

STERLING, COLORADO  
AUGUST 13, 2019

STATE OF COLORADO )  
COUNTY OF LOGAN )ss  
CITY OF STERLING )

As required by the Colorado Sunshine Law, the meeting was posted timely in the City Hall lobby more than twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting.

Pastor Kristie Firme, Christ United Methodist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Torres led the Pledge of Allegiance. The City Council of the City of Sterling, Colorado, met in regular session in Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. Mayor Torres called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Torres
Councilmembers	Appelhans Desormeaux Janes McCarty Pitcher Rice

Also present:

City Manager	Saling
City Attorney	Penny
City Clerk	Forbes
Public Works Director	Good
Police Chief	Kerr
Parks, Library and Recreation (PLR) Director	Gandee
Human Resource Director	Brown
Paralegal	Welsh

Citizens present: 6

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilmember Appelhans made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember McCarty seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Items on the consent agenda were: City Council minutes of July 23, 2019, an application for renewal of beer & wine liquor license for Wonderful House Restaurant located at 100 Broadway, Suite 2, and a permit application and report of changes for the Frosted Mug located at 137 North Front Street.

**COMMUNICATION AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF NON-SCHEDULED CITIZENS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Saling updated Council on the following:

- Outdoor pool hours
- Council nomination petition packets
- Bronze statues have been cleaned
- Building at the Airport
- The Street crew is patching
- Update on 2<sup>nd</sup> and Main Streets corners
- Sales and hotel taxes
- 4<sup>th</sup> and Main Street Urban Park
- Statement of Opposition
- Informational letter on the November 5 general election on the wastewater bond issue
- Colorado Municipal League, Fall district 1 meeting
- Ethanol plant water well diligence and absolute water right claims
- Employee Appreciation barbeque

City Manager Saling advised Council staff has gone to Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery and spot checked the records. It was his recommendation the City notifies the County and advises them the records are acceptable. It was the consensus of Council to do this.

City Manager Saling advised Council that he received a letter regarding the Policy Committee from Colorado Municipal League. He advised that they should reappoint Councilmember Appelkans to this committee.

City Manager Saling reviewed the Non-profit requests that the committee had met on. The committee is recommending:

Cooperative Ministries	\$2,500.00
Under the Umbrella	\$2,500.00
Early Childhood Education Council	\$2,500.00
Help for Abused Partners	\$2,500.00
Red Cross	\$2,000.00

He advised Council these numbers will be put in the 2020 proposed budget.

City Manager Saling advised Council that he had been contacted by Pro15 to become a member of this organization. The cost of membership is \$.06 per capita. It was the consensus of Council to wait at this time.

Councilmember Desormeaux asked regarding mosquito spraying. Public Works Director Good advised they would spray mosquitoes as long as they see mosquitoes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES:**

Police Chief Kerr introduced the two new Police Officers, Austin Molcyk and Lane Fahrenbruch.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8-1-19, SERIES OF 2019 - A RESOLUTION OF THE STERLING CITY COUNCIL SUBMITTING THE BALLOT QUESTION TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STERLING, COLORADO, AT THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2019, OF ISSUING BONDS PAYABLE FROM THE CITY'S WASTEWATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE REVENUES TO FINANCE CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS:**

City Manager Saling advised Council this resolution authorizes placement of a ballot question regarding issuing Wastewater Utility Enterprise revenue bonds or incur other financial obligation to finance wastewater utility system capital improvements. The ballot question limits the amount of debt for the Wastewater Utility Enterprise revenue bonds or other financial obligations to not exceed \$37,000,000 and sets the maximum net effective interest rate not to exceed 3.25%. It is anticipated that both the debt and the interest rate to be less than requested but because of the uncertainty of the project costs at this time or the fluctuation in the bond market, the limits were set conservatively. Funds to pay for the bonds or other financial obligations will be generated by the monthly sewer fee that is currently being developed by a consultant.

Councilmember Appelhans made a motion to approve Resolution No. 8-1-19, Series of 2019. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**DEPARTMENT REPORT –FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**

Finance Director Forbes gave the Finance Department report.

**MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS:**

Mayor Torres made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (4) (e). Councilmember Appelhans seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Council went into executive session at 7:34 p.m.

Council came out of executive session at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Torres advised the participants in the executive session were: City Council, City Manager and City Attorney. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, he asked that they state their concerns for the record.

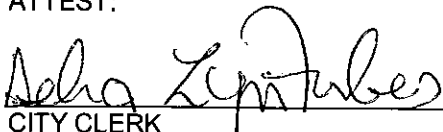
There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK