

**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 special session June 26, 2023, 6:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers. Present were Mayor Stearns and the following council members: Adam Blackburn, Dave Mull, Kevin Pieters, and Cory Schurman by phone. Absent was Councilman Jon Schurman. Also present was Linda Whitt-Jensen.

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

Pieters moved, seconded by Mull to approve a City bill to Affordable Tree Service in the amount of \$1850. Motion carried unanimously.

Public comments: None.

Mayor Stearns reported that the City Financials are being corrected and brought up to date for the entire FY23 with estimated completion the first week of July.

Mayor Stearns reported that due to publishing dates, a new date for the alley abandonment public hearing would need to be rescheduled. C. Schurman moved to reschedule to Monday July 10, 2023 at 6:30 during the regular City Council meeting. Pieters seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion about old gym locker room lockers. Request from AGWSR to donate or sell those lockers to them. Pieters moved, seconded by Mull to put the lockers on an auction with whatever else the City departments have to sell scheduled in later summer. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on street repairs. Blackburn moved to hire Denco (company Jodi Stonebreaker works with) to do crack filling and Slurry Leveling on Market St from 7<sup>th</sup> St intersection to the intersection with Broadway St. Mull seconded. Roll call vote: Mull- aye, C. Schurman-aye, Pieters- aye, Blackburn- aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stearns presented three engineering preliminary estimates for the west side sewer project to choose one. This is the next step in the grant application process. Council requested to table the decision until we had a more definitive idea of how Hardin County plans to help. Mayor Stearns will work to have that information for the 7/10/23 regular council meeting.

Blackburn moved to go to closed session to discuss employment issues, Mull seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Council moved to closed session. Mayor Stearns re-opened the open meeting at 7:58 pm.

C, Schurman moved to hire Linda Whitt- Jensen as our new City clerk to start at the beginning of July with a salary as approved in the FY24 budget. 90 day review of training, compensation, and compatibility to be done by Council. Blackburn seconded. Roll call vote: Blackburn-aye, Mull-aye, C. Schurman-aye, Pieters-aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stearns suggested approval of in-person Clerk training scheduled for July. C. Schurman moved to approve up to \$4000 for clerk training. Pieters seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Blackburn moved to adjourn the meeting, C. Schurman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

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Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor