

MAYOR
Tim Stearns

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Friendliness"



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

The Steamboat Rock City Council met in regular session May 8, 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 Taylor Neiderhoff and JD Homes.

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

Pieters moved to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2023 and April 17, 2023 council meeting, seconded by J. Schurman. Motion carried unanimously, Pieters moved, seconded by Blackburn to approve City bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public comments: None.

Library- no report

Fire Department – no report

JJ Veld was unable to attend. Mayor Stearns reported that the end loader needs brakes fixed. Dump truck/snow plow needs hydraulics and starter fixed. Discussion about having a couple of local men with a good reputation for mechanical skills do some of this repair work. Agreed that if the repairs went that direction, they should get paid as contractual workers to avoid liability issues.

Mayor Stearns advised on the property at 208 3rd St, the IRS has agreed to file a release.

Nuisance Reporting- none

Road repairs: short discussion agreeing that concrete and asphalt don't move together in the freeze/ thaw cycle. Jody Stonebraker has a connection with a company that also does asphalt hole patching. Cory or Jon will call him again.

Nuisance Ordinance Update. final pending.

Municipal Infractions Ordinance Update. final pending.

Animal Control Code Ordinance Update. final pending.

Mayor Stearns presented the ATV/UTV Code for the 3rd and final reading. C. Schurman moved to resolve to adopt this new ordinance as Resolution #2023-8. Seconded by Pieters. Roll call vote: J Schurman- Aye, Pieters- Aye, Blackburn- Nay, Mull- Aye, C. Schurman- Aye. Motion to make resolution passed in a four Aye, one Nay vote.

Mayor Stearns discussed City insurance. The council requested that a representative from the Agency attend the June 12, 2023 City Council meeting to explain how we are covered.

Mayor Stearns reported on the periodic state Audit that is in process. State staff is collecting data and at some point will work directly in the City Hall.

Mayor Stearns reported on the ditch clean-up held April 22, 2023. Twelve folks helped with the project and collected two pick-up loads heaped up with garbage bags. Completed about 11:30. Thank you to all who helped.

Mayor Stearns reminded Council of the Spring Clean-up Days scheduled for June 10th and June 17th. Mayor Stearns confirmed with the Steel and appliance collection company and the roll-off company for these dates. Council members will help unload at the stick dump and other volunteers would be welcome to help.

Mayor Stearns presented a request from Hardin County Solid Waste for a board member and alternate. C. Schurman agreed to continue as the representative and Blackburn will continue as the alternate.

Mayor Stearns requested input on where and how to advertise for a new City Clerk. Suggestion to post at churches and Rock Stop. Also place ad in Eldora paper again and in the County wide advertiser.

Mayor Stearns presented a request to choose an engineering firm for the west side sewer project, City Attorney Niederhoff suggested we need to get three proposals prior to choosing an engineering firm. Two are in hand and a third will be acquired. A special council meeting may be held once the third is acquired.

Mayor Stearns presented a request from Rock Stop to renew their license to sell cigarettes. Pieters moved to approve, J. Schurman seconded. Motion carried. C. Schurman abstained due to possible conflict of interest.

Mayor Stearns brought up discussion about The Friendly Valley Times being presented to the residents by email only, due to cost savings to the City and the Visionary Group. Further discussion about using email to send out City Bills and that all of the council members will begin to get their FVT and City Bills in that manner. In a joint effort between the Visionary Group and the City, a postcard will be sent out requesting submission of email addresses. A hard copy of the Friendly Valley Times will be available at the Library for those who do not have email.

C. Schurman moved to go to closed session to discuss real estate, pending legal, employment issues. Pieters seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The room was cleared of visitors. Mayor Stearns reopened the public meeting at 8:29 pm.

C. Schurman moved to adjourn the meeting, Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor