

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**City of Steamboat Rock • Oct. 10, 2022**

The Steamboat Rock City Council met in regular session October 10th, 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. Absent: Cory Schurman. Also present were Melissa Johanson, Scott Williams, JD Holmes, and Renee Oltrogge.

Mayor Stearns called the meeting to order. Pieters moved, seconded by Mull to approve the posted agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: C. Schurman.

Blackburn moved, seconded by J. Schurman to approve the minutes from September 19th, 2022. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: C. Schurman. Pieters moved, seconded by Mull to approve the motion to approve City bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: C. Schurman. Hours were presented for Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk and Kelly Haskin, Water/Sewer Supervisor. Pieters moved, J. Schurman seconded the motion to approve hours as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: C. Schurman.

Public comments: Mayor Stearns advised we have 9 Oak trees growing by the solar panels of all sizes with eight of quality to move to another location in town. A local individual recently purchased a tree spade for commercial use and we will ask him the cost. Veld would like a few planted at the river landing to replace the Ash trees that have died. Bob Hutchcroft would like some in the school yard. The library had one of the new ones just planted that did not take. Melissa will discuss it with the board. Mayor Stearns and Bob Hutchcroft will take a tour this week to see if we want them anywhere else.

Melissa Johanson, Librarian presented the library report. The new shelving was installed thanks to James Ogden and Jack Boelman. The new front door is installed. Sign is fixed and re-hung thanks to Mayor Stearns. Working on adult programming for the 14th. Making event plans to coincide with the tree lighting.

Fire Department report was presented by Fire Chief Scott Williams. Recent successful grain bin rescue. Uniforms are starting to come in and will need assistance disseminating the billing with Renee. Plan to help with the County Conservation Fall Event at the Lodge October 15th. Discussing activities to coincide with the tree lighting. Updated by-laws have been passed. Department has a large hand-held concrete saw, a skill saw, and a small gasoline generator they no longer

use and plan to sell. Mayor Stearns advised since the money will stay in the department for equipment, they should sell as their association sees fit. Williams asked about replacing a few broken windows now, and then finding a grant for new siding. Presented PO's 82 for Sandry \$1,1528.00. Blackburn moved, seconded by Mull to approve the PO's as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: C. Schurman. Pieters was called away at 6:52pm.

JJ Veld was not present to provide the public works report. Oltrogge advised Veld has help lined up for a short time in November while he is out of town. Thanks to Veld for putting down rock on Main St & 7th and fixing the manhole on 2nd St. Mull advised there is a manhole at Market St and 3rd St that needs addressing.

Mayor Stearns advised on distressed properties; No new activity except 308 6th St & 601 W Sycamore. New nuisance letter sent which requires some kind of action every 30 days, was delivered on 09/21/2022 by Sheriff, gives them until 10/24/2022 to respond. No response as of yet.

Nuisance Reporting sheets were reviewed then shredded.

Grant status per Oltrogge: FEMA Hazard Mitigation assistance Grant for the lift station backup generator is on phase 4 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. The gym lights should be coming soon.

Hardin County Conservation & Sewer Hook Up: Mayor Stearns advised they are moving forward with remodeling the lodge. Hardin County Conservation sent out flyers this week for The Fall Festival lodge fund raiser on Saturday, October 15th, 2022 from 10am – 2pm at The Lodge (formerly known as The Boat Club).

Proposed River road sewer installation & USDA Rural Innovation Grant: No new news

J. Schurman reported on street repairs activity. Everything has been measured to get quotes.

Nuisance Ordinance Update. In process but no report tonight.

Municipal Infractions Ordinance Update. In process but no report tonight.

Animal Control Code Ordinance update. In process but no report tonight.

Siren may need to be moved due to a potential change in ownership of the land it is presently located on. If required to be re-

located, the tower, and electrical cost estimate is \$5,500. Mayor Stearns has discussed with Tom Creighton (Hardin County EMA/911) about this potential move. The County is considering changing the way all of the sirens in the County are funded and Steamboat Rock should wait for that decision prior to any agreement. City Attorney has been contacted about any possible existing easements.

Halloween beggars night date to be Monday, October 31st, 2022 from 5pm – 7pm.

Mayor Stearns discussed The Visionary Group Tree Lighting, fundraiser, and request for street closure the evening of 11/23/2022. A company has been contacted that would remove the old lights, install new lights, and provide a 6 year warranty for \$6250. Blackburn moved, seconded by Mull to approve the street closure as requested for half a block on Market St by the tree. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: C. Schurman, Pieters. The Visionary Group is asking for donations to assist this project.

Making the 4-way stop intersection at the end of the River's Edge Trail and adjacent to the Rockstop safe for pedestrian and bike traffic was discussed. Anticipation of many bikers patronizing the Rockstop leads this discussion. Much of the vehicle traffic doesn't come to a full stop at this intersection. Mayor Stearns discussed with County Engineer, Taylor Roll different ideas of signs, flashing yellow lights, or rumble strips- all of which have limited success per Roll. Mayor Stearns asked everyone to think about other ideas. Blackburn suggested a pedestrian walk.

Blackburn asked if the city should consider creating zoning codes. Specifically discussed Market St being coded commercial since we are experiencing more folks planning residential in the "downtown" area which may leave the City short on locations for businesses to locate there.

Mayor's comments: Welcome sign on the south side has received damaged and more lighting will be replaced.

"Engineering the Future Economy of Hardin County". Since Tam Elerding, HCCEF Program Director was unable to attend. Mayor Stearns presented a second flyer for this event on November 8th – 10th, 2022 in Eldora, IA. The purpose of these meetings is for our Communities/ County to put a plan in place focused on making the economy grow faster than the population.

Blackburn moved to adjourn the meeting, Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Ab-

sent: C. Schurman, Pieters. Meeting adjourned at 7: 18 pm.

*Timothy A. Stearns, Mayor*  
*Renee Oltrogge, City Clerk*

**City of Steamboat Rock Claims To Be Approved 10/10/2022**

United States Treasury, Payroll .....	\$ 579.50
IPERS, Payroll.....	\$ 570.07
Iowa Department of Revenue, WET Tax .....	\$ 228.67
Iowa Department of Revenue, State Tax withholding - 2022 2nd quarter .....	\$ 48.00
State of Iowa, Payroll.....	\$ 16.00
Alliant Energy, Electric/gas.....	\$ 2,592.75
Heart of Iowa, \$181.55 City, \$34.75 FD, Water \$34.75, \$57.68 Library ..	\$ 308.73
Culligan, Library \$10.00, City \$14.45.....	\$ 24.45
1st Interstate Bank CC, \$596.03 IT, Maintenance \$479.36, Sewer \$162.50.....	\$ 1,237.89
Grundy National Bank, Community Center Loan Payment... \$ 2,115.00	
Library, City contribution & tax levy .....	\$ 300.00
VOID.....	
Heart of Iowa, Library .....	\$ 70.00
USPO, Box rental City, Library .....	\$ 152.00
Baker & Taylor, Library ....	\$ 315.82
Baker & Taylor, Library ....	\$ 314.33
Haskin, Kelly, Payroll .....	\$ 390.30
Johanson, Melissa M, Payroll.....	\$ 1,021.11
Oltrogge, Renee, Payroll .....	\$ 1,418.98
VandeVoort, Darlene K, Payroll .....	\$ 376.51
AgVantage FS, Propane....	\$ 24.00
Blythe Sanitation, D \$405, Res \$1,036, T \$607.75, Rec \$0 .....	\$ 1,643.75
Iowa Central Electric, Sewer Pump Motor .....	\$ 337.50
JCJDW Investments LLC, Solar FD \$75.48, City \$1975.58 ....	\$ 2,051.06
Veld, JJ, Contractual earnings.....	\$ 2,300.00
JJ Veld (cleaning), Cleaning Contract.....	\$ 200.00
Veld, JJ (mileage), Mileage .....	\$ 288.13
Oltrogge, Renee A., Mileage .....	\$ 44.44
Mid America Publishing, Publishing .....	\$ 192.13
Rock Stop, FD 122.50, Snow 114.82.....	\$ 143.04
Stockdale Law, LLC, City Attorney charges.....	\$ 282.50
Superior Welding, Oxygen & Acetylene.....	\$ 90.00
T & T Computers, I Drive... \$ 54.99	
Shield Pest Control, LLC, Pest control.....	\$ 35.00
Hardin County Sheriff, County Sheriff Contract.....	\$ 613.54
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