

STERLING, COLORADO
DECEMBER 20, 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.

Human Resources Director Brown 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, December 20, 2022. Mayor Desormeaux called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Desormeaux
Councilmembers	Blecha Haynie Janes Ritter

Also present:

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

Citizens present: 8

VOTE FOR TWO WARD 1 COUNCILMEMBERS:

The first seat to be replaced was Martin Gaines whose term expires November 2025. The candidates being voted on were Frank Angell, Albert Delgado and Lee Roth. The votes were tallied – Frank Angell received 1 vote, Albert Delgado received 4 votes.

Council then voted for the second seat in Ward 1 which the seat expires November 2023. Those being voted on were Frank Angell and Lee Roth. Frank Angell received 3 votes and Lee Roth received 2 votes.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS:

Judge Carl McGuire, 13th Judicial District, gave the oath of office to the newly appointed Ward 1 Councilmembers Albert Delgado and Frank Angell.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 2022:

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve the City Council minutes of November 22, 2022. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion. By a four-yes and three-abstain vote, the motion was approved. Voting was as follows:

Janes	yes	Ritter	yes
Angell	abstain	Delgado	abstain
Haynie	abstain	Blecha	yes
Desormeaux	yes		

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE – MI RANCHITO LLC – MI RANCHITO MEXICAN RESTAURANT – 203 BROADWAY STREET AND APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE – ANJATO ENTERPRISES LLC – THE HOT SPOT SMOKEHOUSE – 402 MAIN STREET:

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Haynie seconded the motion. By a six-yes and one-abstain vote, the motion was approved. Voting was as follows:

Janes	yes	Haynie	yes
Delgado	abstain	Angell	yes
Blecha	yes	Desormeaux	yes
Ritter	yes		

Items on the consent agenda were: application for renewal of Tavern Liquor License for Mi Ranchito Mexican Restaurant located at 203 Broadway Street and an application for renewal of Tavern Liquor License for The Hot Spot Smokehouse located at 402 Main Street.

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

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Sales Tax
- Lodging Tax
- Water production
- Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant presentation
- Read a thank you from Burnham Family
- Heard from representatives from Deer Run Development. They are hoping to break ground in January.

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO THE LOGAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

These appointments would be filling positions for Councilmember Gaines and Councilmember Burnham to the Logan County Economic Development Corporation. In January all the positions are looked at and motions are made to appoint for 2023. Therefore, nothing will be done at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-1-22, SERIES OF 2022 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, REQUESTING RECLASSIFICATION OF THE ACCESS CATEGORY OF A PORTION OF STATE HIGHWAY 14:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution is a formal request to the State Highway Commission and the Colorado Department of Transportation to reclassify a portion of the State Highway 14. Commercial development of the annexed property is anticipated, and the requested reclassification would allow for access to the properties to be constructed directly from State Highway 14 as a means of ingress and egress to the property. This is at the west end of Highway 14, where the First Christian Church was. This will allow for the sewer line to run under the Highway.

Councilmember Haynie made a motion to approve Resolution No. 12-1-22, Series of 2022. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORT – PARKS, LIBRARY AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Parks, Library and Recreation Director Gandee gave his department report.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:

MICELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Mayor Desormeaux thanked the Fire Department for its Christmas video.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – FOR A CONFERENCE WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS UNDER C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402(4)(e) FOR THE DISCUSSION OF MATTERS WHICH MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION: DISCUSSION OF THE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES:

Mayor Desormeaux made a motion to go into executive session for a conference with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) for the discussion of matters which may be subject to negotiation: discussion of the Agreement for Animal Control Services. Councilmember Delgado seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Council went into executive session at 6:07 p.m.

Council came out of executive session at 6:42 p.m.

Mayor Desormeaux advised the participants in the executive session were: City Council, and City Manager. 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, she asked that they state their concerns for the record.

There were none.


RESOLUTION NO. 12-2-22, SERIES OF 2022 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES WITH THE LOGAN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY:

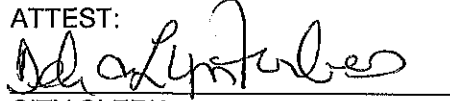
City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution approves a new Agreement with the Logan County Humane Society for animal control services within the City. The new Agreement is for a one-year term commencing on January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, at a cost of \$185,400.00. The Agreement provides for monthly payments to the Logan County Humane Society of \$15,450.00.

Councilmember Ritter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 12-2-22, Series of 2022. Councilmember Delgado seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

ADJOURMENT:

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK