

MAYOR
David Mull

*A Valley Of
Friendliness*



CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kevin Pieters
Cory Schurman
Marc Havens
Travis Hollander
Marvin Veld

The City of Steamboat Rock City Council met on Monday March 10, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Dave Mull. Council members present were: Marc Havens, Travis Hollander, Marvin Veld and Kevin Pieters (came in late) with Cory Schurman absent.

Marc Havens made a motion to approve the agenda and was second by Marvin Veld. Motion passed.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS: The city received a thank you from the Hardin County Home Educators for the being able to rent the gym for their girls and boys basketball program this winter. Had a complaint from a resident concerning people driving in is yard when using the alley by his house. Also had an email from Tami Kasischke concerning garbage pick-up rates and wants to know if the council will be doing anything about this issue. Council said they would consider looking into doing something in the future.

REPORTS:

LIBRARY: No report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Scott Williams gave the updates for the fire department. March 22, 2025 is the proposed burn date for the Boat Club for the Conservation Board. The fire department will be asking the Ackley department for assistance. At the monthly meeting the department worked on tank and facemask testing. Scott will be getting me the paperwork for Austin Williams. Asked if he needed to turn in a budget for the department, said he just kept with what the city gave as their budget. The department assisted Eldora with a house fire. He would like to look into getting new steel sheeting for the outside of the fire station as the current sheeting is the original and does not keep in the heat during the winter and will be checking the blown in insulation in the attic .Department is looking at changing the water fill hookup for the truck to ground level to be easier for filling the tanker. Insurance rating is at a 39 for the city and hoping to get it to a 40 so that it could possibly help with lowering insurance rates. Updating to new radios is on hold. Should be receiving money from the township and hope to use the money to update some equipment. They have scheduled 3 controlled grassland burns for this summer. The rate for control burns is \$50.00 per acre. The Fireman's Pancake Breakfast is set for May 24, 2025 at the school gym in Steamboat Rock.

PUBLIC WORKS: Shannon Hazelton gave the update. He had a Proposal for the value replacement at the sewer plant, stating that the work needs to be done and had a quote from Electric Pump for \$12,379.00. He also discussed the possibility of the city hiring a high school kid as an intern for the water position. There is a program that will reimburse the city up to \$5000.00 at the end of the summer, around September. He has

two kids from Steamboat Rock that are interested. He will also talk to some others that were mentioned as a possible candidate. There is a need to order a new PH meter for testing, so he will be placing an order. Motor for the clarifier is in and will be installed on 3/11.

OLD BUSINESS:

Unlicensed Vehicles – Colby McAbee moved one of his vehicles. One letter was returned because of incorrect address, but the city has not heard back from any others that received letters.

Library - Dogs. A motion was made by Marc Havens to have no dogs in the library due to liability to the city. Motion was seconded by Travis Hollander. Vote was Marc and Travis for and Marv against. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The council set March 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM for the Proposed Property Tax Levy public hearing.

The subject of revising the City Code book was discussed, which was advised by the city attorney Taylor Nederhoff. He told the mayor that it was last updated in 1986. The cost would be between \$4000 and \$5000 but would bring it in line with the state codes. The subject was table until the April meeting.

A CDC Moratorium was discussed; this would make it where a resident would have to have 1 acre or more to any farm animal inside the city limits. No action was taken.

Craig Babcock addressed the council concerning his property located south of the Post Office. He had received a nuisance letter asking what his intentions were to repair the property. He told the city that he was going to start last year but had several personal things that prevented this from taking place. He made a commitment to the city that he would be starting repairs by the end of April or 1st of May and should have the outside enclosed by November. The council agreed to give him time and monitor his progress, checking in with him in August.

Marc Havens made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM, with Travis Hollander seconding the motion. Motion passed.

David L. Mull, Sr., Mayor

Valeria Kjormoe, City Clerk

City of Steamboat Rock Monthly Bills - March 2025

TYPE	NAME	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
CHECK	JCJDW Investments LLC	\$732.45	
	Blythe Sanitation	\$2,169.50	
	Eldora Hardware	\$38.36	
	Shield Pest Control LLC	\$0.00	
	Rock Stop	\$246.35	Fire Department
	Elan Financial Services	\$131.23	
	JJ Veld - Cleaning	\$200.00	
	Hardin County Sheriff's Office	\$613.54	
	Innovative Ag Services	\$787.80	
	Hardin County Solid Waste	\$2,211.00	Next payment due April 1st
	Ag Machinery Service	\$700.00	Batteries - Fire Department
	Green Belt Insurance Services	\$3,538.00	Fire Insurance
	High Tide Technologies	\$420.00	Annual Communications Renewal
	Rotgers Farm Shop	\$1,683.67	PO 129 - Inverter for Truck 652 - Fire Dept.
	Column Software PBC	\$284.87	Publish notice in Eldora Herald Ledger
	John Deere Financial/Norby's	\$95.70	PO 128 - batteries for all electronic devices -FD
	Region Resource Partners	\$132.00	28E Fee Invoice
	Office of Auditor of State	\$800.00	Periodic Examination Fee
	Premier	\$1,125.00	Contract for copier
	JJ Veld	\$93.38	Reimbursement for Power Steering Fluid
	Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities	\$679.00	Membership Fee
	Mn-Iowa Electric Motors Equipment	\$599.23	
	James Ogden	\$40.00	Library work order - hang new TV & mount
	Johnnie Ogden	\$84.15	Library Programming supplies
	Baker & Taylor	\$213.59	Library - Books
	Clapsaddle-Garber Associates	\$2,545.00	Saintary Sewer Extension
	Ag Machinery Service	\$1,911.50	Power steering on Plow truck
		\$	
	TOTAL	22,075.32	
ACH	Microbac Laboratories	\$332.00	Water testing - February
	Culligan	\$10.00	Library
	Alliant - Pumping	\$848.72	
	Alliant - Street Lights	\$1,020.56	
	Alliant - Fire Station	\$284.55	
	Alliant - Sewage Treatment Plant	\$816.31	
	Alliant - East Sign	\$28.51	
	Alliant - Event Center	\$22.65	
	Alliant - Library	\$0.00	
	Alliant - Pump Station	\$181.15	
	Alliant - 306 Market Street	\$311.24	
	Heart of Iowa	\$234.98	City Hall

Heart of Iowa

\$0.00 Library

TOTAL

\$4,090.67