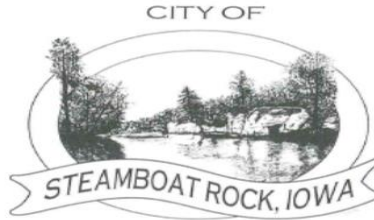


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The Steamboat Rock City Council met in regular session on November 13, 2023, 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Stearns and the following council members: Adam Blackburn, Dave Mull, Kevin Pieters, and Cory Schurman. Absent was J. Schurman. Also present Linda Whitt-Jensen, Melissa Johanson, Jim Green, JJ Veld, Diane Hennagir, Cathy Armstrong, Thomas Craighton, and J.D. Holmes.

Mayor Stearns called the meeting to order. Pieters moved, seconded by C. Schurman to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously. C. Schurman moved, seconded by Blackburn to approve the October 9, 2023 minutes. Motion carried unanimously. C. 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: Thomas Craighton (Hardin County EMA) presented the benefits of participating in the Harden County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Jim Green, resident, asked about the City's allowable animal and fencing Code.

Library: Melissa Johanson, librarian, provided minutes and agenda from the last Library Board's meeting. Reported was that the Halloween event served 100 hot dogs and provided children coloring pages. The library's carpet was cleaned and patrons are signing up for the new Hoopla service.

Fire Department: Pieters reported that the fire house still needs windows replaced and the department will send a unit to Union to assist in an old grain elevator burn.

Public Works Report: JJ Veld reported that two water meters were repaired; the generator was partially wired last week. Gas line installation by Alliant is a free service. Shore Acres available 1-1/2 acres. Discussion about haying the ball diamond in 2024. Plow truck and the end loader are working. JJ Veld submitted notice that he will cease to be the Water & Sewer superintendent in December.

Distressed Properties – City Attorney Nederhoff is filing suit on 308 6th Street with 601 W Sycamore Street and sign-off by IRS is pending 208 3rd Street and trees were trimmed over fence.

Nuisance reports: none

Account balances were presented: Mayor Stearns noted a budget amendment will be required to transfer some other account balances to shore up the general operating account. Mayor reviewed fund balances with water \$68,274.75, sewer \$235,973.96, and garbage \$20,313.19.

Old Business: Nuisance Ordinance, Municipal Infractions Ordinance, and Animal Control Code Amended Ordinance are pending final attorney review. Report on periodic State Audit progress. - pending. C. Schurman moved, seconded by Blackburn to adopt Resolution #2023-11 Hardin County 5 year Disaster Mitigation Plan. Roll call: Pieters-Aye, Blackburn-Aye, Mull- Aye, C. Schurman-Aye. Motion passed unanimously. Update on East Market St storm water mitigation project was leveled and seeded. The sanitation system inspection service was reviewed and deemed too costly.

New business: Discussion for a fee-based dog park using grant funding to develop was tabled for next meeting to explore liability and possible locations.

C. Schurman moved, seconded by Mull to adopt Resolution #2023-12 for the 2023 Street Financial Report. Roll call vote; C Schurman-Aye, Mull-Aye, Blackburn- Aye, Pieters-Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Water code revisions and outstanding City Bill actions were discussed. Reviewed hiring an "Affidavit Operator" to train new staff. Dave and Tim will be the hiring committee for a new Water & Sewer Superintendent.

C. Schurman moved, seconded by Pieters to schedule a Budget amendment hearing for December 11 at 6:30pm during the regular December City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion about property acquisition from Shores next to the sewer plant to allow expansion of dry beds and deposit fill from Hardin County Conservation Lodge project.

C. Schurman moved, seconded by Blackburn to purchase computer software and equipment updates not to exceed \$500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Confirmed proposed professional wrestling dates of April 20th, August 10th and November 9th.

Pending flag pole renovation- no report. Grate over new Main Street culvert- no report.

Motion to create designated truck routes by Pieters, seconded by Mull. Further discussion led to motion being tabled pending advice from known regular users and to consider associated costs.

Mayor's Comments: None

C. Schurman moved to adjourn, seconded by Mull, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor

Linda Whitt-Jensen, City Clerk