

MAYOR
Tim Stearns

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COUNCIL MEMBERS
Adam Blackburn
Dave Mull
Kevin Pieters
Cory Schurman
Jon Schurman

The Steamboat Rock City Council met in regular session January 9th, 2023, 6:31 p.m. in the City Council chambers. Present were Mayor Stearns and the following council members: Adam Blackburn, Dave Mull, Kevin Pieters, and Cory Schurman. Absent: Jon Schurman. Also present were JJ Veld, John and Joan Schuller, Deb Crosser, Johnnie Ogden. Scott Williams, JD Holmes, and Matt Oltrogge.

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

Blackburn moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 council meeting as amended to include C. Schurman in attendance by zoom, seconded by C. Schurman. Motion carried unanimously, Absent: J. Schurman. C. Schurman moved, seconded by Pieters the motion to approve City bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously, Absent: J. Schurman. Hours were presented for Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk and Kelly Haskin, Water/Sewer Supervisor. Pieters moved, C. Schurman seconded the motion to approve hours as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: J. Schurman.

Public comments: None

Melissa Johanson, no report.

Fire Department report presented by Chief Scott Williams. 57 calls responded to in 2022. Ambulance is going in for new tires. Fireman's dance to be held January 21st at Happenings.

JJ Veld presented the public works report. Purchased a magnetic electric heater to warm the hydraulic oil reservoir on the snow plow.

Mayor Stearns advised on distressed properties; No new activity on 106 4th St. 208 3rd St. No new activity on 301 W Market St. No required 30-day report on 308 6th St & 601 W Sycamore St.

Nuisance Reporting- no report

Grant status- no report.

River Rd Sewer Project & Hardin County Conservation Hook Up per Mayor Stearns. Advised moving forward with our grant application.

Road repairs- no report.

Nuisance Ordinance Update. Draft complete, final copy pending.

Municipal Infractions Ordinance Update. Draft complete, final pending.

Animal Control Code Ordinance update. Draft complete, final pending.

How do we keep increasing pedestrian tourist traffic safe while crossing roadways in Steamboat Rock discussion requested by Mayor Stearns. Inconclusive discussion.

Zoning Code- to do true Planning and Zoning for our City is over-kill. Discussed incorporating our narrow hot button focus into language in our "Building Code".

Mayor Stearns advised still working on ATV/UTV Code update.

Mayor Stearns discussed the DNR proposed parking and river access on City property north of the City solar panel array. Discussed layers of Grant applications with a total cost share needed of about \$10,000 from the City. Mayor Stearns has met with the Visionary Group to discuss if they would consider helping in some way. This project will likely get underway in late 2024.

Mayor Stearns reviewed the original bid for the gym lights, the rebate, the final bill, and city cost for the new gym lights. The projected cost and the final cost were identical.

Resolution #2023-01 Catalyst Building Remediation Grant was presented. C. Schurman moved, seconded by Pieters to adopt the resolution. Roll call vote, Adam Blackburn- yes, Dave Mull - yes, Kevin Pieters - yes, Cory Schurman- yes. Resolution adopted. Absent: J. Schurman.

Resolution #2023-02 Hotel/Motel Tax presented. C. Schurman moved, seconded by Mull to adopt the resolution. Roll call vote, Adam Blackburn- yes, Dave Mull – yes, Kevin Pieters – yes, Cory Schurman- yes. Resolution adopted. Absent: J. Schurman.

Proposed FY24 Budget numbers were not yet available and it was determined that a special budget meeting need be held. C.Schurman moved to have the special budget meeting on Thursday January 19th at 6:30. Seconded by Mull. Motion carried unanimously. J Schurman absent.

Resolution #2023-03 to apply for Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation Tidal Wave Grant presented. Early application needs to be completed by February 3, 2023. Motion by Blackburn to adopt Resolution #2023-03 to endorse and approve the application for a Tidal Wave grant in the amount of \$25,000 for this project. Seconded by C. Schurman. Roll call vote: Mull- Nay, C. Schurman- Aye, Blackburn- Aye, Pieters- Nay, Mayor Stearns voted Aye for the tie breaker vote. Resolution adopted. J. Schurman absent.

Mayor's comments: still seeking applicants for the City Clerk position.

C. Schurman moved to adjourn the meeting, Pieters seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: J. Schurman. Meeting adjourned at 7: 52 pm.

Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor

Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk