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 The Steamboat Rock City Council met in regular session on August 15, 2024 at City Hall. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Mull at 6:00 PM with council members Kevin Pieters, Travis Hollander, Marc Havens and Marvin Veld in attendance. Cory Schurman was absent.

 Kevin Pieters made the motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Marc Havens. Motion carried.

 **Comments and concerns from the Public**; Jim Kramer talked to the council concerning the concept of an All School Reunion/Weekend Celebration of Steamboat Rock. He represented the Historical Society and was asking for the City’s support and help for this undertaking. The plans are for the Weekend Celebration to take place in 2026. There is also support from the Visionary Group of Steamboat Rock. Council said they would discuss help and support in the future when plans start for the event.

 Kevin Pieters also brought a concern from a resident, Les Winther concerning placing a fence on his property and what his boundaries were for doing so.

REPORTS:

 **Library**: no report

 **Fire Department**: Truck door that was damaged has been okay to rebuild. Should be receiving the two torpedoes with the next couple of weeks, they are to help the department put out fires faster and safer. Department is working on mapping out the territory that is covered by the department to help aid in fire calls. Also purchase 6 new batteries for equipment. Accepted the resignation of Harrison Lippert, he is moving to Mason City. Fire Chief Scott Williams recommended that Steamboat Rock residents check with their insurance concerning their premiums because of the “dual page” which means when the department is called there is also a second department called to assist with mutual aid.

 **Public Works:** Shannon was filling in for Will while he is on vacation. He is working on cleaning at the sewer plant.

 Kevin Pieters made the motion to approve the Minutes from last month’s meeting and was seconded by Marc Havens. Motion carried.

 Motion was made by Kevin Pieters to approve the bills presented and seconded by Marv Veld. Motion carried.

 After some discussion, Kevin Pieters motioned to approve the hours and was seconded by Marv Veld. Motion carried.

 Discussion concerning the hours, motion was made by Marv Veld not to pay the librarian for attending council meetings and to deduct the ½ hour for July’s meeting that was included on payroll; this also includes all departments of the city going forward, excluding City Clerk (this being part of the clerk’s duties). Motion was second by Travis Hollander. Motion carried.

 **Old Business:** East door to City Hall; door has to be operational in accordance with the fire code. Looking in to what needs to be done to make the door work properly.

 Search Grant has been approved and funds will be transferred upon completion of final paperwork being submitted.

 **New Business:** Hardin County Savings Bank account. Kevin Pieters made the motion to keep the account open and use for funds from gym rental. Motion was seconded by Marc Havens. Motion carried. I will proceed to get the account updated.

 IAS propane contract for 2024-25 season. Kevin Pieters motioned to book for 1631 gallons. Motion was seconded by Marv Veld. Motion carried.

 Property clean-up – Moved to September meeting for closed session.

 Street Repairs – Council discussed getting a second bid. Will has bid to do the removal and replace and should start work next month.

 Promotion of the School/Gym – Have some interest in using the gym for kids basketball practice and possible tournaments. Council would like to make some improvement to facilitate interest in the property.

 Lead – Water service information: Shannon proposed that we post to the newsletter and note on water invoices for residents to submit a picture, of the water service entrance into the property, to the city hall email (srcityhall@heartofiowa.net) or call city hall if they have questions, concerns or would like to schedule for someone to check their service. This is a requirement from the EPA and is due by October 16, 2024.

 Budget review was postponed until September meeting.

 Trees – The Visionary Group had requested assistance in treating diseased trees last month and council voted not to support the issue but proposed to help in purchasing replacement trees instead. Motion was made by Marc Havens to give a monetary donation to the Visionary Group to purchase trees. Motion was seconded by Travis Hollander. Motion carried.

 Street Light Replacement: Alliant Energy contacted city hall concerning the street light at SW intersection of 4th and Madison. Pole was damaged and it was costly to the city to replace the pole and install the new light. It was more cost effective for the city to move the light to the Northside pole. Motion was made by Kevin Pieters to pass the resolution to give permission for Alliant to move the light to the north side pole at 4th and Madison. Travis seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken with four votes for and none opposed. Cory Schurman was absent. Resolution carried.

 Future Items for Agenda: Budget, Street Repairs, Closed session (concerning property cleanup)

 Marc Havens motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Kevin Pieters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next meeting is September 9, 2024

David L Mull, Sr., Mayor Valeria Kjormoe, City Clerk

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