.54
Check	04/11/2022	2166	IAS	FD	275.77
Check	04/11/2022	2167	JCJDW Investments LLC	Solar Panels	1,594.87
Check	04/11/2022	2168	Kevin Pieters Well Drilling Inc	Invoice #5967	93.50
Check	04/11/2022	2169	Johanson, Melissa	Supplies	16.68
Check	04/11/2022	2170	Midwest Wheel	Acct# 15159	483.12
Check	04/11/2022	2171	NAPA	FD - Acct# 4315	24.38
Check	04/11/2022	2172	Rock Stop	FD 122.50, Snow 114.82	237.32
Check	04/11/2022	2173	Shield Pest Control, LLC	Pest control	35.00
Check	04/11/2022	2174	Steamboat Rock Public Library	Petty Cash	10.45
Check	04/11/2022	2175	Oltrogge, Renee	Cleaning Contract	100.00
Check	04/11/2022	2176	Veld, JJ	Cleaning Contract	100.00

TOTAL \$ 46,365.14

Alliant Energy Breakdown

22.51	Ball Field
23.24	Welcome Sign
1089.11	Street Light
109.96	Lift Station
237.00	Fire Department
450.57	Water
273.69	Community Center
660.41	Sewage Treatment Plant
265.16	Library
3131.65	TOTAL

Heart of Iowa Breakdown

177.42	City
34.75	Fire Department
34.75	Water
50.29	Library
297.21	TOTAL

Solar Panels Breakdown

1534.60	Community Center
60.27	Fire Department
1594.87	TOTAL