

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 on September 11, 2023, 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Stearns and the following council members: Adam Blackburn, Dave Mull, Jon Schurman, and Kevin Pieters. Absent were: Cory Schurman. Also present Linda Whitt-Jensen, Melissa Johanson, James Green, JJ Veld, and JD Holmes.

Mayor Stearns called the meeting to order. Pieters moved, seconded by Mull to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Blackburn moved, seconded by J. Schurman to approve the August 14, 2023 and September 5, 2023 minutes. Motion carried unanimously. J. Schurman moved, seconded by Pieters the motion to approve City bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Pieters moved, seconded by Mull to approve employee hours as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public comments: none

Melissa Johanson, librarian, reported increased summer reading program attendance and that it is complete.

Seeking connection with Greenbelt Home care to keep food pantry at Library filled.

Fire Department: Kevin Pieters reported good MDA fund raising effort.

Public Works Report: Provided by JJ Veld: New control panel at well house is installed. JJ continues tracking the source of higher than normal ammonia levels at sewer plant. He continues seeking parts to repair sewer system clarifier. Contractor has been here to do an estimate for getting the sewer plant up to 100% functional. No update on plow truck repair. JJ is seeking clarification of the ownership of city water lines in regard to the pending EPA lead connections rules, and for our work on updating the City Water Code.

Old Business:

Nuisance ordinance update- no report

Municipal Infractions ordinance- no report

Animal Control ordinance update- no report

The Hardin County 5-yr. Disaster Mitigation Plan Resolution should be ready for the October meeting.

Visionary Group tree transplants should be complete in the park in September.

The food pantry provided by Iowa Select Farms was completed and has a mixture of items.

Storm water diversion project on the north side of E Market St was discussed. Pieters moved to have Ross Excavating LLC install the intake system at a cost of \$15,502 to protect E Market St from getting washed out. Blackburn seconded. Roll call vote: J. Schuman- Aye, Pieters- Aye, Blackburn- Aye, Mull, Aye, C. Schurman a-absent, motion carried unanimously.

New business:

Mayor Stearns reviewed insurance carrier's request that Schoolhouse businesses carry separate insurance and that waivers are signed by gymnasium users; system under development.

Road repairs - Kevin Pieters reported road repairs are complete with road surface protected and smoother.

Mayor Stearns reported that the State audit exit review is nearing completion.

Mayor Stearns reminded Council that the nomination paperwork is due to County Auditor's office 9/22/2023 at 5:00 PM.

The 2022/2023 fiscal year end reports were handed out and Mayor Stearns stated the format is still under adjustment.

David Mull continues to seek information on the purchase an acre of land from Shores next to sewer plant. Mayor Stearns stated that two engineering firms responded by the September 8, 2023 deadline and they will be forwarded to Region 6 for review to help us choose the Engineer to complete a PER (Preliminary Engineering Report).

Kevin Pieters moved for the City Halloween observance to be 10/31/2023. Seconded by Mull. Motion carried unanimously.

Mull moved to adjourn, seconded by Pieters, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.