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Carol will be missed by many!!! Carrying on her tradition & such hard work every month for our community!!

Tree Lighting Ceremony

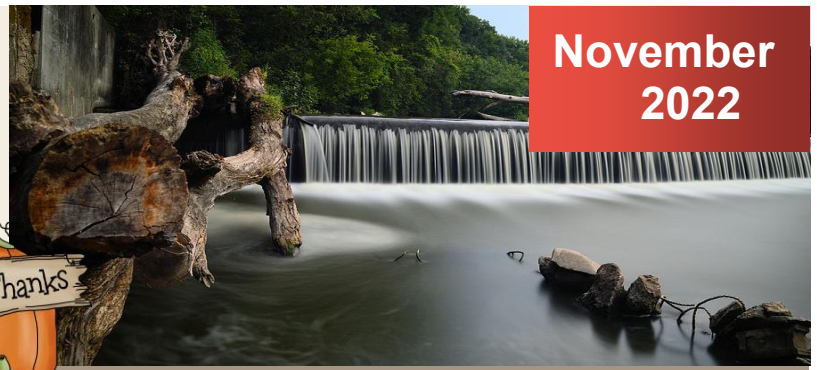
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Santas Christmas Sacks

Happy Birthdays

and Much More !!!

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**“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!”
~ Psalm 100:4**



The Fence

There once was a young boy with a very bad temper. The boy’s father wanted to teach him a lesson, so he gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper he must hammer a nail into their wooden fence.

On the first day of this lesson, the little boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. He was really mad! Over the course of the next few weeks, the little boy began to control his temper, so the number of nails that were hammered into the fence dramatically decreased.

It wasn’t long before the little boy discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Then, the day finally came when the little boy didn’t lose his temper even once, and he became so proud of himself, he couldn’t wait to tell his father.

Pleased, his father suggested that he now pull out one nail for each day that he could hold his temper.

Several weeks went by and the day finally came when the young boy was able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. Very gently, the father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence.

“You have done very well, my son,” he smiled, “but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same.”

The little boy listened carefully as his father continued to speak.

“When you say things in anger, they leave permanent scars just like these. And no matter how many times you say you’re sorry, the wounds will still be there.”

STEAMBOAT ROCK COMMUNITY RESOURCES

City of Steamboat Rock

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Steamboat Rock, IA 50672
641-868-2240
srcityhall@heartofiowa.net

Steamboat Rock Baptist Church

107 2nd St.
Steamboat Rock, IA 50672
641-868-2458
church@steamboatbaptist.org

Steamboat Rock Cemetery

19325 Z Ave.
Steamboat Rock, IA 50672
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50672cemetery@gmail.com

Steamboat Rock Fire & Rescue

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Steamboat Rock Historic Society

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Steamboat Rock Public Library

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Steamboat Rock Visionary Group

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Steamboat Rock, IA 50672
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Steamboat Rock

4th ANNUAL COMMUNITY

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

EVENTS

5:00pm Historical Society OPEN

6:00pm Story Reading – SR Library

Christmas Goody Bags – SR Fire Department

Refreshments Outside

Love-A-Latte

Family Traditions

6:30pm Contest Winners – Outside

Lighting of the Tree

ENTER TO WIN

Coloring Contest – SR Library

ALL Ages Eligible

Gift Card Drawing – The Rock Stop

Fuel Purchase Required



Come on, come all to the 4th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held at the evergreen tree in the lot between the Historical Society building and the library. Festivities will begin on Wed, Nov 23rd at 5pm. The Historical Society will be opening their awesome museum at that time and will have it open until 6pm and then again after the tree lighting ceremony.

At 6pm, Love a Latte will have hot chocolate and cider available at no cost compliments of the Historical Society. For those who may be hungry, there will be all-beef hot dogs with homemade buns available for a free-will donation. The donations will go to help pay for the new tree lights. The hot dogs & buns will come from Family Traditions in Ackley and will be awesome. Look for both of these to be set up in the closed street south of the tree.

At 6pm, the library board will hold activities for kids at the library. All ages are encourage to enter the coloring contest going on now. Get your coloring supplies from the library. Contest prizes will be awarded donated by the Progress Club. A lucky young person will be selected to light up the tree lights and the firemen will be handing out goody bags to the kids.

Be sure to gas up at the Rock Stop and enter the drawing for four gift certificates that will be handed out the evening of the 23^r. (Must spend \$10 minimum and be present to win.)

The tree lighting ceremony will begin at 6:30pm. Coloring contest prizes will be awarded, Rock Stop certificates presented to the winners, and then the tree lighting. The countdown again will be by a local celebrity. Who will it be this year? Come see our new tree lights which will brighten our community until January.

Thanks to those who have given donations to help our committee defer this expense. Donations may be sent to Visionary Group, PO Box 185, 50672.

As the gift season comes closer don't forget the Steamboat Rock long-sleeve tshirts available at the library. These make great gifts!!!

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!*

November 22nd Matt Kane
Ryan Rolph

November 24th Ryan Stupp

November 27th Erin Ross

December 5th Susan DeVries
Natalie Kane

December 6th Jason Schuneman

December 8th Michelle Risius

December 17th Tjode Leverton
December 27th Todd Fleming



Steamboat Rock Visionary Group / Pride & Betterment

Christmas in Steamboat Rock!

After much deliberation, our committee has decided we cannot leave our community with no Christmas lighting. The expense for lighting the uptown tree has been nearly too much for our finances but we have decided to dip into our reserves to keep our popular tree lighting tradition going. We have purchased new lighting that is more robust than the lighting we have used in the past. The new lighting has a seven-year warranty and will be placed in the tree by the company that sells the lighting. This cost is significant so anyone who appreciates our lighting efforts is asked to help us with this cost. Send donations to PO Box 185 in care of the Visionary Group. These donations may be tax deductible as we are a 501c3 under the IRS. Thank you!

Tree Lighting Ceremony!

Our annual tree lighting will be held on Wednesday, November 23, beginning at 6 pm. We will once again be working with the Rock Stop to give gift certificates. Make a minimum \$10 gas purchase and enter in the drawing. We will give four certificates this year, so chances of winning are even better. (You must be present to win.) Come & See our new lights and enjoy the start of the Christmas season. Watch for flyers with more details!



from the Mayor

Thankful/ Grateful/ Blessed during the Thanksgiving Season

In this season of Thanksgiving

let's think about things we are thankful for in Steamboat Rock:

The beautiful fall season that has abruptly ended overnight last night.

The wet (we need the moisture) and beautiful snowfall today.

The generally bountiful harvest our local farmers had and the lack of very many mishaps during harvest.

The completion of the River's Edge bike trail into Eldora during 2022.

The three local families that purchased distressed properties here in Steamboat Rock and rehabbed them into attractive real estate during 2022.

The blessing of local volunteers who make up our excellent Fire Department

The Steamboat Rock Public Library that does an extraordinary job.

The newly formed Celebrate Recovery group that is already helping people with their life struggles.

The two Churches in town that have done and continue to do an exemplary job of providing love and worship opportunities to all.

The Happenings bar in town that is amazing in their support of our town functions and activities.

The Rock Stop without which, some of us would run out of fuel, or miss our weekly pizza fix, or even miss a few meals.

The Historical Society that will do anything for folks who want to learn about the colorful history of our town and the local area.

The local Cemetery Board that works to preserve the history and grounds in excellent condition.

The Steamboat Rock Sanitary System that works great (remember- near and dear to me!) now and we expect it to work great for many more years. Tendency to take this for granted, but it is really a blessing to have a sewer system that works without fail.

The Steamboat Rock Water System that recently passed a stringent inspection without criticism. Shall be blessed even more with the delivery of the new standby generator very soon.

The City Council members are a blessing that even with open meeting laws, many folks are unaware of all the duties they perform to protect the integrity of the City and City services for you. Thankful for them from me- even in the midst of sometimes heated discussions, their hearts are fully engaged in protecting all of you.

The City Clerk has interacted with many of you who I have met leaving her office with a smile on your faces. That may even qualify as a miracle, but at the very least, she is a great blessing!

The City Maintenance Man is a blessing to all of us in this community. Many of you have been recipients of his kind-hearted help at times when you felt at a total loss of what to do next.

The Visionary Group that works tirelessly to help our community with structures, and up-keep, and new ideas, and new projects to provide more enjoyment to all.

The people who bless our community by being residents here.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Tim Stearns, Mayor



Steamboat Rock Fire Department



This month's article is written with a heavy heart but with a smile. I'm not sure where the concept of the Friend Valley Times came from, but it has been a project of the Pride and Betterment Committee for quite some time now. There have been several people that I know that have helped keep this "paper" afloat. I prefer not to mention any names as I may forget some and don't want to offend anyone, but those that have helped, THANK YOU!!!

I am not sure who was originally in charge, but Carol ended up with the task and took pride in making sure this was made and was mailed out on time. When I was promoted to Chief of SRFD, I was informed by her, that I was responsible for writing an article each month. The deadline for this article was the first Wednesday after the City Council mtg. That was hard to remember for the first article, let alone come up with material to write. Of course, the first month rolled around and I get this friendly reminder that I needed to turn in my article – signed Mom. I scrambled to get something to her so that the "paper" was out on time. Then over the past years, those friendly reminders turned into phone calls stating that if I didn't get my article to her, it would be printed w/o it – in her sternest Mom voice she could give me, Lol!! Then by the time the phone call was over, it was – "If you get it to me by 8 a.m., I will run it off and get it printed." I worked diligently after hanging up and produced an article and sent it that night. I would call her and let her know that I emailed, and that stern voice mellowed to an enthusiastic "Okay, thank-you!" with a "Love you, bye." The next day, she then would sit down at the city hall printing off copies, folding, stapling, and then packing them in mail carriers to that it could be sent out the next day. Last December, Carol battled COVID and that is the first time I can recall that the FVT didn't get sent out. She returned home in January and the next couple of months there was no FVT. Then in March/April she started to ask for articles and once again the FVT hit the printer. She had excellent help from City Hall and the FVT made the deadline.

It was after a couple of months she realized that this was quite a bit to keep this going. The one thing she didn't want to give up but knew that too many enjoyed the monthly FVT. The last article that I sent her was in June. The reins were eventually handed over to Renee, which Carol was so grateful for as she knew it was going to be continued. So, as I type this, I say thank-you to Heidi Young for taking this task from Renee and keeping something my mom thoroughly enjoyed alive!! Scott – "Mom, Love you, bye!!"

The Steamboat Rock Fire and Rescue will again be hosting Santa's Christmas sacks, but this year will be a little different. Santa and sacks will be present the night of the lighting of the tree, Nov. 23rd. Santa and his Fire Dept. helpers will be there from 6 – 6:30 p.m. Come and grab a sack and watch the lighting of the tree.

Yes, it is almost Thanksgiving!! If you are traveling, please travel safe.

Take time to reflect and be thankful for those who are still around you and let them know how thankful you are. Then sit back with those that you are feasting with and reflect about those that use to spend time with you during this time of thanks!! Enjoy your time with family – as we never when the last time is.

As always be fire safe,

Chief Williams

Kids Korner

Legend Rolph
7th Grade
Class President

Make Our School
Legendary
VFTY : Kids

Celebrating our Kids doing GREAT Things!!!

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

How a computer works. How television sends images over waves through the air.
The sport of cricket. Algebra.

I'm not afraid to admit that there are things that I simply do not understand. And probably will never understand. Algebra, for instance.

How about you? What are some things that you just don't understand- and probably never will?

Scripture tells us that we are not alone in our lack of understanding. Proverbs 30:18-19 in the New Living Translation NLT Bible reads, "There are three things that amaze me— no, four things that I don't understand: how an eagle glides through the sky, how a snake slithers on a rock, how a ship navigates the ocean, how a man loves a woman."

Well, I can kind of explain how an eagle flies. And snakes on a rock, I won't be around long enough to explain anything. Ships on the ocean are easy to explain- with current technology and all. And I'm not going anywhere near the man loving a woman thing in this column.

The thing is- we don't have to understand these things, but also, we can't deny that they do occur.

And I'll admit, it may not seem terribly relevant to understand computers, cricket, algebra, eagles, snakes, ships, men, and women, (Did I mention I wasn't going there?) there are things I don't understand that I do think are important.

Why do bad things happen to good people? Why do natural disasters happen? Why are some people healed and some aren't? How did the resurrection happen? What exactly is the Triune God?

These are all things I just don't understand. But I also can't deny that they exist or that they happen. Perhaps, they're things I'm not supposed to understand. Isaiah 55:8-9 in the English Standard Version ESV Bible, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Isaiah tells us that there are things that we don't need to understand, will never understand, and will never be able to explain- this side of heaven anyway.

Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 13:12 in the NLT, "Now we see things imperfectly as in a cloudy mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely."

Then we will see everything with perfect clarity. How reassuring is that? The answers to all of our questions, all of the things we don't understand now, God will answer for us when we spend eternity with Him.

Maybe He'll even explain algebra to me.



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www.youseemore.com/nile/steamboatrock

or on Facebook @SteamboatRockLibrary

Paper crafting was a complete success with 10 patrons here and the instructor. We made 2 different crafts; the instructor was great, and we had fun just catching up with each other. And the box lunches from Subway were tasty also.

It seems rather early, but we are starting on summer reading. The program will start on June 5th and go through July 21st with the final party. Last year was so much fun for all the patrons so I will have to work hard to top that. The theme this year is "Find Your Voice." Donation letters will go out shortly to help fund this program for mostly our younger patrons, but parents/adults are always welcome.

The tree lighting will be on Wednesday, November 23rd starting at 6:00 PM here at the library. Bailey Primus will be reading her newest book to the patrons, then it will be on to the main event. We do have the coloring contest again this year with 5 levels of coloring pages. Please stop in to pick them up for a chance to win.

Book club will be on December 8th starting at 2:00. We do not read the same book, so the different book reviews are fun to listen to. I do have to put a plug in for the book "Last Summer Boys" by Bill Rivers. Everyone who has read it has raved about it.

Remember we are a non-profit organization so any donation you give can be used as a tax write-off. Thanks to all for your assistance in any way.



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"

"Lighting of The Tree"

We hope to see you on Wednesday evening, November 23rd, for the 4th annual "Lighting of the Tree" ceremony sponsored by The Visionary Group of Steamboat Rock. (See other article for more details). The Steamboat Rock Historical Society will be opening their doors at 5:00 to give people a chance to tour the museum. If you've not toured our museum lately, this would be a fantastic opportunity to see all the artifacts related to our great little community. We will reopen again after the ceremony to give you this opportunity.

AND, the Steamboat Rock Historical Society, will again be hosting "Love-A-Latte" from Eldora to serve you hot chocolate and hot apple chai. This is our way of saying "Thank You" for supporting us the past year.

Hope to see you there!!

Museum Open on Appointment Only

As stated above, the museum will be open both before and after the event on November 23rd. Other than that time, we have closed the museum for the balance of the year. However, if you are in town and would like to stop in for a visit, please feel free to call me at 641-858-6085 or contact me at the address above and I would be happy to find a time to meet you there and show you around.

Membership Dues for 2023

You should be soon getting 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. A number of times this summer, I've taken a phone call from someone traveling through town and asking if they could tour our museum. They almost always have the same comment; "You have a wonderful little museum with artifacts that are well displayed." This work is all done by Keith Griffen.

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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

Billie Starr's Book of Sorries

by Deborah E. Kennedy

The Christmas Spirit

by Debbie MaComber

The Boys from Biloxi

by John Grisham

Demon Copperhead

by Barbara Kingsolver

Dreamland by Nicholas Sparks

A Man Called Ove

by Fredrik Backman

Meredith, Alone

by Claire Alexander

Biography

The Daughter of Auschwitz

by Tova Friedman

Historical Fiction

The Heart Mender

by Andy Andrews

Mystery

Killers of a Certain Age

by Deanna Raybourn

Triple Cross by James Patterson

Children's Fiction

Have You Ever Seen a Flower?

by Shawn Harris

Watercress by Andrea Wang

Wonder Walkers by Micha Archer

Mel Fell by Corey R. Tabor

Junior Fiction

Red, White, and Whole

by Raajani LaRocca

The Last Cuentista

by Donna Barba Higuera

Too Bright to See

by Kyle Lukoff

The Big Dark

by Rodman Philbrick

Cont'd from previous page **Steamboat Rock Historical Society**

If you happen to see Keith, be sure to thank him for all that he does for the town of Steamboat Rock.

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.

Would you be willing to join our team?

There is another way that you could help us. Over the past year, we again lost two valuable members of our group. Mary Weaver and Janet Folkerts contributed much to what we are trying to accomplish, and they will both be missed. In order to host special events and make plans for the future, we need more people to join our leadership team and help us. Would you consider donating some of your time to help us in our endeavor to **“preserve and promote the history of Steamboat Rock and the surrounding area”**? We have a number of things that we would like to get done but we simply do not have the people that we need to get it done. Here are some ways that you might be able to help us:

- Before the pandemic began, we met on the 1st Monday of each month to discuss our plans for the future and handle anything that might have come up. Due to the pandemic, we now only meet on occasion.
- We have stacks of newspapers that people have donated. We simply do not have proper storage for all of these papers. We would like to go through the papers and cut out the articles and pictures that relate to our town and then put them into binders with a reference so that people can find what they are looking for.
- We very much want to have a catalog of individual family histories. We’ve wanted this for years, but simply lack someone to take the lead on getting this done.
- We very much want and need a catalog of all the artifacts that are in our museum. Again, we’ve had this on our agenda for years, but again lack the person to take the lead on this.
- Grants are usually available, but we do not have the person willing to take the time to seek out these grants and then make the application to receive the grant.
- Before the pandemic, we hosted a couple of yearly events centered around the history of our town or of our nation that would have had an impact on our town. We need someone to help us with this endeavor.
- We would like to host other special events, but quite honestly, we need some younger people to help get it done. At the age of 70, I am the youngest person on our leadership team. We need your help.

Does one of the above items interest you? If so, please call me at 641-858-6085 or email me at jimkkramer@heartofiowa.net and I will be certain to answer any questions that you might have for me.

Thank you for your continued support of the Steamboat Rock Historical Society

Jim Kramer—Steamboat Rock Historical Society

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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 _____
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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 November 14th, 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, Cory Schurman and Jon Schurman. Absent: No One. Also present were JJ Veld, JD Holmes and Renee Oltrogge.

Mayor Stearns called the meeting to order. Pieters moved, seconded by C. Schurman to approve the posted agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: No One.

Pieters moved, seconded by Mull to approve the minutes from October 10th, 2022. Motion carried unanimously, Absent: No One. C. Schurman moved, seconded by Pieters the motion to approve City bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously, Absent: No One. Hours were presented for Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk and Kelly Haskin, Water/Sewer Supervisor. Blackburn moved, C. Schurman seconded the motion to approve hours as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: No One.

Public comments: A building permit was presented for 308 6th St for demolition of both blue houses. C. Schurman moved, Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: No One. A family stopped this weekend at The Rockstop with a flat tire and was graciously helped by Ryan, Ron, and Mason. They wanted to say thank you so much for your assistance with changing the tire. She truly believes this is the Valley of Friendliness!

Melissa Johanson, Librarian was unavailable to present the library report. Emily Schuneman was added to the Library board.

Fire Department report: Fire Chief Scott Williams unavailable. Pieters advised Fire Department Santa will pass out Santa bags at the tree lighting. Mayor Stearns discussed a potential grant for refacing the Firehouse which would require a 25% match from the City. Discussion that may be the right time to include insulating the City maintenance garage portion of the same building. Blackburn asked about the can receptacle after being moved to the fire station. Pieters advised it is available and you can put your refundable recycle cans and bottles in the receptacle in a bag.

JJ Veld presented the public works report. Advising the dry beds have been cleaned out and he believes the liquid went septic and we might get red flagged due to high ammonia readings. Those high readings are already dropping back down to established acceptable readings. Veld advised by 10/2024 the EPA wants a water service line survey of each property describing and proof of the line material, the material of the fittings, and the material used in the joints to make sure there is no lead. Veld advised if there is no accurate existing record, we may be required to either dig it up for viable proof or show receipts of proof. There is no timeline of when replacement needs to be completed and there is still a lack of rules of what products needs to be used for replacement. Discussion how to attempt to tackle this practically and who is fiscally responsible for each part of the water starting at the mains, then to the curb stop, then into each property. Veld advised the gym has been left unnecessarily messy on Sunday evenings and lights left on. C. Schurman asked if adult supervision is required to have the gym open, which it is. Discussion about starting to lock the gym if the messes continue. C. Schurman thanked Abby Veld for her extra work for cleaning the building.

Mayor Stearns advised on distressed properties; No new activity except 308 6th St & 601 W Sycamore: New building permit for demolition received and approved today.

Nuisance Reporting sheets were reviewed then shredded.

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, requested additional information was sent today. The asbestos study has been completed and the receipt for payment will be submitted for reimbursement by the grant. The gym lights have arrived and estimated date for installation is 12/2-4/22. Discussed the lift rental and

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the need to protect the gym floor with plywood where the lift will be traveling. The gym will be closed those days.

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. In process but no report tonight.

Municipal Infractions Ordinance Update. In process but no report tonight.

Animal Control Code Ordinance update. In process but no report tonight.

The old City Hall building is believed to have changed hands. If a request to remove the Siren is received, we should ask for a delay due to a potential change in ownership and operations of sirens county wide.

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. Anticipation of many bikers patronizing the Rockstop lead this discussion. Much of the vehicle traffic doesn't come to a full stop at this intersection. Mayor Stearns discussed with County Engineer, Taylor Roll different ideas of signs, flashing yellow lights, or rumble strips- all of which have limited success per Roll. Mayor Stearns asked everyone to think about other ideas. Blackburn suggested a pedestrian walk and Pieters advised just to put up signs. C. Schurman asked to check on city liability if we do put in a crosswalk.

Zoning Commission example was given and discussed and Oltrogge requested ideas of what the council is looking for, to be able to hone in on examples from other cities with similar population for the next meeting.

Mayor Stearns presented a potential new city code Ordinance dealing with all kinds of off-road vehicles. Document written to encompass new State & County codes and customized towards issues Steamboat Rock residents are most interested in.

Mayor Stearns advised the very large Ash tree near the shelter house needs to be removed. About 1/3 of the tree died during 2022 and a quote of \$1,800 has been received to remove all of the tree except appropriate size for firewood. Includes stump removal. The wood remaining will be offered (method not yet determined) to Steamboat Rock residents who use wood for heat in their homes. C. Schurman moved to accept the bid, Blackburn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: No One.

Oltrogge has received a bid to digitize all the old city maps in City Hall of \$230.00. Pieters moved to approve the bid, J. Schurman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: No One.

Mayor Stearns discussed the asbestos survey results for the old school building, and bids for removal will be coming shortly. Mayor Stearns stated there are 16 of 67 places tested that have asbestos; the two biggest spots are roofs.

Oltrogge advised The Friendly Valley Times has a new volunteer Creative Editor in Chief of Heidi Young. Please thank her if you see her. City Hall will still be handling the printing and mailing of the newsletter. Volunteers needed. Blackburn suggested the Library staff might have some time available for a task or two related to the newsletter. Funding for the newsletter was discussed. Blackburn suggested recipients make a free will donation in honor of Carol Williams. Beginning in December the information for the newsletters should be emailed to hry@heartofiowa.net by the 15th of each month, then mailed out by the 25th of the month.

Mayor Stearns discussed the DNR proposed parking and river access on City property north of the City solar panel array. Purpose of this proposed facility is to provide additional river activity parking and access once the dam is removed to encourage tourism and the use of the river. Pieters and Blackburn asked if this would restrict the city from future expansion in that location. Mayor Stearns advised this parking and access area is in the 100 year flood plain. Mayor Stearns explained the grants, funding, and proposed City portion of

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expenses. This is a progress report to get a feel for if the City would be willing or able to make any financial contribution to the project.

Mayor Stearns presented a summary of The Hardin County Economic Engineering meetings. The purpose of these meetings is for our communities/county to put a plan in place focused on making the economy grow faster than the population. Mayor Stearns explained Steamboat Rock needs to figure out how to capture income from an already expanding tourism base and how to best be a bedroom community to other industrial based cities. The county needs about 120 new homes in the next 10 years to provide housing for jobs that are here and any new jobs created. Discussion at the meetings about hiring additional staff to help our existing economic development folks. If that happens, all the communities and businesses in the county would need to assist with funding. Based on population, Steamboat Rock would need to contribute about 1% of the additional cost per year. This additional staff would help track available resources each community has, provide statistical analysis of meeting any goals determined by the entire county, and assist with marketing the county outside of Iowa.

Mayor Stearns discussed the worksheets for the Budget 2023-2024FY.

Oltrogge explained due to family illness that she will be resigning and her job description was discussed. Oltrogge advised she will stay as long as possible to assist with finding the next clerk, training, and transition them into the role. Oltrogge is highly respected for her work as our City Clerk and there was lengthy discussion about her ability to work remotely and have limited in office hours to assist until a suitable person is trained and in place.

Mayor's comments: The Visionary Group continues to accept donations for the new Christmas lights with the official tree lighting 11/23/22. Mayor Stearns said he is thankful for each of the members of the City Council with their insight and expertise in a variety of areas to help keep the City functioning, and the exceptional work that Veld and Oltrogge accomplish.

C. Schurman moved to adjourn the meeting, Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: No One. Meeting adjourned at 9: 43 pm.

Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor

Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk

City of Steamboat Rock Claims To Be Approved 11/14/2022

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Check	11/14/2022	ACH	United States Treasury	Payroll	\$ 579.07
Check	11/14/2022	ACH	IPERS	Payroll	\$ 570.07
Check	11/14/2022	ACH	Iowa Department of Revenue	WET Tax	\$ 226.20
Check	11/14/2022	ACH	Alliant Energy	Electric/gas	\$ 2,527.69
Check	11/14/2022	ACH	Heart of Iowa	\$178.77 City, \$34.75 FD, Water \$34.75, \$56.42 Library	\$ 304.69
Check	11/14/2022	ACH	Culligan	Library \$10.00, City \$45.05	\$ 55.05
Check	11/14/2022	ACH	1st Interstate Bank CC	Sewer \$122.50, Library \$355.44, Train \$40, Code \$253.44, FYT \$54.46	\$ 825.84
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
Check	11/14/2022	2449	Superior Welding	Oxygen & Acetylene	\$ 90.00
Check	11/14/2022	2450	Gehrke Quarry	17.55 ton rock	\$ 228.02
Check	11/14/2022	2451	Eldora Hardware	UPS Charges	\$ 110.37
Paycheck	11/14/2022	2452	Haskin, Kelly	Payroll	\$ 390.30
Paycheck	11/14/2022	2453	Johanson, Melissa M	Payroll	\$ 897.61
Check	11/14/2022	2454	Oltrogge, Renee	Payroll	\$ 1,418.98
Check	11/14/2022	2455	VandeVoort, Darlene K	Payroll	\$ 267.22
Check	11/14/2022	2456	Veld, JJ	Contractual earnings	\$ 2,300.00
Check	11/14/2022	2457	JJ Veld (cleaning)	Cleaning Contract	\$ 200.00
Check	11/14/2022	2458	Veld, JJ (mileage)	Mileage	\$ 76.88
Check	11/14/2022	2459	AgVantage FS	Propane	\$ 24.00
Check	11/14/2022	2460	Blythe Sanitation	D \$315, Res \$1050, T \$757.35, Rec \$0	\$ 2,122.35
Check	11/14/2022	2461	Current Electric	Flag Pole Light	\$ 472.00
Check	11/14/2022	2462	DNR	Annual water use fee	\$ 115.00
Check	11/14/2022	2463	Eldora Hardware	UPS charges	\$ 74.92
Check	11/14/2022	2464	Hardin County Sheriff	County Sheriff Contract	\$ 613.54
Check	11/14/2022	2465	Impact 7C	Reimbursed by Grant for Abestos Study	\$ 10,000.00
Check	11/14/2022	2466	JCJDW Investments LLC	Solar FD \$66,933, City \$1692.27	\$ 1,759.20
Check	11/14/2022	2467	Mid America Publishing	Publishing	\$ 145.53
Check	11/14/2022	2468	Rock Stop	FD 98.23	\$ 98.23
Check	11/14/2022	2469	Shield Pest Control, LLC	Pest control	\$ 35.00
Check	11/14/2022	2470	Stockdale Law, LLC	City Attorney charges	\$ 43.75
Check	11/14/2022	2471	Steamboat Rock Post Office	295 units x \$0.184 = \$54.28	\$ 54.28

TOTAL TOTAL \$ 29,040.79

Alliant Energy Breakdown

20.40	Ball Field
20.42	Welcome Sign
1135.17	Street Light
82.23	Lift Station
48.29	Fire Department
365.11	Water
66.07	Community Center
635.19	Sewage Treatment Plant
154.81	Library
\$ 2,527.69	TOTAL

looking Ahead...

Monday, November 21st, and December 5th & 19th
Curbside Recycling @7:00am

Wednesday, November 23rd
Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony -
Happenings Pre-Thanksgiving Party
Live Music with Never The Less 9:00pm-1:00am

Monday, December 12th City Council Meeting 6:30pm @city hall

Every Wednesday @6:30pm- SRBC Awanas Club



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