

**MAYOR**  
Tim Stearns  
  
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of  
Friendliness"



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

The Steamboat Rock City Council met in regular session March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers. Present were Mayor Stearns and the following council members: Adam Blackburn, Dave Mull, Kevin Pieters, Jon Schurman and Cory Schurman. Also present were JJ Veld, Scott Williams, Dawn Schaa, and by zoom Renee Oltrogge.

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

C. Schurman moved to approve the minutes of the February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 council meeting, seconded by Pieters. Motion carried unanimously, C. Schurman moved, seconded by J. Schurman to approve City bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously, C. Schurman moved to approve Dawn Schaa's hours worked in February, seconded by Pieters. Motion carried unanimously.

Public comments: None

Melissa Johanson, Librarian was absent but provided last meeting minutes, agenda for 3/14/23 meeting, YTD Budget, and proposed FY24 budget.

Fire Department – Williams reported that Jeramy Akins had been in touch with him regarding the fire department burning some structures on his property at 308 6<sup>th</sup> St & 601 W Sycamore St. Discussed the need for hazardous materials inspection prior to burning. Williams presented PO# 90 for 2 replacement bulbs from Danko. J. Schurman moved, seconded by Mull to approve PO #90. Motion carried unanimously. Williams presented PO# 91 to Scentsy in the amount of \$160.09 for recalibration of the 4-gas monitor. C. Schurman moved, seconded by Blackburn to approve PO #91. Motion carried unanimously. Williams presented PO# 92 for approval of up to \$3,000 for three carbon fiber tanks. C. Schurman moved to approve up to \$3000 for purchase of 3 carbon fiber tanks to maintain the integrity of the fire fighter equipment. Seconded by Mull. Motion carried unanimously. Pieters abstained due to conflict of interest.

JJ Veld reported that the Water & Sanitation Audit went well. Discussed the issues with the city snow plow truck. Plan to take to Alden Diesel for repairs this summer. Will measure and acquire repair rings for a couple of manholes in town to be ready when time and weather permits.

Mayor Stearns advised on distressed properties; No new activity on 106 4<sup>th</sup> St. 208 3<sup>rd</sup> St., or 301 W Market St.. Mayor Stearns sent notice on 308 6<sup>th</sup> St & 601 W Sycamore St. In light of the info presented by Chief Williams, will delay the start of legal action until after the next Council meeting if still necessary.

Nuisance Reporting- none

Grant status: Mayor Stearns discussed the status of each of the 7 grants on the list.

Hardin County Conservation sewer hook-up and River Rd sewer project- no report.

Road repairs: Jon reported that he had met with Liser and they measured each of the holes in streets needing repair, but has not received an estimate back yet.

Nuisance Ordinance Update. final pending.

Municipal Infractions Ordinance Update. final pending.

Animal Control Code Ordinance Update. final pending.

Increased pedestrian traffic- Julie found a DOT TSIP grant if we decide what we need to do.

Mayor Stearns presented the ATV/UTV Code for 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Will make an additional modification about designated streets for the second reading.

Mayor Stearns requested Budget Hearing Date be moved to the next council meeting April 10th, 2023. C. Schurman moved, seconded by Pieters to set the Budget Hearing Date as April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Roll call vote: Jon- Aye, Kevin Aye, Adam Aye, Dave Aye, Cory Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stearns discussed that he sent an e-mail with the council's questions regarding the renewal of the City insurance. Received an e-mail back which did not address any of the questions. Mayor Stearns requested an insurance audit so that we could get clarification of what we actually have regarding insurance coverage. The last one had been completed in 2018.

Mayor Stearns discussed the estimated cost for asbestos removal from the school house (excluding the gym) at approximately \$100,000.00.

Mayor Stearns discussed the 2023 Ditch walk date being April 22,2023 Earth Day. This year's route will go west of town for 2 miles. Always looking for many volunteers to help. Will start at 9:00 a.m.

Spring Clean-up Days recommended for June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>. Appliances will cost \$15.00 to be disposed of. TV's and camper refrigerators are not accepted, but could be taken directly to the Landfill per their charges. C. Shurman moved, seconded by Pieters to set the City-wide clean-up days for June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup> at the City stick dump.. Motion carried unanimously

Pieters moved to adjourn the meeting, Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor

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Dawn Schaa, City Clerk