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"Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the Lord."

~ 56 Psalm 31:25



The Anxious Leaf

Once upon a time a little leaf was heard to sigh and cry, as leaves often do when a gentle wind is about. And the twig said, "What is the matter, little leaf?" And the leaf said, "The wind just told me that one day it would pull me off and throw me down to die on the ground!" The twig told it to the branch on which it grew, and the branch told it to the tree. And when the tree heard it, it rustled all over, and sent back word to the leaf, "Do not be afraid. Hold on tightly, and you shall not go till you want to."

And so, the leaf stopped sighing, but went on nestling and singing. Every time the tree shook itself and stirred up all its leaves, the branches shook themselves, and the little twig shook itself, and the little leaf danced up and down merrily, as if nothing could ever pull it off. And so, it grew all summer long, till October.

And when the bright days of autumn came the little leaf saw all the leaves around becoming very beautiful. Some were yellow and some scarlet, and some striped with both colors. Then it asked the tree what it meant. And the tree said, "All these leaves are getting ready to fly away, and they have put on these beautiful colors because of joy."

Then the little leaf began to want to go, too, and grew very beautiful in thinking of it, and when it was very gay in color it saw that the branches of the tree had no bright color in them, and so the leaf said, "O branches! why are you lead-color and we golden?"

"We must keep on our work-clothes, for our life is not done - but your clothes are for holiday, because your tasks are over," said the branches.

Just then a little puff of wind came, and the leaf let go, without thinking of it, and the wind took it up and turned it over and over and whirled it like a spark of fire in the air, and then it dropped gently down under the edge of the fence, among hundreds of leaves, and fell into a dream, and it never waked up to tell what it dreamed about.

Miscellaneous News

Friendly Valley Times – Would you like your Friendly Valley Times emailed to you? Please send your email address to sign up to srcityhall@heartofiowa.net ; subject: FVT.

Let's Save A Tree OR go to the city website – www.steamboatrockiowa.net and sign up there at the bottom of the Home page.

Look within... committees, volunteer work, and lots more.



HAPPY 167th BIRTHDAY STEAMBOAT ROCK, IOWA!

Steamboat Rock was [platted](#) in 1855.^[3] It was named from a large rock on the river bluff which is said to resemble a queue of steamboats from a distance.^[4]

Steamboat Rock is located at [42°24'27"N 93°3'59"W](#) (42.407607, -93.066276).^[5]

According to the [United States Census Bureau](#), the city has a total area of 0.55 square miles (1.42 km²), all land.^[6]

Steamboat Rock is located on the [Iowa River](#), at a point where the river marks the east edge of the Altmont Moraine, the [glacial moraine](#) that marks the east border of the [Des Moines Lobe](#) of the [Wisconsin Glaciation](#). The river valley here is a deep gorge through the [sandstone](#) bedrock underlying the moraine. Unlike most of Iowa, where prairie dominated, this area was historically woodland.^[7]

Steamboat Rock is a major producer of [corn](#) (for [ethanol fuel](#)) and producer of [ethanol](#), which is made from corn. The city was covered on a segment of the [60 Minutes](#) television news program on May 7, 2006, in regard to its production of ethanol. The long dormant railroad line through the town was reactivated in 2007 with the establishment of the [Iowa River Railroad](#) - a rail line that primarily serves the ethanol industry.

[AGWSR Community School District](#) operates area public schools.^[12] The district formed on July 1, 2001, with the merger of the [Wellsburg-Steamboat Rock Community School District](#) and the [Ackley-Geneva Community School District](#). The former was established on July 1, 1992, by the merger of the Steamboat Rock and Wellsburg school districts.^[13]



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOOOUU!!!

*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!*

October 4th
October 14th
October 19th
October 21st

John Stupp
Tony Vaughn
Kimberly Mullins
Aarron Stahl

October 22nd
October 24th
October 25th
October 26th

Katie (Rolph) Brown
Dawn Doolaard
TJ Hall
Nicholas Pieters



STEAMBOAT ROCK COMMUNITY RESOURCES

City of Steamboat Rock
PO Box 366
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
641-751-5096
50672cemetery@gmail.com

Steamboat Rock Fire & Rescue
PO Box 174
Steamboat Rock, IA 50672
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srchief@heartofiowa.net

Steamboat Rock Historic Society
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641-858-6085
jimkramer@heartofiowa.net

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srpresby@gmail.com

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641-868-2182
bhutchcroft@hotmail.com

from the Mayor

River's Edge Trail:

Recently my wife and I traveled to Jackson Hole, Wyoming at the base of the gorgeous Teton Mountains. Had been 22 years since the last time we were there and to my surprise and delight, there are now 270+ miles of multi-use trails in Jackson Hole and all through Grand Teton National Park. Had both my road bike and mountain bike along and had time to ride about ninety miles of those trails. Everywhere I travel in Iowa and other states, people and communities are excited about their multi-use trails

In 2017 the Iowa DOT published "Iowa in Motion 2045". Section 4.2 details the importance of biking and walking to Iowa's economy, fitness, tourism, and the environment. This document was mainstreamed to include the DOT, DNR, Counties, and Cities throughout the state to promote safe biking and walking wherever feasible. In the Iowa DNR five-year plan published for 2013-2018 "outdoor recreation in Iowa", called for an expansion of the state trail system.

There have been multiple case studies about the positive economic impact trails have on a community. In a 2011 study completed by the Iowa Bicycle Coalition in cooperation with the Sustainable Tourism and Environmental Program at UNI, showed a \$364.8mm annual trails impact for Iowa, or about \$1,000,000/day spent on cycling. A 1992 study completed on the Iowa Heritage Trail showed at that time, users spent \$4-11/ day on stuff along the trail or bicycle related items. A West Virginia study on their 2,000 miles of trails showed an \$107,000,000 annual economic benefit to the state. A Maryland study conducted, showed a \$7.51 /user/day economic benefit to the state. The most successful economic impacts are felt when a community embraces the multi-use trail through community leaders and private enterprise participation in goods and services provided to the trail users.

Today here in Iowa we have about 2,000 miles of MUT (multi-use trails). Since 2012, the definition of multi-use trails (MUT) here in Iowa is a 10' wide path designated for bicycles and pedestrian use. This definition was used repeatedly in the DOT, DNR, and Iowa Natural Heritage websites.

After searching multiple websites and placing multiple phone calls, the truth came out about where the money comes from to fund MUTs in Iowa. 80% of the funding comes from: Federal Recreational Trails programs, Iowa Trails (sales tax driven), State Recreation Program (state legislator sets aside \$1-5mm annually for entire state), and a Region 6 Pool (federal pool of money targeted specifically toward trails). A phone call to the Iowa Bicycle Coalition confirmed that the Iowa road fuel tax you all pay at the pump is prohibited by constitution from being used for MUTs. A phone call to the Iowa DNR in Des Moines confirmed that no money "never/ ever" from hunting and fishing licenses is used for MUTs in Iowa.

The remaining 20% comes from grants and private donations including the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation who has participated in about 850 miles of MUTs.

Per Chris Wieting, River's Edge Trail group, the five miles of multi-use trail between Steamboat Rock and Eldora cost about \$3,000,000 to complete including all the bridges. A number of folks have suggested to me that the money could have been used for road or bridge repair in Iowa. Per my research, which is not a factual statement, because the money would have gone towards the very competitive MUT funding construction somewhere else in Iowa, if not here.

Here in Steamboat Rock, we are blessed to have the expanding River's Edge Trail begin in our back yard. Many of you know it was extended from Steamboat Rock to Eldora this summer and the actual ribbon cutting is planned for October 1st. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to experience this beautiful part of our community, take the time to bike or wander down the trail. As the weather begins to get a little cooler and the leaves begin to turn colors would be an excellent time to take to the trail.

Your opportunity to participate in the celebration could be by attending a free will donation breakfast at the Schuller's outdoor venue on the west side of the Iowa River, Saturday, October 1st. The donations will be used for further trail development and ongoing trail maintenance.

See you on the trail!

Thanks
Tim Stearns, Mayor





Steamboat Rock Fire Department

The first weekend in September (for me) marks the end to the summer even though summer technically is not over. Some leaves begin to change, you see the crops showing signs of changing.

Super Nationals in Boone, IA is the exclamation point to a summer filled with racing, and Fireman's Convention, being held in Iowa Falls this year and next, is a time for all departments to come together to meet up with friends, days of competition, and the annual meeting.

Last minute yard work is getting done before the first frost. Leaves are beginning to fall. Some may burn your leaves and grass clipping coming this fall. Remember to call in even the smallest burn to Hardin County. It doesn't take much wind to spread something small, so when burning leaves, stay fire safe.

If you are attempting to burn branches or other items that are considered legal to burn, remember there is a stipulation on the size of the pile you are burning. Your pile CANNOT be any larger than four feet wide, four feet in length, and not over four feet high. This 4x4x4 method is for residents wanting to burn within city limits. Always be considerate of your neighbors by letting them know you will be burning. You MUST make a phone call to the Hardin County Sheriffs Dept. and notify them of your location of your burn.

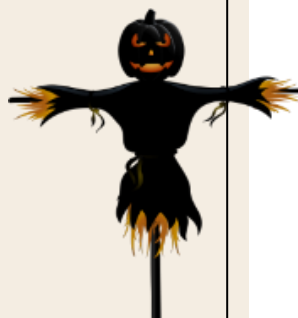
On Labor Day weekend, SRFD collected for MDA and graciously collect \$1,200. This marked the 15th year we have collected money and every year the final tally is surprising. I would like to thank all those that stopped to give and just visit. We appreciate your generosity and support for MDA.

I would like to thank all those that donate their cans. SRFD will continue collecting cans but the drop off area will be changing. We will be moving the drop off area to fire station. Please be looking for a three-sided area where you may leave your bags. Please do not dump out the bags. You may still leave bottles, but they need to be in a bag or original carrier.

It is also a good time to consider buying a new filter for your furnace. We could go from AC to heat in a matter of a day – this is Iowa.

Last but not least – this month holds the big in-stat rival between the Iowa Hawkeyes (Go Hawks) and the Iowa State Cyclones football teams. Enjoy your get togethers but please be responsible.

As Always – Stay Fire Safe, Chief Williams



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Come Be Part of Our Family



CHRIST CENTERED RECOVERY PROGRAM

Celebrate Recovery is a recovery program aimed at all "hurts, habits, and hang-ups", including but not exclusive to: high anxiety; co-dependency; compulsive behaviors; sex addiction; financial dysfunction; drug and alcohol addictions; and eating disorders. Celebrate Recovery offers a confidential atmosphere for those to share hurts, feelings, all judgment free. It is a Christ centered program following the 12 steps in biblical form.

HOW TO JOIN A MEETING

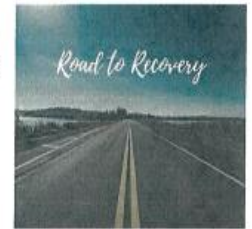
Come be part of our family and start Your road to recovery. If you suffer from addiction, drugs, alcohol, pornography, sex, gambling, food, eating disorders, anxiety, depression, PTSD, or any form of mental illness then this program could allow you to make the first step toward peace. Please see below for meeting information.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY MEETING

Wednesday nights at 6:30PM
First Presbyterian Church, 401 West Market Street,
Steamboat Rock, IA 50672

Contact:

Miss Johnnie Ogden - 641-640-5425
Todd Eriksen - 870-397-4507



THE ROAD TO RECOVERY STARTS HERE

CELEBRATE RECOVERY 12 STEPS TO PEACE

- 1. Realize I'm not God.
- 2. Honestly believe that God exists.
- 3. Consciously choose to commit.
- 4. Carefully examine, confess my faults.
- 5. Voluntarily submit to God.
- 6. Evaluate all my relationships.
- 7. Reserve a daily time with God.
- 8. Yield myself to God for His use.

YOU'RE INVITED

Saturday, Oct. 1st Events 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Celebrate the completion of a section of the Iowa River's Edge Trail with a bike ride, food, music, and tram rides!

Schedule

8 a.m. Bike Rodeo

with free youth helmets for the first 20 youth to arrive
(1710 Edgington Ave., Eldora)

8:30-11:30 a.m. Breakfast in Steamboat Rock
(108 River Rd S, Steamboat Rock)

9 a.m. Bike Ride
(1710 Edgington Ave., Eldora)

1 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. BBQ Lunch
(1616 Edgington Ave., Eldora)

12:30 - 3 p.m. Live Music from Bearcat Pickers
(1710 Edgington Ave., Eldora)

2 p.m. Ribbon Cutting
(1710 Edgington Ave., Eldora)
3 p.m. Tram Rides

**For more information, visit the
[Iowa River's Edge Trail website](#)**

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

Quick! Name a top 40 pop group that's mentioned in the Bible.

Give up? Here are a few clues. They are one of the most successful commercial acts in history of popular music, topping the charts all over the world from 1974 to 1982. The groups' name is an amalgam of the members' first letters of their first names. The group is one of 4 groups from Sweden to ever hit number one on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100.



With all that, is it any wonder ABBA is in the Bible?

Popular Swedish

quartet. Abba in the Bible is a designation given by Jesus to God. It appears three times, all in the New Testament, in Mark 14:36, Romans 8:15-16 and Galatians 4:6. Scholars can find no reference to God as "Abba" before the appearance of Christ. It is an Aramaic term meaning, "father." Abba actually is a more intimate word than "father," perhaps more like a small child calling their father, "daddy".

If you look up all three of the references I've listed earlier, you'll find that in each, the word "Abba" is followed with the word "Father." If you're like me, you're asking, "Why is that, if they mean the same?" According to the website, learnthebible.org, it's because "the New Testament writers are careful to avoid too great a familiarity in addressing God. Instead of translating Abba, they transliterate it, so that it takes on special significance in reference to God. Then, Abba is used in conjunction with the word Father – "Abba, Father." Father is the translation of Abba, but by putting the two together, the address to God is both personalized and kept in the proper tone of respect. The double title has both intimacy and dignity."

Through Christ, we are adopted as sons and daughters of God when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We would do well, then, when we address God as our Father to also include "Abba," expressing not only our respect, but our love. A deeper love than most. A love like for, perhaps, a Father.

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

Please welcome Emily Schuneman to the library board. We are so grateful Emily has volunteered to be on the board and look forward to working with her. The library is still in need of one additional rural person to serve on our board so, if you are interested, please contact Joan Schuller at schuller.joan@gmail.com or call the library at 641-868-2300 to leave your name and contact information. We meet once a month on the 2nd Monday usually for an hour max.

The new shelving units were delivered this last week in a big box that we finally just had left in front of the library in the parking area. So very grateful to Tim Stearns, Renee and Matt Oltrogge and Legend Rolph for unloading and bringing all the pieces into the building. Now just need to figure out who and when will get this all done. Such is life. Still waiting on the front door, the Friends of the Library have ordered and there is no update on when it will be delivered.

We are having a paper crafting program here on October 15th from 12:00 to 1:00 PM with a small lunch provided. If interested, please contact us so we know how many to provide for.

The Orphan Train program will be in November, but the date and time has not finalized.

Book club was on the back patio last week and we all had a great time. We do not read the same book, so the different book reviews are fun to listen to. If interested in attending, we meet the 2nd Thursday of month.

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

The Ninth Month by James Patterson
Fox Creek by William Kent Kruger
You Betrayed Me by Lisa Jackson

Historical Fiction

The Thread Collectors by Shaunna Edwards
The Ways We Hide by Kristina McMorris
By Her Own Design by Piper Huguley

Mystery

The Family Remains by Lisa Jewell
Back to the Garden by Laurie King
The Rising Tide by Ann Cleeves
The Marsh Queen by Virginia Hartman
The Last Lie Told by Debra Webb
Fairy Tale by Stephen Kind
All Good People Here by Ashley Flowers
Nothing More to Tell by Karen McManus

Romance

She's Up to No Good by Sara Goodman
Confino

Junior Fiction

What We Saw by Mary Downing Hahn

YA

The Weight of Blood by Tiffany Jackson
Goth Girl, Queen of the Universe by Lindsay S Krull
The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches by Sangu Mandaanna

DVD's

Jurassic Park Dominion
Minions The Rise of Gru
Where The Crawdads Sing

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

We have now closed the museum again for the summer. However, if you are in town and would like to stop in for a visit, please contact me at the address above and I would be happy to find a time to meet you there and show you around.

Last month, I started reprinting an article about our town of Steamboat Rock. The following is a continuation of that article. Hope you enjoy!

Saturday Night in Steamboat Rock

Market Street has changed considerably over the past 60 years. In the block south of the school, Ray Karsjens operated the Standard Oil station. One pump was a gravity flow unit. It featured a glass globe marked with the number of gallons. A lever on the side allowed Ray to pump the number of gallons the customer wanted. One pump featured regular and the other ethyl. West of the station was the little icehouse where blocks of ice were separated with saw dust. Electric refrigerators doomed the ice business. Ray never removed the snow from his driveway saying that the guy who put it there could remove it. Karsjens also did a great imitation of Winston Churchill...He later served as mayor and town marshal. The gas station later became a DX station and was operated by Al Boll and Earl Stupp.

The creamery was located west of the gas station. Eventually it became a cheese factory. Harry Blosch was the main operator and Otto Jensen, and Jim Harris were cheese makers. A man named Harms later managed the business. Enno Harms, among others, picked up milk from the farmers to deliver to the cheese factory. The milk cans were unloaded on a roller system located on the east side of the building. The cheese factory office was once a small café operated by Esther Kruse.

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The next building was the drug store, and the post office was connected to it on the west. These two buildings, built after the big fire, eventually became the Green Door. The post office was converted to the offices of Drs., Temple, and Bremner. It also housed Burn' Grocery after the former Ruppelt Market burned.

Leo and Ivadell Knight built and operated a locker plant west of the post office. Leo did the butchering and was helped by Unc MacDonald and Frank Dedrick.

The City Hotel was the last structure on this block. Ubbe and Gustie Peters ran it for many years. Along with food and beer, you could rent a room quite reasonably. There was a pin ball machine on the west wall and there was a sign that said, "our pie is so good that we eat it ourselves." Lloyd Condon operated the hotel before Peters and John Kline operated it after the Peters moved on.

Across the street west was the Cramer Implement building which was used as a storage area for the Luiken Hardware next door. Along with brothers Tony, Harry, and Carl Luiken, their uncle Jake Cramer worked there. Besides the typical range of hardware, Luikens handled appliances, televisions, and Minnesota paint which came out of the spigot as the Chi-Namel paint handled at the drug store. The next-door west was what was left of the Ruppelt-Cramer tin shop. West of the tin shop was Johnson' Store. Across the alley to the west was a little tavern-café operated by Ubbe and Gustie Peters. Gustie made great hamburgers in an iron skillet. When Ubbe retired the business was sold and operated by Sonny and Margery Sharpshair. Next door was the city hall and jail. The main part of the building was divided by a spoked railing and the fire bell was toward the rear of the building. When the new city hall was built, the jail was moved to the home eventually occupied by Rex Heard near the boat club. It served as a garage. The building west of the city hall served as Harold Luiken's appliance and TV shop. Next door was the Luiken Chevrolet garage. One unusual feature was the storage of the town fire truck. Kids used to enjoy playing on this vehicle and especially making the siren blow. This unit was a "one of a kind." It was a 1928 Pontiac custom made from an automobile. It carried the chemical tanks that were once mounted on the carts stored at the old schoolhouse plus a supply of 2 ½ " hose. For fires in town the hose was attached to a hydrant and since the water tower was located high on a hill, there was plenty of pressure for the hose. Often the tires would have to be inflated before leaving the garage because they were old and tended to leak. New tires of the correct size were unavailable.

Additional Comments on the Above Article

1. There is more to this article that will be included in the next issue. .
2. At the museum we have a "Wagner Sausage Stuffer #2" that was first patented in 1859. This item was donated by the Knight family.
3. As a child, I rode the route with my dad to pick up milk and take it to the cheese factory. And I so remember falling off the roller system on the east side.
4. Also, as a child, I can remember going into Ubbe's and Sonny's with my dad.
5. At our museum, we have a barred window from the old jail.
6. And I seem to remember going into what was one time the City Hotel for a community event. (Long time ago)

Hopefully, this article brings up a few memories of your own as you remember your time living in Steamboat Rock.

~ *Jim Kramer, Steamboat Rock Historical Society*



LOOK!

Have something to Share
in the FVT ...

PUT IT HERE!!!

EMAIL to srcityhall@heartofiowa.net ; subject: FVT

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 September 19th, 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, Jon Schurman, and Cory Schurman via zoom due to traveling for work. Absent: no one. Also present were JD Holmes, Scott Williams came at 6:50pm, JJ Veld, and Renee Oltrogge.

Mayor Stearns called the meeting to order. Pieters moved, seconded by J. Schurman to approve the posted agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Blackburn moved, seconded by Mull to approve the minutes from August 15th, 2022. Motion carried unanimously, Absent: no one. Pieters moved, seconded by C. Schurman 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. Pieters moved, Blackburn seconded the motion to approve hours as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Public comments: Mayor Stearns presented building permits for 106 E Main St. J. Schurman moved to approve as presented the permit seconded by C. Schurman. Motion carried unanimously, Absent: no one.

Tornado Siren may need to be moved due to a potential change in ownership of the land it is presently located on. If relocated, the tower, and electrical costs are unknown at this time. All council advised they can hear the siren from its current location at their homes. Mayor Stearns will discuss with Tom Creighton (Hardin County EMA/911) about any Iowa Code location parameters and with the City Attorney about any possible existing easements.

Mayor Stearns presented a flyer for "The Engineering the Future Economy of Hardin County" since Tam Elerding, HCCEF Program Director was unable to attend.

Melissa Johanson, Librarian was not available to present the library report, it was presented by Mayor Stearns. The shelving was delivered. Summer reading was great and ended really well. Pergola cover is up. Working on adult programming. FY22 Public Library Annual Survey is due in October. Presented PO's 2022072201, \$70.00 Heart of Iowa, 202209202201 \$315.82 Baker and Taylor. Pieters moved, seconded by Mull to approve the PO's as presented. Motion carried unanimously, Absent: no one. Melissa presented a letter requesting the city to approve Emily Schunamen for consideration as the new library board member.

Fire Department report was presented by Mayor Stearns prior to arrival of Fire Chief Scott Williams. In August SRFD responded to seven calls. At monthly training, blew out dry hydrant and tested for operable. Ryan, Kevin, and Scott completed the by-laws and Constitution of the Dept. New gear is starting to arrive and be placed into service. Three attended the Fire Convention held in Iowa Falls. One potential new member, Josie Winterberg. Application has been filled out and she will be taking FF1 while attending college. Most interested in the medical side. Chief Scott asked the Council to think about new siding on the Fire house. Windows are being repaired.

JJ Veld presented the public works report. Replaced an electric motor at the sewer plant at an installed price of about \$1,100. Runs about 12 hours/day and the last one lasted 5 years. Pieters advised need to look at a manhole cover on 2nd Street. Discussed removal of a semi van trailer from the over-night truck parking lot that has been parked there in excess of established time limits. Pieters advised he has spoken to the owner and it will be removed soon. Request to add rock on the corner of Main and Seventh St for semi-truck/trailers turning north to get to the overnight parking lot. Veld and Mayor Stearns investigate.

Mayor Stearns advised on distressed properties; 106 4th St- Mull advised upgrades pending soon. 208 3rd St mitigated- bills and photos turned into City Attorney for IRS to sign off on deed. 301 W Market St tenant is working on repairs. 308 6th St & 601 W Sycamore: City Attorney advised to send new nuisance letter and require some kind of action every 30 days. Pieters moved to send a nuisance letter requesting action every 30 days, seconded by Mull. Motion carried unanimously, Absent: no one.

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Jon Schurman

Nuisance Reporting Mayor Stearns advised there is one complaint for noise at 207 5th St on 8/20/2022 and 9/15/2022. JD Holmes advised the complainer to call dispatch to catch them in the act.

Grant status per Oltrogge: 2nd payment of ARPA in the amount of \$22,577.96 was received this month. FEMA Hazard Mitigation assistance Grant for the lift station backup generator is on phase 3 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 submitted. Waiting on additional information request. The asbestos grant for the school building is moving forward.

Hardin County Conservation & Sewer Hook Up: Mayor Stearns advised they are moving forward with remodeling the lodge.

Proposed River road sewer installation & USDA Rural Innovation Grant: Mayor Stearns reporting third step on the grant application is complete and the application is in process.

Wood Chips per Mayor Stearns the wood chip pile from a year ago has been removed. Pieters moved to no longer accept wood chips at the city dump or fire practice lot for any reason, seconded by Mull. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one. Mayor Stearns advised he will send a letter of apology and explanation.

Pieters reported no new information on street repairs.

Gym lights update per Mayor Stearns the supplier is manufacturing our lights right now.

Mayor Stearns presented the proposed Nuisance Ordinance Update. Advised City Attorney has some information to add but it hasn't been received as of yet.

Mayor Stearns presented the proposed Municipal Infractions Ordinance Update. Advised City Attorney has some information to add but it hasn't been received as of yet.

Mayor Stearns presented the proposed Animal Control Code Ordinance update. Advised City Attorney has some information to add but it hasn't been received as of yet. City attorney clarified Bees are not considered livestock in this part of the Iowa Code. Oltrogge suggested adding a requirement for signage if there is an invisible fence.


Manhole Covers Cost Review per Mayor Stearns was discussed with council that our costs with volunteers were substantially lower than a local quote.

208 3rd St Property Cost Review per Mayor Stearns was discussed with council that again with volunteer work the bills were quite lower.

River East Parking and Boat Ramp Design & Archaeological Desktop Study presented by Mayor Stearns. The map of the parking lot and carry down boat ramp provided by the Iowa DNR has been scaled back to grading and gravel. City has repeatedly told the DNR there are no City funds available to accomplish this project. The first stage of dam removal is potentially this forthcoming winter. Expected to take about 2 years to complete.

Mayor's comments: none.

C. Schurman moved to adjourn the meeting, J. Schurman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one. Meeting adjourned at 7: 34 pm.


Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor


Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk

City of Steamboat Rock Claims To Be Approved 9/12/2022

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Check	09/12/2022	ACH	United States Treasury	Payroll	\$ 579.80
Check	09/12/2022	ACH	IPERS	Payroll	\$ 570.07
Check	09/12/2022	ACH	Iowa Department of Revenue	WET Tax	\$ 227.19
Check	09/12/2022	ACH	Alliant Energy	Electric/gas	\$ 2,709.27
Check	09/12/2022	ACH	Heart of Iowa	\$181.93City, \$34.75 FD, Water \$34.75, \$56.95 Library	\$ 308.38
Check	09/12/2022	ACH	Culligan	Library \$10.00, City \$7.45	\$ 17.45
Check	09/12/2022	ACH	1st Interstate Bank CC	\$291.73 Streets, \$200.21 FYT, \$162.34 Office, \$267.49 IT	\$ 921.77
Check	09/12/2022	ACH	Grundy National Bank	Community Center Loan Payment	\$ 2,115.00
Transfer	09/12/2022	Transfer	Library	City contribution & tax levy	\$ 300.00
Check	09/12/2022	2400	Eldora Hardware	UPS Charges	\$ 87.08
Check	09/12/2022	2401	Grundy National Bank	Community Center Loan Payment (ACH accounts switched)	\$ 2,115.00
Check	09/12/2022	2402	IRS	Payroll	\$ 16.00
Paycheck	09/12/2022	2403	Haskin, Kelly	Payroll	\$ 390.30
Paycheck	09/12/2022	2404	Johanson, Melissa M	Payroll	\$ 795.19
Paycheck	09/12/2022	2405	Oltrogge, Renee	Payroll	\$ 1,418.98
Paycheck	09/12/2022	2406	VandeVoort, Darlene K	Payroll	\$ 473.32
Check	09/12/2022	2407	Veld, JJ	Contractual earnings	\$ 2,300.00
Check	09/12/2022	2408	Veld, JJ (mileage)	Mileage	\$ 76.26
Check	09/12/2022	2409	JJ Veld (cleaning)	Cleaning Contract	\$ 200.00
Check	09/12/2022	2410	Baker & Taylor	Library	\$ 197.47
Check	09/12/2022	2411	Johanson, Melissa	Summer Reading Program	\$ 158.56
Check	09/12/2022	2412	Ag Machinery	Vehicle Repairs	\$ 145.33
Check	09/12/2022	2413	Blythe Sanitation	D \$450, Res \$1,036, T \$943.25	\$ 2,429.25
Check	09/12/2022	2414	Eldora Hardware	UPS charges	\$ 142.80
Check	09/12/2022	2415	Hardin County Solid Waste	Landfill assessment fee for recycling	\$ 2,441.25
Check	09/12/2022	2416	Hardin County Sheriff	County Sheriff Contract	\$ 613.54
Check	09/12/2022	2417	Innovative Ag Services	FD propane	\$ 360.00
Check	09/12/2022	2418	Iowa One Call	Locates	\$ 28.90
Check	09/12/2022	2419	JCJDW Investments LLC	Solar Panels \$77.15 FD, \$1,902.72 City	\$ 1,979.87
Check	09/12/2022	2420	Kevin Pieters Well Drilling Inc	Chlorine	\$ 116.42
Check	09/12/2022	2421	Mid America Publishing	Publishing	\$ 510.69
Check	09/12/2022	2422	Rock Stop	FD 216.55, Mowing 39.56	\$ 376.47
Check	09/12/2022	2423	Sandry Fire Supply	FD Yearly Maintenance	\$ 1,152.75
Check	09/12/2022	2424	Shield Pest Control, LLC	Pest control	\$ 35.00

TOTAL TOTAL

\$ 26,309.36

Alliant Energy Breakdown	
23.22	Ball Field
23.24	Welcome Sign
1143.92	Street Light
104.76	Lift Station
68.78	Fire Department
409.90	Water
62.73	Community Center
688.02	Sewage Treatment Plant
184.70	Library
\$ 2,709.27	TOTAL

looking Ahead...

Saturday, October 1st Iowa River's Edge Trail
ribbon cutting & events – look on page 4 for details

Monday, October 10th & October 24th
Curbside Recycling @7:00am

Monday, October 10th *City Council Meeting 6:30pm @city hall*

Saturday, October 29th **Happenings Halloween Party**
Live Music with One Track Mindy 9:00pm-1:00am



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