

**STERLING, COLORADO
FEBRUARY 28, 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.

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, February 28, 2023. Mayor Desormeaux called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Desormeaux
Councilmembers	Angell Blecha Delgado Haynie Janes Ritter

Also present:

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

Citizens present: 7

**CONSENT AGENDA:
CONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2023:**

Councilmember Delgado made a motion to approve the City Council minutes of February 14, 2023. Councilmember Janes seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

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

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Sales and lodging taxes
- Water demand
- State of the Community: City Manager Blankenship advised Council he was asked to get a group together regarding needs of the community. Mayor Desormeaux advised she thought it would be good for him to help facilitate and find a person to coordinate.
- CML Legislation Workshop
- Council training: March 11, 2023, 8:30-noon, lunch provided.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – 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 NOTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY'S MAIN TRACK CENTERLINE, AS NOT 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 that First Reading of this Ordinance took place on February 14, 2023, and it was thereafter published. 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.

Mayor Desormeaux opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Desormeaux closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Delgado had concerns of the protocol of the zoning issues and setting precedence for the future. He gave several sections of the City Code.

There was discussion.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1, Series of 2023. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion. By a six-yes and one-abstain vote, the motion was approved. Voting was as follows:

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

City Attorney Richardson asked Councilmember Delgado to explain for the record why he abstained. Councilmember Delgado advised he didn't understand the protocol; with those questions he was not for or against it.

NEW BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION BY CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD:

Present to address Council was Ms. Kim Sellers. Ms. Sellers asked Council for an RFP for a lands person or company to manage the Front Street Park and the bump-outs that have been put in. After the bids Council can say no if it's too high. Currently, on the bump-outs that have been built there is not a watering system. The new ones built will have a watering system. City Manager Blankenship and PLR Director Gandee will put an RFP together.

PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – STERLING ELKS LODGE NO. 1336 – 321 ASH STREET:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council an Application for Special Event Permit was filed by the Sterling Elks Lodge #1336 for the Merino School Mouse Races fundraiser on March 25, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. The Application was timely filed and is in proper form and the required fee has been submitted. The premises were properly posted. A letter was sent to the applicant advising of the date of the public hearing and requesting a representative be present at this meeting to answer any questions City Council might have concerning the application.

Present to address Council was Mr. Frank Gower, 321 Ash Street, Sterling Elks Lodge.

Mayor Desormeaux opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Desormeaux closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Haynie made a motion to approve the Special Event Permit for the Sterling Elks Lodge located at 321 Ash Street. Councilmember Angell seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-5-23, SERIES OF 2023 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH RE-1 VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND STERLING BASEBALL ORGANIZATION:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution approves an Agreement with RE-1 Valley School District and Sterling Baseball Organization that defines and clarifies the liability and responsibilities of each party for the furtherance of a Little League Baseball Program in Sterling, to be operated by the Sterling Baseball Organization. The Department of Parks, Library and Recreation has a 2023 calendar year budgeted appropriation for this type of program. Pursuant to the Agreement, the City will pay for electricity costs up to a maximum amount of \$500.

Councilmember Blecha made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2-5-23, Series of 2023. Councilmember Janes seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-6-23, SERIES OF 2023 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, DESIGNATING THE CITY'S OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO ALL COUNTY HEALTH POOL MEMBERS' MEETINGS, AND DESIGNATING THE REQUIRED CORRESPONDENTS:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council the City's medical insurance health provider, County Health Pool, requires the governing body of the City to designate an official representative for the City to attend all County Health Pool Members' meetings, and also to designate the correspondents for the City to receive all monthly billing invoices and other general correspondence intended for distribution to the employees. This Resolution makes those designations in accordance with the usual duties of administrative staff.

Councilmember Haynie made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2-6-23, Series of 2023. Councilmember Angell seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.


MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK