

**STERLING, COLORADO  
AUGUST 9, 2022**

**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.

City Manager Blankenship gave the invocation. Mayor Desormeaux 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 9, 2022. Mayor Desormeaux called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Councilmembers present:**

Mayor	Desormeaux
Councilmembers	Gaines Haynie Janes Ritter

**Councilmembers absent:**

Councilmembers	Anderson Blecha
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**Also present:**

City Manager	Blankenship
Deputy City Attorney	Matuszczak
City Clerk	Forbes
Parks, Library and Recreation (PLR) Director	Gandee
Public Works Director	Good
Fire Captain	Bostron
Human Resource Generalist	Friend
Paralegal	Welsh

**Citizens present: 1**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. Councilmember Ritter advised she was not present at the July 26, 2022, meeting so she would be abstaining. By a four-yes and one-abstain vote, the motion was approved. Voting was as follows:

Janes	yes	Gaines	yes
Ritter	abstain	Desormeaux	yes
Haynie	yes		

Items on the consent agenda were: City Council minutes of July 26, 2022 and an application for renewal of retail liquor store license for Shino Liquors located at 336 E. Chestnut Street.

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

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- Sales Tax
- Lodging Tax
- Water Demand
- Grand Opening of the Heritage Park
- Partnership with KPMX at the Logan County Fair
- Cowboy Breakfast

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MAYORS RECOMMENDATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD:**

Mayor Desormeaux made a motion to re-appoint Glenna Aurich and Kathy Guerin to the Citizens Advisory Board. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion. By a five-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8-1-22, SERIES OF 2022 – A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STERLING AND LOGAN COUNTY CONCERNING A COORDINATED GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME:**

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution approves an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and County for the coordinated general election to be held on November 8, 2022, designating the Logan County Clerk and Recorder as the Coordinated Election Official.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve Resolution No. 8-1-22, Series of 2022. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion. By a five-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8-2-22, SERIES OF 2022 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE STATE OF COLORADO, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BY THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF NORTHEASTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE, FOR THE 2022/2023 FIRE FIGHTER I ACADEMY:**

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution approves a Contract with the State of Colorado, Department of Higher Education, by the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education for the use and benefit of Northeastern Junior College, for the purpose of the Sterling Fire Department providing instruction, equipment and facilities for the 2022/2023 Fire

Fighter I Academy. The City will be reimbursed for services, equipment and facility use as set forth in the Contract that is the subject of the Resolution.

Councilmember Gaines made a motion to approve Resolution No. 8-2-22, Series of 2022. Councilmember Haynie seconded the motion. By a five-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8-3-22, SERIES OF 2022 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING A STUDENT CLINICAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF NORTHEASTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:**

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution approves a Student Clinical Agreement for the use and benefit of Northeastern Junior College, for the use of the City's Fire Department facilities and operations to provide required training for students enrolled in certain programs offered by Northeastern Junior College, and opportunities for observation and/or practical experience, with the emphasis on education for said students rather than services.

Councilmember Ritter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 8-3-22, Series of 2022. Councilmember Janes seconded the motion. By a five-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**FIRST READING – ORDINANCE NO. 8, SERIES OF 2022 – AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO:**

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Ordinance grants to Public Service Company of Colorado a non-exclusive easement on City-owned property in a portion of Lots 5 and 6, Block 16, of the Original Town of Sterling, to establish a route for a new electric line to be built for the electric vehicle charging stations and related equipment that are being constructed on adjacent City-owned property in accordance with the City's agreements with ChargePoint, Inc.

Councilmember Gaines made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 8, Series of 2022. Councilmember Janes seconded the motion. City Clerk Forbes read the Ordinance by title. By a five-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**FIRST READING – ORDINANCE NO. 9, SERIES OF 2022 - AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF A UTILITY EASEMENT IN LOT 1, KNOWLES REPLAT IN THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO:**

City Manager Blankenship advised Council the City has received a request on behalf of Four Corners Development, LLC, the owner of Lot 1, Knowles Replat in the City of Sterling, to vacate a portion of an existing utility easement in Lot 1 required to accomplish the development plan for construction of the improvements on the property. This Ordinance vacates the requested portion of that utility easement on Lot 1.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 9, Series of 2022. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. City Clerk Forbes read the Ordinance by title. By a five-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**DEPARTMENT REPORT – POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Police Chief Kerr was not able to attend the Council meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Councilmember Ritter updated Council on the Trinidad building mural.

Mayor Desormeaux advised Council that the scooters are around town and advised drivers to be careful.

Councilmember Janes advise Council that Sidney, Nebraska has a park for physical disabilities. He asked if there are grants available for that. PLR Director Gandee advised he felt the west side

of Pioneer Park would be a good place for this as there is more room. However, the next rotation would be at Wisdom Park, as the City rotates on a 10-year basis. City Manager Blankenship asked if there was a specific grant that could be done. PLR Director Gandee advised the City usually uses Conservation Trust funds for the playgrounds.

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



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MAYOR PRO-TEM

ATTEST:



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CITY CLERK