

**STERLING, COLORADO
JANUARY 10, 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 Kristie 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, January 10, 2023. Mayor Desormeaux called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Desormeaux
Councilmembers	Angell Blecha Delgado Haynie Janes

Councilmembers absent: Ritter

Also present:

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

Citizens present: 12

CONSENT AGENDA:

CONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2022:

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve the City Council minutes of December 20, 2022. Councilmember Haynie seconded the motion. By a six yes vote, the motion was approved.

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

Present to address Council was Ms. Retha Foxhoven of 901 Delmar St, Sterling. Ms. Foxhoven expressed concerns on roads not being cleaned up from storms.

Also present to address Council was Ms. Kimberly Ertle Clark of 14701 County Road 41, Sterling. Ms. Clark shared information on the Festival for Generation Good Respect, to be held on Sept. 2, 2022 at the Logan County Fairgrounds. She also had other ideas for improving the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATION FOR NEW FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE LIQUOR LICENSE – THE REATA PETROLEUM CORPORATION – REATA TRAVEL STOP – 2170 E. CHESTNUT STREET:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council the Reata Petroleum Corporation has filed an application for a new Fermented Malt Beverage Liquor License for Reata Travel Stop, 2170 E. Chestnut Street. The appropriate fees have been submitted. City Council set the date for the public hearing for January 10, 2023. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Sterling Journal Advocate and posted on the premises for the required ten-day period.

The reports from the Police and Fire Departments are attached and copies were mailed to the applicant. The applicant was advised that a representative needs to be present at the public hearing to answer any questions Council might have.

Mayor Desormeaux opened the public hearing.

Ms. Kathy Sanger, 1420 Westview Drive, Sterling was present as the applicant. Councilmember Angell had questions regarding Advantage Treatment Center being close to the Reata. Kathy advised their system requires a driver's license being entered to check the age of the purchaser.

Mayor Desormeaux closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve the new Fermented Malt Beverage Liquor License for The Reata Petroleum Corporation, 2170 E. Chestnut Street. Councilmember Angell seconded the motion. By a six yes vote, the motion was approved.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Sales Tax
- Lodging Tax
- Water production – demand December, 2022.
- City received a \$700,000 grant for water line replacement
- Snow removal challenges
- Meeting with Logan County on Jan.17 regarding stratus. There was discussion and Council's consensus was to support the project
- CML training on roles and duties of Council

Councilmember Delgado questioned the sales tax trend.

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO THE LOGAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, THE SOUTH PLATTE VALLEY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, THE EX-OFFICIO TO OTHE LOGAN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND COLORADO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE-POLICY COMMITTEE:

Mayor Desormeaux asked Council if they would like to serve on the following boards:

- Mayor Desormeaux and Councilmember Delgado serve on the Logan County Economic Development Board;
- Councilmember Janes, Councilmember Haynie and Councilmember Blecha serve on the South Platte Valley Regional Transportation Authority; Councilmember Ritter serves as the alternate.
- Councilmember Janes will continue on the Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee; and
- Councilmember Angell will serve as the member for the Logan County Chamber of Commerce,

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve the appointments. Councilmember Delgado seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS – STERLING ELKS LODGE #1336-321 ASH STREET:

Three applications for Special Event Permits were filed by the Sterling Elks Lodge #1336, for the following events:

January 21, 2023 from 4:00 o'clock p.m. to 2:00 o'clock midnight
For the Delta Water Fowl fundraiser.

February 4, 2023, from 4:00 o'clock p.m. to 12:00 o'clock midnight
For the Hospice of the Plains fundraiser

February 25, 2023, from 4:00 o'clock p.m. to 12:00 o'clock midnight
For the Logan County Republicans Fundraiser.

The applications were timely filed and are in proper form and the required fees have 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 applications.

Present to address Council was Mr. Mike Bartsch, 319 Magnolia St.
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 permits listed. Councilmember Blecha seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-1-23, SERIES OF 2023 – A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM CORNERSTONE CONSTRUCTION & EXCAVATING, LLC FOR DEMOLITION SERVICES FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 804 NORTH 2ND STREET.

City Manager Blankenship advised Council the City advertised for Proposals for demolition services for the property located at 804 North 2nd Street. Three proposals were received and the

lowest proposal was from Cornerstone Construction & Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$35,825.00. which is an acceptable amount for the project.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1-1-23, Series 2023. Councilmember Blecha seconded the motion. By a six-yes, the motion was approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORT – STERLING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER DEPARTMENT:

Public Safety Dispatch Supervisor Nall gave a presentation.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- 1) **EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF A PERSONNEL MATTER UNDER C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402(2)(f) AND NOT INVOLVING ANY SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE REQUESTED DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER IN OPEN SESSION; ANY MEMBER OF THIS BODY OR ANY ELECTED OFFICIAL; THE APPOINTMENT OF ANY PERSON TO FILL AN OFFICE OF THIS BODY OR OF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL; OR PERSONNEL POLICIES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE DISCUSSION OF MATTERS PERSONAL TO PARTICULAR EMPLOYEES – PERSONNEL MATTER REGARDING THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE EVALUATION AND**
- 2) **EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF A PERSONNEL MATTER UNDER C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402(2)(f) AND NOT INVOLVING ANY SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE REQUESTED DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER IN OPEN SESSION; ANY MEMBER OF THIS BODY OR ANY ELECTED OFFICIAL; THE APPOINTMENT OF ANY PERSON TO FILL AN OFFICE OF THIS BODY OR OF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL; OR PERSONNEL POLICIES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE DISCUSSION OF MATTERS PERSONAL TO PARTICULAR EMPLOYEES – PERSONNEL MATTER REGARDING THE CITY MANAGER EVALUATION**

Mayor Desormeaux made a motion to go into executive session for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(2)(f) and not involving any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees – personnel matter regarding the Municipal Court Judge evaluation **AND** for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(2)(f) and not involving any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees – personnel matter regarding the City Manager evaluation. Councilmember Janes seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Council went into executive session at 6:30 p.m.

Council came out of executive session at 6:53 p.m.

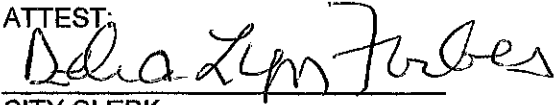
Mayor Desormeaux advised the participants in the executive session were: City Council, City Attorney, Human Resources Director Brown, Judge Brammer and City Manager Blankenship. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters 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 was none.

ADJOURMENT:

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK