

STERLING, COLORADO
DECEMBER 12, 2017

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 Dan Holsten, Berean 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, December 12, 2017. Mayor Torres called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Torres
Councilmembers	Appelhans McCarty Pitcher Rhodes Rice

Councilmembers absent:

Councilmember	Flores
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Also present:

City Manager	Saling
City Attorney	Penny
City Clerk	Forbes
Parks, Library and Recreation (PLR) Director	Gandee
Fire Chief	Ritter
Public Works Director	Good
Human Resource Director	Brown
Police Chief	Kerr
Sterling Emergency Communication Center Director	Lybrand
PCF Superintendent	Ulrich

Members of the Fire Department 9

Citizens present: 9

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Item on the consent agenda was: City Council minutes of November 28, 2017

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

Present to address Council was Ms. Devon Miller, 530 McKinley Street. Ms. Miller advised Council that in 1998 there was work done on McKinley Street where the property owners paid for curb and gutter. She would like to have this on North 4th Avenue. She showed Council a petition that she would like to pass around and get signatures on to show that there is interest from the property owners in the area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Saling updated Council on the following:

- Sales and Lodging Taxes
- Water demand and production
- Commissioners Christmas coffee
- Personnel policies – Personnel Board
- West Main water line replacement
- 2nd and Main Streets bulbouts
- Alley cleaning
- Sewer lines maintenance
- Fire hydrant repairs
- Santa City
- Christmas on the Prairie
- Lighting of the Trees
- Bike rack at City Hall has been installed
- Pioneer Park highway building

City Manager Saling asked Council regarding the City Council meeting on December 26 and if they wanted to meet. It was the consensus of Council not to have the meeting.

Police Chief Kerr addressed Council to update them on the K-9 program. The K-9 program has been changed from Sergeant Hrycaj to Corporal Grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES:

Human Resource Director Brown introduced Bonnie Sinjem as a new Dispatcher.

PRESENTATION FROM BILL FREDREGILL, LOGAN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY:

Present to address Council was Dr. Bill Fredregill, Logan County Humane Society. Dr. Fredregill discussed with Council colony cat managers. He advised of a grant opportunity that would pay a part-time employee to manage all of the managers of the cat colonies. He would like to see an addition to the City Code for this. This program is in Pueblo and he had copies of Pueblo's City Code. He also discussed backyard breeders and advised Council he would like to see more teeth in this. If there is a violation he would like the court to require the purchase of the license plus the fine. Impound of animals was discussed. In animal cruelty cases, property owners pay for the boarding. There is a State Statute that references this and he would like to have it adopted into the municipal code. There was further discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-1-17, SERIES OF 2017 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES WITH THE LOGAN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY:

City Manager Saling advised Council this resolution approves a new agreement with the Logan County Humane Society for animal control services. The new agreement is for the term commencing on January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. The agreement provides for payment to the Logan County Humane Society of \$146,900.00 for the one-year term of the agreement, which increases the cost from the 2017 agreement by \$1,700.00, and is payable in four equal installments of \$36,725.00.

Councilmember Appelhans made a motion to approve Resolution No. 12-1-17, Series of 2017. Councilmember Pitcher seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORT – FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Ritter gave the department report. He advised Council regarding the new equipment from Rural Fire. This is due to their mill levy increase. Members of Rural Fire were present.

Council took a recess at 8:10 p.m. to look at the new fire trucks.

Council reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTERS AND 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, development strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Sections 24-6-402 (4) (e) and for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (2) (f) and not involving; any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees. Councilmember Appelhans seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Council went into executive session at 8:22 p.m.

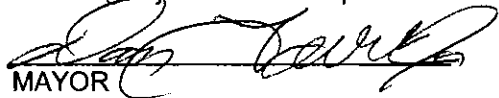
Council came out of executive session at 9:49 p.m.

Mayor Torres advised the participants in the executive session were: City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, PLR Director, PCF Superintendent and Public Works Director. 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 9:50 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK