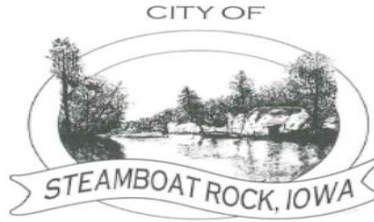


**MAYOR**  
Tim Stearns  
  
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**COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
Adam Blackburn  
Dave Mull  
Kevin Pieters  
Cory Schurman  
Jon Schurman

The Steamboat Rock City Council met in special session on December 28, 2023, 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Stearns and the following council members: Adam Blackburn, Dave Mull, Cory Schurman, and Kevin Pieters. Absent were: Jon Schurman. Also present Linda Whitt-Jensen, and James Green.

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

Snow Plow: Rotger's has ordered parts to repair the snow plow. Week or two to get completed. City will consider renting a snow plow if heavy snows are expected prior to repairs being completed. Motion carried.

C. Schurman moved to hire Shannon Hazelton for our affidavit Water and Sewer Supervisor as an employee beginning January 1, 2024 at \$600/month. Mull seconded. Roll call vote: C. Schurman-Aye, Mull-Aye, Blackburn-Aye, Pieters- Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

C.Schurman moved to hire William (Will) Venniga for the City Superintendent of Water & Sewer as an independent contractor beginning January 1, 2024 at \$16,000/year pending a back-ground check. Includes two consecutive weeks off in the spring and two consecutive weeks off in the fall with 6 month or sooner review, if requested. Mull seconded. Roll call vote: Pieters-Aye, Blackburn-Aye, Mull-Aye, C.Schurman-Aye. Motion carried.

Shannon recommended a 30-hour Municipal Wastewater Basics Training program for Will that cost \$545. Grant to cover 100% of the cost is available. Pieters moved to pursue the grant or the City pay for the training if necessary. C. Schurman seconded. Roll call vote: Pieters-Aye, Blackburn-aye, Null-Aye, C.Schurman-Aye. Motion carried.

The FY2025 preliminary budget was discussed with follow up meetings scheduled once income information is received in January.

Mull moved, seconded by Pieters to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

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Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor

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Linda Whitt-Jensen, City Clerk