

STERLING, COLORADO  
FEBRUARY 8, 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.

Pastor Kristi Firme, Christ United Methodist 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 8, 2022. Mayor Desormeaux called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Desormeaux
Councilmembers	Anderson Blecha Gaines Haynie Janes Ritter

Also present:

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

Citizens present: 4

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

Janes	yes	Anderson	yes
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Ritter	abstain	Desormeaux	yes
Blecha	yes	Gaines	yes
Haynie	yes		

Item on the consent agenda was: City Council minutes of January 25, 2022.

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

Present to address Council was Mr. Michael White, President of Northeastern Junior College. Mr. White introduced himself to Council.

Next to address Council was Mr. Richard Kerker, Fleming. Mr. Kerker was upset that his van had been towed from under the overpass, and he wasn't aware it needed to be moved until he received the certified letter that it had been towed. He now has a \$700 tow bill. He expressed his concerns. Police Chief Kerr advised him he had looked into the matter. Mr. Kerker expressed concerns on how this occurred; and then brought up abandoned/dilapidated dangerous houses that needed to be taken care of.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Blankenship updated Council on the following:

- Sales and Lodging Taxes – January 2022
- Water Usage
- Meetings/Events Attended

City Manager Blankenship reported that Human Resource Director Brown is lining up training for City Council. It was decided to tell the training consultant that Council would like the training between mid-March and mid-April on a Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

City Council discussed having a work session. It was decided they would have a work session on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 5:30 p.m. at the Library.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-1-22, SERIES OF 2022 – A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH LESLIE BANEY GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT TO THE CITY IN THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 52 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO:**

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution approves an Easement Agreement with Leslie Baney for a non-exclusive easement for the purpose of installing, repairing, maintaining, and replacing a pedestrian-bicycle path for use by the general public, and for the City's ingress and egress for the purpose of operating, repairing, and maintaining the Pioneer Ditch.

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2-1-22, Series of 2022. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Councilmember Gaines informed Council about an issue that City Manager Blankenship is helping him with regarding a vicious dog attacking an older lady walking a smaller dog.

**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 DISPUTED CHARGES:**

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). Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.


Council went into executive session at 6:05 p.m.

Council came out of executive session at 6:18 p.m.

Mayor Desormeaux advised the participants in the executive session were: City Council, City Manager, City Attorney and Finance 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.

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

  
MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK