

**STERLING, COLORADO  
FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

**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 Kevin 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, February 14, 2023. Mayor Desormeaux called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Desormeaux was advised the agenda would be changed as Human Resources Director Brown was not available to give his department presentation at this meeting.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Desormeaux
Councilmembers	Angell Blecha Delgado Haynie Janes

Also present:

City Manager	Blankenship
City Attorney	Richardson
City Clerk	Forbes
Police Chief	Kerr
Fire Chief	Ritter
Public Works Director	Good
Parks, Library and Recreation (PLR) Director	Gandee
Public Safety Communications Director	Lybrand
Paralegal	Welsh

Citizens present: 0

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

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

Items on the consent agenda were: City Council minutes of January 24, 2023 meeting, application for renewal of retail liquor store license for Discount Liquors located at 1000 W. Main Street, application for renewal of retail liquor store license for Broadway Wine & Spirits located at 207 Broadway Street and an application for renewal of hotel restaurant liquor license for El Jacal 3 located at 115 North 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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

Present to address Council was Mr. Jeff Rice, 13450 County Road 370, was present regarding Rotary Club. Mr. Rice asked Council if they would be guests at Rotary meetings during the year. City Manager Blankenship will coordinate their visitation schedules.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- Headworks project
- Force Main project
- Loan application CWRPDA due February 15, 2023
- 2023 water line project. Received the \$700,000 DOLA grant
- Street Improvement project
- Curb ramp/on call concrete
- Chamber State of the Community February 23, 2023
- Mining project passed
- Snow removal
- Bag fee. City Manager Blankenship updated Council on the bag tax passed by the State 21-1162.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FIRST READING – ORDINANCE NO. 1, SERIES OF 2023 – AN ORDINANCE REZONING THAT PORTION OF LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 22, KING AND SMITH'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, LYING SOUTHEASTERLY OF A LINE DRAWN PARALLEL WITH AND DISTANCE 50.0 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY OF, AS MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES TO, BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY'S MAIN TRACK CENTERLINE, AS NOW LOCATED AND CONSTRUCTED, LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION CONVEYED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, STATE OF COLORADO BY WARRANTY DEED RECORDED APRIL 3, 2019 AT RECEPTION NO. 744165, COUNTY OF LOGAN, STATE OF COLORADO, PRESENTLY ZONED CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD), TO COMMUNITY BUSINESS (CB):**

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Ordinance approves a request from Sterling Uno, LLC for a zoning change for a portion of the property it owns in Lots 5 and 6, Block 22, King and Smith's Addition to the City of Sterling, Logan County, Colorado that is presently zoned CBD, Central Business District, to be rezoned to Community Business, (CB). The Planning Commission recommended approval of this request after a public hearing was held at its February 1, 2023 meeting.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to introduce Ordinance 1, Series of 2023. Councilmember Blecha seconded the motion. There was discussion on the difference between CBD Zoning and CB Zoning. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-1-23, SERIES OF 2023 – A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS DERIVED FROM THE CITY OF STERLING HOTEL TAX FUND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE VII, OF THE CITY CODE – ADVERTISEMENT OF THE SPORTSMAN EXPERIENCE GUN & OUTDOOR SHOW:**

City Manager Blankenship advised Council that at the January 24, 2023 Council meeting, a representative of the Citizen's Advisory Board put forth a recommendation that the City contribute \$1,000.00 from the City's Hotel Tax Fund towards advertisement of the Sportsman Experience Gun & Outdoor Show to be held April 28, 2023, in Sterling, which promotes tourism in the City. This Resolution approves expending the sum of \$1,000.00 to contribute towards advertisement of that event.

Councilmember Ritter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2-1-23, Series of 2023. Councilmember Haynie seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-2-23, SERIES OF 2023 – A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR AN FAA AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AIP) GRANT FOR A PROJECT AT THE STERLING MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, TO REHABILITATE APRON (CONSTRUCTION) AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE APPLICATION:**

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution approves the application for an FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant for the City's Airport project to Rehabilitate Apron (Construction) in the requested amount of \$934,773.00. The Grant Application includes the responsibility of the City for matching funds of 5% of the total project cost. The anticipated total project cost is \$1,038,637.00. The City would be responsible for the 5% matching funds estimated to be \$51,932.00. The funds for this project were appropriated in the 2023 Budget.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2-2-23, Series of 2023. Councilmember Angell seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-3-23, SERIES OF 2023 – A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR AN FAA BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL) GRANT FOR A PROJECT AT THE STERLING MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, TO REHABILITATE APRON (CONSTRUCTION); AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE APPLICATION:**

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution approves the application for an FAA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grant for the City's Airport Project to Rehabilitate Apron (Construction) in the requested amount of \$304,000.00. The Grant Application includes the responsibility of the City for matching funds of 5% of the total project cost. The anticipated total project cost is \$337,778.00. The City would be responsible for the 5% matching funds estimated to be \$16,889.00. The funds for this project were appropriated in the 2023 Budget.

Councilmember Delgado made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2-3-23, Series of 2023. Councilmember Blecha seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-4-23, SERIES OF 2023 – A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, ACCEPTING AND APPROVING, WITHOUT BID, A PROPOSAL FROM AMWEST CONTROL, INC. FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY OF STERLING BOOSTER STATION MAINTENANCE AND LIFT STATION UPGRADES PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT:**

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution accepts and approves a proposal from AmWest Control, Inc. for the design and construction services, and provision of all materials,

equipment, tools, and labor, necessary for the installation of a new communication system for the City's booster station and lift stations, without submission through the bid process, in accordance with Sec. 19-232(a)(2) of the City Code. The cost of services under the proposal from AmWest Control, Inc. for the required services is \$385,103.00. There are sufficient funds in the Water and Wastewater fund for this project.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2-4-23, Series of 2023. Councilmember Haynie seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Mayor Desormeaux made a motion to appoint Mr. Gary Northup to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Janes seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Public Safety Dispatch Supervisor Nall gave a presentation.

**MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

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Councilmember Haynie updated Council regarding the VA Clinic opening February 15, 2023, and the future plans of the Clinic.

Councilmember Delgado thanked Public Works Director good on the good job of snow removal.

Councilmember Janes advised he could not be on the radio tomorrow morning. Councilmember Haynie will switch with him.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK