

STERLING, COLORADO
DECEMBER 28, 2021

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 Richard vonSteinman, First English Church, 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 28, 2021. Mayor Desormeaux called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Desormeaux
Councilmembers	Blecha Gaines Janes Ritter

Councilmember absent:

Councilmember	Anderson
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Also present:

City Attorney	Richardson
City Clerk	Forbes
Police Chief	Kerr
Public Works Director	Good
Fire Chief	Ritter
Human Resource Director	Brown
Paralegal	Welsh

Citizens present: 1

CONSENT AGENDA:

CONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2021:

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion. By a five-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Item on the consent agenda was: City Council minutes of December 14, 2021.

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

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE NO. 12, SERIES OF 2021 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$3,496,289) AND REGULATING THE PAYMENT OF MONEY OUT OF THE CITY TREASURY, AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2021 BY EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWO DOLLARS (\$85,102):

Police Chief Kerr advised Council First Reading of this Ordinance took place on December 14, 2021, and it was thereafter published. This Ordinance relates to projects and revenues received in 2021 after the 2021 budget was completed.

City Clerk Forbes read the Ordinance by title.

Mayor Desormeaux opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Desormeaux closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Blecha made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2021. Councilmember Janes seconded the motion. By a five-yes vote, the motion was approved.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Police Chief Kerr updated Council on the following:

- **Projects**
 1. Heritage Project – Brick work is nearly finished and sculpture foundation platform is complete.
 2. Sewer Line Status – Pipe materials continues to be delivered. Construction should begin soon.
 3. Work continues at the head works pumping station.
- **Meetings/Events Attended**
 - Jay Lee's Retirement Dinner Meeting at NJC
 - Manager with Directors Christmas Luncheon Meeting
 - Meeting with Greg Etl, Trae Miller, George, and I to discuss DOLA Grant Programs
- **"New" Meetings Attended**
 - Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Sterling
 - Northeastern Colorado Association of Local Governments in Ft. Morgan
 - Small Business Development Center Board Meeting in Greeley
- **Council Member Nominee** – Applications for vacancy has been published in the Journal Advocate and Sentinel.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 12-7-21, SERIES OF 2021 – A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING A SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

Police Chief Kerr advised Council this Resolution approves a 5 percent salary adjustment for the City Manager, Kevin Blankenship, following the evaluation and salary review by the City Council on December 14, 2021, in accordance with the terms of the Employment Agreement. The present annual salary is increased by \$6,000.00 effective January 1, 2022.

Councilmember Gaines made a motion to approve Resolution No. 12-7-21, Series of 2021. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion. By a five-yes vote, the motion was approved.

MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Desormeaux made a motion to re-appoint Peter Moulton and Kristi Knowles to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. By a five-yes vote, the motion was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:

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. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) – Attorney advice regarding water case issues. Councilmember Janes seconded the motion. By a five-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Council went into executive session at 5:41 p.m.

Council came out of executive session at 5:55 p.m.

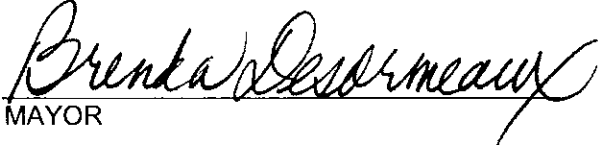
Mayor Desormeaux advised the participants in the executive session were: City Council and City Attorney. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred 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.

Councilmember Blecha made a motion to file a Statement of Opposition of case 21CW3185. Councilmember Janes seconded the motion. By a five-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Councilmember Gaines advised there is a large tree in the river area that a beaver has torn up. Public Works Director Good advised he would let Parks, Library and Recreation Director Gandee know.

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK