

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
City of Steamboat Rock • Sept. 19, 2022

The Steamboat Rock City Council met in regular session September 19th, 2022, 6:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers and available via zoom. Present were Mayor Stearns and the following council members: Adam Blackburn, Dave Mull, Kevin Pieters, Jon Schurman, and Cory Schurman via zoom due to traveling for work. Absent: no one. Also present were JD Holmes, Scott Williams came at 6:50pm, JJ Veld, and Renee Oltrogge.

Mayor Stearns called the meeting to order. Pieters moved, seconded by J. Schurman to approve the posted agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Blackburn moved, seconded by Mull to approve the minutes from August 15th, 2022. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one. Pieters moved, seconded by C. Schurman the motion to approve City bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one. Hours were presented for Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk and Kelly Haskin, Water/Sewer Supervisor. Pieters moved, Blackburn seconded the motion to approve hours as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Public comments: Mayor Stearns presented building permits for 106 E Main St. J. Schurman moved to approve as presented the permit seconded by C. Schurman. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Tornado Siren may need to be moved due to a potential change in ownership of the land it is presently located on. If relocated, the tower, and electrical costs are unknown at this time. All council advised they can hear the siren from its current location at their homes. Mayor Stearns will discuss with Tom Creighton (Hardin County EMA/911) about any lowa Code location parameters and with the City Attorney about any possible existing easements.

Mayor Stearns presented a flyer for "The Engineering the Future Economy of Hardin County" since Tam Elerding, HCCEF Program Director was unable to attend.

Melissa Johanson, Librarian was not available to present the library report, it was presented by Mayor Stearns. The shelving was deliv-

ered. Summer reading was great and ended really well. Pergola cover is up. Working on adult programming. FY22 Public Library Annual Survey is due in October. Presented PO's 2022072201, \$70.00 Heart of Iowa, 202209202201 \$315.82 Baker and Taylor. Pieters moved, seconded by Mull to approve the PO's as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one. Melissa presented a letter requesting the city to approve Emily Schunamen for consideration as the new library board member.

Fire Department report was presented by Mayor Stearns prior to arrival of Fire Chief Scott Williams. In August SFRD responded to seven calls. At monthly training, blew out dry hydrant and tested for operable. Ryan, Kevin, and Scott completed the by-laws and Constitution of the Dept. New gear is starting to arrive and be placed into service. Three attended the Fire Convention held in Iowa Falls. One potential new member, Josie Winterberg. Application has been filled out and she will be taking FF1 while attending college. Most interested in the medical side. Chief Scott asked the Council to think about new siding on the Fire house. Windows are being repaired.

JJ Veld presented the public works report. Replaced an electric motor at the sewer plant at an installed price of about \$1,100. Runs about 12 hours/day and the last one lasted 5 years. Pieters advised need to look at a manhole cover on 2nd Street. Discussed removal of a semi van trailer from the overnight truck parking lot that has been parked there in excess of established time limits. Pieters advised he has spoken to the owner and it will be removed soon. Request to add rock on the corner of Main and Seventh St for semi-truck/trailers turning north to get to the overnight parking lot. Veld and Mayor Stearns investigate.

Mayor Stearns advised on distressed properties; 106 4th St- Mull advised upgrades pending soon. 208 3rd St mitigated- bills and photos turned into City Attorney for IRS to sign off on deed. 301 W Market St tenant is working on repairs. 308 6th St & 601 W Sycamore:

City Attorney advised to send new nuisance letter and require some kind of action every 30 days. Pieters moved to send a nuisance letter requesting action every 30 days, seconded by Mull. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Nuisance Reporting Mayor Stearns advised there is one complaint for noise at 207 5th St on 8/20/2022 and 9/15/2022. JD Holmes advised the complainer to call dispatch to catch them in the act.

Grant status per Oltrogge: 2nd payment of ARPA in the amount of \$22,577.96 was received this month. FEMA Hazard Mitigation assistance Grant for the lift station backup generator is on phase 3 of questions and still need quotes. Application for a USDA Grant to be used for a sewer line on the west side of the river has been submitted. Waiting on additional information request. The asbestos grant for the school building is moving forward.

Hardin County Conservation & Sewer Hook Up: Mayor Stearns advised they are moving forward with remodeling the lodge.

Proposed River road sewer installation & USDA Rural Innovation Grant: Mayor Stearns reporting third step on the grant application is complete and the application is in process.

Wood Chips per Mayor Stearns the wood chip pile from a year ago has been removed. Pieters moved to no longer accept wood chips at the city dump or fire practice lot for any reason, seconded by Mull. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one.

Mayor Stearns advised he will send a letter of apology and explanation.

Pieters reported no new information on street repairs.

Gym lights update per Mayor Stearns the supplier is manufacturing our lights right now.

Mayor Stearns presented the proposed Nuisance Ordinance Update. Advised City Attorney has some information to add but it hasn't been received as of yet.

Mayor Stearns presented the proposed Municipal Infractions Ordinance Update. Advised City Attorney has some information to add

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Mayor Stearns presented the proposed Animal Control Code Ordinance update. Advised City Attorney has some information to add but it hasn't been received as of yet. City attorney clarified Bees are not considered livestock in this part of the Iowa Code. Oltrogge suggested adding a requirement for signage if there is an invisible fence.

Manhole Covers Cost Review per Mayor Stearns was discussed with council that our costs with volunteers were substantially lower than a local quote.

208 3rd St Property Cost Review per Mayor Stearns was discussed with council that again with volunteer work the bills were quite lower.

River East Parking and Boat Ramp Design & Archaeological Desktop Study presented by Mayor Stearns. The map of the parking lot and carry down boat ramp provided by the Iowa DNR has been scaled back to grading and gravel. City has repeatedly told the DNR there are no City funds available to accomplish this project. The first stage of dam removal is potentially this forthcoming winter. Expected to take about 2 years to complete.

Mayor's comments: none.

C. Schurman moved to adjourn the meeting, J. Schurman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: no one. Meeting adjourned at 7: 34 pm.

Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor
Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk
Transfer \$23,434.57 from #4521804809 Sewer Operating Savings to #4521770588 Check- ing as of 10/22/2019

Check 10/15/2019 1246	
Ag Machinery, Bearing at treatment plant.....	\$ 180.62
Check 10/15/2019 1251	
City of Eldora, Lift Station Repair	\$ 2,363.00
Check 10/15/2019 1253	
Current Electric, Repairs at Lift Station & Lights in Rock Solid Fitness	\$ 424.61
Check 10/15/2019 1262	
Iowa pump works, Labor, machine work.....	\$ 19,713.77
Check 10/15/2019 1264	
Kesley Electric, Invoice #39239.....	\$ 752.57
TOTAL.....	\$ 23,434.57