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and Much More !!!

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“I sought the Lord,
and he answered
me, and delivered
me from all my
fears.

~ Psalm 34:4



The Weight of the Glass

Once upon a time, a psychology professor walked around on a stage while teaching stress management principles to an auditorium filled with students. As she raised a glass of water, everyone expected they’d be asked the typical “glass half empty or glass half full” question. Instead, with a smile on her face, the professor asked, “How heavy is this glass of water I’m holding?”

Students shouted out answers ranging from eight ounces to a couple of pounds.

She replied, “From my perspective, the absolute weight of this glass doesn’t matter. It all depends

on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute or two, it’s fairly light. If I hold it for an hour straight, its weight might make my arm ache a little. If I hold it for a day straight, my arm will likely cramp up and feel completely numb and paralyzed, forcing me to drop the glass to the floor. In each case, the weight of the glass doesn’t change, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it feels to me.”

As the class shook their heads in agreement, she continued, “Your stresses and worries in life are very much like this glass of water. Think about them for a while and nothing happens. Think about them a bit longer and you begin to ache a little. Think about them all day long, and you will feel completely numb and paralyzed – incapable of doing anything else until you drop them.”

The Moral of the Story: On days when you’re stressed out and feeling overwhelmed, learn to embrace the inevitable and let go. Some things cannot be controlled, and no amount of worrying could put all your burdens away. Instead of letting stress get to you, embrace it, and conquer it. Let yesterday’s worries inspire you to a productive day.

STEAMBOAT ROCK COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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Steamboat Rock Baptist Church

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Steamboat Rock, IA 50672

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Steamboat Rock Historical Society

President: Jim Kramer **Vice President:** Dennis Holmes **Secretary:** Janet Folkerts **Treasurer:** Kitty Hemmen
At Large: Keith Griffen
Email: jimkkramer@heartofiowa.net

OUR Mission:

“To preserve and promote the history of Steamboat Rock and the surrounding area”

Museum Open on Appointment Only

Our museum is now closed again until next Spring. However, if you are in town and would like to tour our museum, please contact me at 641-858-6085 and I would be happy to make arrangements to meet you there.

Membership Dues for 2023

You should have already received your annual membership dues letter for 2023. Our dues remain the same, which is only \$10 per person. Many people continue to give us their support through these dues and added contributions. Without these dues and contributions, we would not be able to keep our museum open.

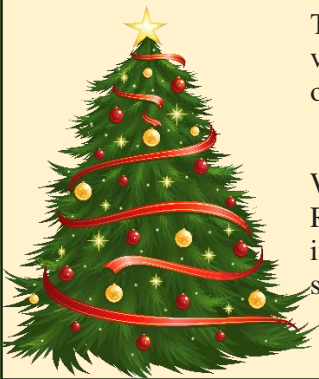
If you are not a currently a member of the Steamboat Rock Historical Society, please send your payment of \$10 to: The Steamboat Rock Historical Society—PO Box 93—Steamboat Rock, Iowa 50672. Again, we thank you for your support.

“Lighting of the Tree”

Thank you to all those who attended the annual “Lighting of the Tree” and who took the time to visit our museum. We always look forward to showing people the many artifacts that are a part of our town’s history.

Would you be willing to join our team?

We still have room for people to join our team as we look to preserve the history of Steamboat Rock. In last month’s newsletter, we mentioned the many ways that you could help us. If you are interested and would like to know more about helping us, please contact me at 641-858-6085 or send me an email at jimkkramer@heartofiowa.net



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOOOUUU!!!

*May you live a long life, Full of Gladness and Health, with a pocket full of gold as the least of your wealth,
May the Dreams you hold dearest, be those which Come True, May the kindness you spread, keep returning to YOU!*

December 17th Tjode Leverton	December 27th Todd Fleming	
January 1st Brad Hennick	January 2nd Gage Silker	January 7th Lindsay Mathis
January 8th Mark Tubbs	January 9th Susan Bear	January 15th Rodney Sizemore
January 17th Kari Rolph	January 26th Tori Leigha	January 26th Luke Pickering



Pastor Lynn Arends, Steamboat Rock Presbyterian Church and East Friesland Presbyterian Church

“Are you ready for Christmas?”

“Well, my shopping is done, so now I’m focused on getting ready for Christmas spiritually.” Try using that answer the next time someone asks if you’re ready for Christmas and see what the reaction is.

We know as Christians and as believers and I would say that even non-believers, though they might not want to or never will admit it; all of us know that somewhere between Santa Claus and Rudolph there’s supposed to be a spiritual part to Christmas. The Messiah, the Savior, the one who would save us from ourselves, came to a lowly manger in a stable in an insignificant little village called Bethlehem and the world was changed forever.

As Linus would say, “That’s what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown.”

Are we ready? Are YOU ready? I don’t know. I’d like to think I am. So, if we’re not, how do we get ready? Repent. As John the Baptist says in Matthew 3:2, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

And you say, wait a minute. Repent? Really? It’s Christmas, not Lent. We don’t talk about repent at Christmas. What’s wrong with you? Let’s remember what repentance is.



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from the Mayor



Old School Gym

The new lights in the old school gym have been installed. Many in town have already experienced them and the responses have been: Wow, amazing, thank you, change atmosphere of the space, did not realize what a difference new lighting could make, and many more. Thank you to Marc Havens for arranging the purchase and putting a crew together to install. Your City has applied for the rebate available from Alliant Energy to help offset some of the cost.

More about the gym- your City has attempted to allow the gym and other parts of the building to be open all the time. However, there seems to be a problem with local teenage kids that have repeatedly abused the opportunity to leave the gym open, by making and leaving messes in the gym. Since the City cannot afford and should not need to provide maid service to clean up after your children, the gym doors will now be locked from roughly 3:00 pm to 7:00 am daily. There are a number of groups that have paid for usage of the gym and most of them have been issued keys. The gym is still a public place, and arrangements can be made to get in, but anyone under 18 years old needs to have adult supervision present and all people are expected to clean up after themselves.

Hotel/ Motel tax

At the December 12, 2022 City Council meeting your council chose to pursue putting a Hotel/Motel tax in place for the City in the amount of 7%. There are about 172 other communities in Iowa that already have this type of tax in place, plus about 20 counties. The tax would be charged by the owners of any “overnight sleeping accommodations to transient (tourists) guests.” There are plenty of State of Iowa code on this tax including restrictions about how the money can be spent. The next step is to discuss with the County Auditor and request a referendum (public vote) be authorized to move forward with this proposal, so stay tuned.

Christmas Season

Thank you to Norm Houston for donating the beautiful wreaths at the entrance to the City Hall, The Library, the Fire station, and the Historical Society building. Hope you have all enjoyed them in your activities around town.

All of my working career as an Ag Lender, the busy season began about Thanksgiving and slowed down by the end of March. Put in so many hours that I really never learned how to enjoy celebrating the Birth of Christ and even worse was occasionally grumpy through the entire holiday season. This year I promised my wife that I would work at having a positive attitude through this Christmas season, so---- MERRY CHRISTMAS to each of you and my hope for you is to enjoy the season, family, and friends as much as possible!

Tim Stearns, Mayor

Steamboat Rock Visionary Group / Pride & Betterment

Tree Lighting Ceremony!

Thanks to all who attended the awesome tree lighting fun night! We had great weather, a great crowd of adults and kids, and the fabulous tree lighted with over two thousand lights. We were so grateful for the many good wishes and thanks expressed by many. Especially appreciated were the comments regarding how happy people are that we kept this tradition going despite the work and the expense for our committee. Congratulations to the four winners of gift certificates to the Rock Stop. Thanks to all those organizations and businesses that helped the Visionary Group make a special evening: The Steamboat Historical Society, the Steamboat Rock Library, the Progress Club, Family Traditions Meats, the Rock Stop, and Love a Latte.

Thanks also to the generous donors who have given toward the purchase of the new lights. If you haven't had a chance to get downtown after dark to see the tree lights, try to find a time to do so! You won't be disappointed.

Anyone still wanting to donate toward the light purchase send your check to VG, PO Box 185, Steamboat Rock 50672.

Projects!

The committee will be discussing future project ideas at our early January meeting. If you have a project ideas please let a member know. We are always glad for new possibilities!

Members: Toni Nederhoff, Mary Gast, Dave Hagberg, Mariah Schurman, Sandy Trampe, Mike Finger, & Bob Hutcroft



Steamboat Rock Fire Department

I can't believe it is December as I write this to you. This means another year is coming to an end, 365 days, here have they gone?

SRFD had Santa arrive a little early this year and was present at the lighting of the Town Tree. He handed out 75 sacks and received many Christmases wishes. Thank you for all who attended and made this event a success!!!

Many may have their Christmas tree up and may have had it up for some time now. Remember to give your tree water every day. When you hang your lights, make sure the wiring is in great condition. Granted LED lights don't get as warm, but a bad spot in the line, can be a fire hazard on your tree. If you hang lights around the house or outside, these lines also need to be in great condition.

This month would be a good time to check the furnace filter and possibly change it. Not having proper filtering may have an effect on your furnace's efficiency. That efficiency is not only for heat, but also for poisonous gases that your furnace emits. IF it is not properly ventilated, these gases can be released into the home and cause health issues. Please keep in mind CO just doesn't come from just the furnace; how many of you have a gas hot water heater, how many have a garage that is attached to the home and leave the car running to warm up? Each of these emit CO just as a furnace. Are these items properly vent and exhausted from your home? This gas is a gas that is both odorless and colorless and is a silent killer. There are numerous types of CO detectors and if you have one, is/are the batteries current?

To help prevent this have yearly inspections done on anything that uses LP or Natural gas to help power a unit in your home. Make sure the fluids and batteries in your vehicle are at operable levels? No need to be stranded!! How is the rubber looking on your vehicle? Weather in Iowa can change within the hour. Having the proper tread on your tires, will also assist you while driving on bad road conditions. Please remember to NOT over drive and pay close attention to oncoming traffic.

If you should be traveling and witness a car in the ditch, before calling in, make sure there is an occupant/s. When you do call in, give the correct location. Sending emergency crews out for no one in the vehicle, puts them in harm's way; Not giving the correct location, waste valuable time for proper care.

Please be responsible when making the phone call.

Stay Safe,
Chief Williams

AUTO PAY YOUR UTILITY BILLS (NO Fees!)

Fill out this form and email or drop it off at City Hall please

Direct Deposit Authorization Agreement

AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR DIRECT PAYMENTS (ACH DEBITS)

I (we) hereby authorize City of Steamboat Rock, hereinafter called COMPANY, to initiate debit entries to my (our) *Checking Account *Savings Account (select one) indicated below at the depository financial institution names below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, and to debit the same to such account. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

Depository Name _____	Branch _____
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Routing Number _____	Account Number _____
Type of Account: [] Checking [] Savings	
This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until COMPANY has received written notification from me (or either of us) its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford COMPANY and DEPOSITORY a reasonable opportunity to act on it.	
Name(s) _____	ID Number _____
Date _____	Signature _____
NOTE: ALL WRITTEN DEBIT AUTHORIZATIONS MUST PROVIDE THAT THE RECEIVER MAY REVOKE THE AUTHORIZATION ONLY BY NOTIFYING THE ORIGINATOR IN THE MANNER SPECIFIED IN THE AUTHORIZATION	

Steamboat Rock Public Library

We have a change to the calendar for Summer Reading. We will start on June 13 but still go through July 21st with the final party. So far, we have 5 great programs lined up and one I am still working on. Donation letters will go out shortly to help fund these programs for mostly our younger patrons, but parents/adults are always welcome. As the end of the year is right around the corner if you wish to donate to the library for any of these programs, please remember we are a non-profit organization so any donation you give can be used as a tax write-off.

The tree lighting was certainly a great success with so many young patrons (and some older) listening to Joan Schuller reading 3 Christmas books including Franny's Christmas Caper by Bailey Primus. We do have copies available to purchase if you are looking for a great gift for a younger person. Although we didn't have any high school kids do a coloring page, we still have a number of people that did drop off their pages and 4 levels were selected. Thank you to all who participated.

Book club will be on January 12th starting at 2:00. We do not read the same book, so the different book reviews are fun to listen to. I was pleasantly surprised that of the New York Times top 15 books we have 7 here in the library

Hope you are all looking forward to Blind Date with a Book again in February.

511 W. Market St; Steamboat Rock Phone/Fax: 641-868-2300
www.youseemore.com/nile/steamboatrock
or on Facebook @SteamboatRockLibrary



Hours are as Follows
Tuesday 1:00-6:00 PM
Wednesday 2:00-5:00 PM
Thursday-Friday 12:00-4:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

New to the Library

Adult Fiction

A Christmas Memory
by Richard Paul Evans
Flight by Lynn Steger Strong
Now is not the time to panic
by Kevin Wilson
We all want impossible things
by Catherine Newman
So Long, Chester Wheeler
by Catherine Ryan Hyde
A Quilt for Christmas
by Melody Carlson
A Quiet Life by Ethan Joella
Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng

Mystery







Girl in Trouble by Stacy Claflin
Turn Back Time by Stacy Claflin
No One I Knew by AJ McDine
Wolf Hollow by Victoria Houston
The Zero Night by Brian Freeman
A Dangerous Business
by Jane Smiley
Hunting Time by Jeffery Deaver
The Final Hunt by Audrey Cole
Girl in Trouble by Stacy Claflin
No One I Knew by A.J. McDine
The Perfect Assassin
by James Patterson
The Resemblance
by Lauren Nessett
Triple Cross by James Patterson
Turn Back Time by Stacy Claflin
Two days gone by Randall Silvis
Without Mercy by Lisa Jackson
The Quarry Girls by Jess Lourey
The Widowmaker
by Hannah Morrissey
The Recipient, An Emerald City Thriller #1 by Audrey J Cole
Inspired by Murder, An Emerald City Thriller #2 by Audrey J Cole
The Summer Nanny; An Emerald City Thriller #3 by Audrey J Cole

MORTGAGE HELP IS HERE FOR IOWA HOMEOWNERS



Past due, income eligible homeowners may be eligible for assistance.

Up to \$25,000 per eligible household is available now to assist with past due payments, including:

-  Mortgage Payments
-  Land contract sale payments
-  Manufactured Home/Lot Rent Payments
-  Property Taxes
-  Homeowner's Insurance (hazard, flood, and/or mortgage insurance)
-  Homeowner Association Fees

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Past Due?



COVID-19 Hardship?



Income Eligible?

Take the eligibility precheck to see if you may be eligible for up to \$25,000 in foreclosure prevention assistance.

See if you're eligible:

iowafinance.com/ihaf
888-668-0927

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888-668-0927

cont'd from page 2 *Pastor Lynn Arends*

Repentance doesn't necessarily have to be about our sins. Repentance isn't necessarily about feeling bad or saying, "I'm sorry." To repent means to "turn around". So, while repentance can mean turning around from our sins and our bad way of living, it can also mean that, even though we're living a decent life and trying to turn away from our besetting sins we can still re-orient ourselves, changing our perspective and our direction, making a commitment to turn around from a current way of looking at things and live differently.

So, what if this Christmas instead of walking away from God we turn around and start walking toward him?

What if this Christmas we stop listening to the rest of the world and stop pushing Jesus to the edge of our Christmas preparations and instead turn around make Him the center, the focus of this entire season?

What if this Christmas, we turn everything around and make it all about Christ? Wouldn't that be something to celebrate? Wouldn't that be a Christmas to remember?

So how about it? Are you ready for Christmas?

Steamboat Rock Historical Society

Steamboat Rock Centennial

1855—1955

Take a moment to consider the numbers below that relate to a day back in the summer of 1955 when Steamboat Rock held its centennial celebration.

- Cars were lined up bumper to bumper from 5:15 until 6:00 from Pine Lake to Steamboat Rock.
- There were 71 entries in the parade that was better than a mile along.
- Officials estimated the parade crowd to be between 6,000 to 10,000 people. And that is at least 25 times the population of Steamboat Rock.
- For the 2-day event, it was estimated that over 15,000 people attended the celebration.

Can you imagine all those people in our town? That had to be a lot of fun for all.

One of the events of the celebration asked for the ladies of Steamboat Rock to dress in centennial dress. These two pictures include 28 ladies who took part in this event. Do you have some connection to one of these ladies? If so, I would love to hear from you via my email address jimkramer@heartofiowa.net. Let me know your connection and also anything that you might remember about the Centennial Celebration. (I was only 3 years old, so my memories of the event are sort of vague.)

Jim Kramer—Steamboat Rock Historical Society



All the ladies dressed up for celebration of Steamboat Rock's 100th Birthday. A party like this only happens once every century. Back Row: Maxine Holmes, Margaret Eckel, Jurrena Luiken, Wilma Blossch Luiken, Marie Gast, Lillian Cervetti. Front Row: Anna Marie Pixler, Evola Harberts, Betty Asher, Mrs. Jim Harris, Grace Frerichs, Frieda Boll, Edna Kruse.



Back Row: Arlene Stull, Lydia Potgeter, Marie Eilers, Ruth Frerichs, Dolly Folkerts, Harriet Luiken, Mrs. George, Workman, Doris Rappelt. Front Row: Polly Stull, Emma Williams, Meta Mae Havens, Iradell Knight, Helen Allison, Genevive Heffelmeier, Janice Kramer.

MAYOR
Tim Stearns

"A Valley
of
Friendliness"



COUNCIL MEMBERS

Adam Blackburn
Dave Mull
Kevin Pieters
Cory Schurman
Jon Schurman

The Steamboat Rock City Council met in regular session December 12th, 2022, 6:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers and available via zoom. Present were Mayor Stearns and the following council members: Adam Blackburn, Dave Mull, Kevin Pieters, and Jon Schurman. Absent: Cory Schurman. Also present were JJ Veld, John and Joan Schuller, Deb Crosser, Melissa Johanson, and Renee Oltrogge. Scott Williams arrived later.

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

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

Public comments: Mayor Stearns introduced Deb Crosser as the new interim Economic Development Director for Hardin County. A keeping of animals permit for 207 Madison Street was presented by potential new owners, Gabriela & Indalecio Macedo signed by all neighbors as requested for 5 hens and 4 horses. J. Schurman moved, Mull seconded the motion to approve the permit. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: C. Schurman.

Melissa Johanson, Librarian presented the library report. The tree lighting was a great success! Currently working with Hardin County ISU Extension on a spring gardening program. Other events include blind date with a book and working on summer programs. Discussed the history and potential formula adjustments of the annual distribution from Hardin County given to the libraries. Blackburn suggested councilpersons write a letter or make an official statement stating we support the libraries to give to the Supervisors. Johanson mentioned about 33% of materials checked out are to folks outside the City limits. PO #202211122022 Baker and Taylor \$204.18. Pieters moved, seconded by J. Schurman to approve the PO as presented. Motion carried unanimously, Absent: C. Schuman.

Fire Department report: Fire Chief Scott Williams unavailable. Pieters advised the bunker gear is arriving. PO #83 Norby's \$50.00, PO #84 Hardin County Tire \$3,000.00, 6 tires for #674 Ambulance, Interstate Batteries for #85 \$162.00. J. Schurman moved, seconded by Mull to approve the PO's as presented. Motion carried unanimously, Absent: C. Schurman. Williams later added the department is finalizing their by-laws and will have annual elections. This year all of the officers stayed. J. Schurman moved, seconded by Blackburn to approve Scott Williams as Fire Chief as voted by department. Motion carried unanimously, Absent: C. Schurman.

JJ Veld presented the public works report. Mayor Stearns asked about hydrant flushing and Veld advised it was done twice this year. Mayor Stearns advised City Attorney Taylor stated if we need to enter the homes to check on the type of pipes, it will take a while to get the paperwork together. Veld advised Bill with Blacktop came down to review the streets since they were our last vendor and quoted blacktop at \$65,000 on 30 foot wide 2 blocks and \$8,000-9,000 for gypsum/limestone rock down.

Mayor Stearns advised on distressed properties: No new activity on 106 4th St. 208 3rd St we are in the 60 day waiting period. No new activity on 301 W Market St. Building permit fee was paid for 308 6th St & 601 W Sycamore St for his report every 30 days.

Nuisance Reporting had no activity.

Grant status per Oltrogge: FEMA Hazard Mitigation assistance Grant for the lift station backup generator is on phase 5 of questions and still need quotes. Application for a USDA Grant to be used for a sewer line on the west side of the river has been reviewed, waiting on approval of certification documents. The asbestos study has been completed and the receipt for payment will be submitted for reimbursement by the grant today. The gym lights have arrived and installed and viewed.

Hardin County Conservation & Sewer Hook Up: Mayor Stearns advised they are moving forward with our grant application and the County is willing to help in some manner.

J. Schurman reported on street repairs activity. Everything has been measured to get quotes.

Nuisance Ordinance Update. Draft complete, final should be available for next meeting.

Municipal Infractions Ordinance Update. Draft complete, final should be available for next meeting.

Animal Control Code Ordinance update. Draft complete, final should be available for next meeting.

Gym lights were shown in person and Mayor Stearns advised many residents have thanked the city for this amazing upgrade!

Making the 4-way stop intersection at the end of the River's Edge Trail and adjacent to the RockStop safe for pedestrian and bike traffic was discussed. Mayor Stearns discussed with City attorney and installing crosswalks does not increase any liability to the City. Any crosswalk would need to be American Disability Act compliant which are very expensive. Consider putting up some signage to watch for pedestrians and bicyclists. Veld advised this is not city property, this is county property.

Oltrogge is still doing research on updating our Zoning 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 with several grants in play with a total of \$10,000 cost share amounts from the City. Searching for additional grants or county participation to cover the \$10,000. Mayor Stearns will meet with the Visionary Group to discuss raising funds unable to be covered by other sources.

Oltrogge presented her job description and posting for discussion. Pieters moved to approve the description and posting. Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: C. Schurman. Oltrogge will work remotely and have limited in office hours of Saturdays 8am-6pm to assist until a suitable person is trained and in place.

Dave Hagberg was not present to discuss composting.

Mayor Stearns requested a motion to approve the renewal liquor license for RockStop. Pieters moved to approve license, Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: C. Schurman.

Oltrogge presented 2022 Wages to be published. J. Schurman moved to approve wage list, Pieters seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: C. Schurman.

Joan and John Schuller presented a very well prepared 3D rendering presentation requesting the city apply for a Community Catalyst Building Remediation Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for a \$400,000 project. The City is required to make the application, with primarily "in kind" contributions towards the project. The project includes: restoring the old railroad granary near the River's Edge Bike Trail on the west side of the Iowa River, including turning three 30' x 30' spaces into east end retail space or food/bar, the middle section overflow or community area, and the west end of the building into an Air B&B or fulltime rental. The grant requires a 100% match which the Schuller's will provide. The application is scored on the impact the project will have as a catalyst towards other community development & tourism, along with a number of other scoring objectives. There were two very well written letters of support from citizens. Pieters asked if the City could potentially inherit any liability in this property. Schuller advised they put up the funds and there will be a contract explaining there is no city liability. Mayor Stearns advised he will discuss any potential liability with Jim Thompson, the State program administrator and/or our City attorney. Blackburn asked how the City could justify helping with "in-kind" contributions, if in the future the Schuller's might get a financial gain. John Schuller advised this is not the city giving things out and not gaining anything. John explained we are investing in each other and the city will get more tourism, increased property taxes, sales taxes, possibly hotel/motel tax, and perhaps other new businesses or people wanting to participate in our community. Blackburn is interested in the green initiative for use on future projects. Schuller's invited everyone to tour the building.

Mayor Stearns discussed adding a hotel/motel tax and educating the public about it. Pieters moved to approve the hotel/motel tax at 7%, Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: C. Schurman.

Mayor's comments: Merry Christmas!

Pieters moved to adjourn the meeting, Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: No one. Meeting adjourned at 8: 11 pm.

City of Steamboat Rock Claims To Be Approved 12/12/2022

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Check	11/14/2022	ACH	United States Treasury	Payroll	\$ 523.42
Check	11/14/2022	ACH	IPERS	Payroll	\$ 538.13
Check	11/14/2022	ACH	Iowa Department of Revenue	WET Tax	\$ 231.45
Check	11/14/2022	ACH	Alliant Energy	Electric/gas	\$ 2,943.03
Check	11/14/2022	ACH	Heart of Iowa	\$177.35 City, \$34.75 FD, Water \$34.75, \$56.00 Library	\$ 302.85
Check	11/14/2022	ACH	Culligan	Library \$22.95, City\$29.95	\$ 52.90
Check	11/14/2022	ACH	1st Interstate Bank CC	Sewer \$513.00, IT \$176.28, Mntnce \$112.87	\$ 802.15
Check	11/14/2022	ACH	Grundy National Bank	Community Center Loan Payment	\$ 2,115.00
Transfer	11/14/2022	Transfer	Library	City contribution & tax levy	\$ 300.00
Paycheck	11/14/2022	2472	Haskin, Kelly	Payroll	\$ 390.30
Paycheck	11/14/2022	2473	Johanson, Melissa M	Payroll	\$ 897.61
Check	11/14/2022	2474	Oltrogge, Renee	Payroll	\$ 1,418.98
Check	11/14/2022	2475	VandeVoort, Darlene K	Payroll	\$ 267.22
Check	11/14/2022	2476	Veld, JJ	Contractual earnings	\$ 2,300.00
Check	11/14/2022	2477	JJ Veld (cleaning)	Cleaning Contract	\$ 200.00
Check	11/14/2022	2478	Veld, JJ (mileage)	Mileage	\$ 82.00
Check	11/14/2022	2479	AgVantage FS	Propane	\$ 24.00
Check	11/14/2022	2480	Blythe Sanitation	D \$315, Res \$1050, T \$618.20, Rec \$0	\$ 1,983.20
Check	11/14/2022	2481	Current Electric	Gym furnace	\$ 67.50
Check	11/14/2022	2482	Eldora Hardware	UPS charges	\$ 129.72
Check	11/14/2022	2483	Hardin County Sheriff	County Sheriff Contract	\$ 613.54
Check	11/14/2022	2484	Hardin County Solid Waste	Quarterly Assessment	\$ 2,441.25
Check	11/14/2022	2485	Havens Electric	Gym lights	\$ 5,159.16
Check	11/14/2022	2486	Innovative Ag	Propane	\$ 125.00
Check	11/14/2022	2487	JCJDW Investments LLC	Solar FD \$35.52, City \$948.75	\$ 908.79
Check	11/14/2022	2488	John Deere (Norby's)	FD	\$ 49.17
Check	11/14/2022	2489	Mid America Publishing	Publishing	\$ 122.82
Check	11/14/2022	2490	Rock Stop	FD	\$ 321.72
Check	11/14/2022	2491	Shield Pest Control, LLC	Pest control	\$ 70.00
Check	11/14/2022	2492	United Rentals	Lift for gym lights	\$ 279.50
Check	11/14/2022	2493	USA Blue Book	Water	\$ 102.75

TOTAL TOTAL **\$25,763.16**

Alliant Energy Breakdown

22.51	Ball Field
22.53	Welcome Sign
1114.22	Street Light
94.89	Lift Station
206.29	Fire Department
471.36	Water
225.89	Community Center
630.53	Sewage Treatment Plant
154.81	Library
\$ 2,943.03	TOTAL

looking Ahead...

Saturday, December 17th LIVE Music @Happenings
Don Fisher 8:00pm-11:00pm

Sunday December 25th CLOSED Christmas Day @Happenings

Saturday, December 31st NYE Party DJ Danny @Happenings

Monday, January 9th City Council Meeting 6:30pm @city hall

Recycling December 19th, and January 2ⁿ, 16th, & 30th

Every Wednesday @6:30pm- SRBC Awanas Club



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