

**STERLING, COLORADO  
JANUARY 24, 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 Jodie Harless, Faith 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 24, 2023. Mayor Desormeaux called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Councilmembers present:**

Mayor Desormeaux

Councilmembers  
Angell  
Blecha  
Delgado  
Janes  
Ritter

Councilmembers absent: Haynie

**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: 8

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**CONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2023:**

Mayor Desormeaux had a correction to the minutes. On page three, it indicates she is the ex-officio for the Logan County Chamber of Commerce. She is actually going off the committee and Councilmember Angell will serve as the member. Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the amended minutes of January 10, 2023. Councilmember Delgado seconded the motion. By a five yes, one abstain vote, the motion was approved.

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

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

No citizens appeared before the Council.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:**

- Headworks update
- Force Main-construction continues
- Electric vehicle station – ready to use
- Aggregate Mining Pit Project update
- CML training will be put on by CML and CIRSA. Possible dates were discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**REQUEST FROM CITIZEN’S ADVISORY BOARD:**

Kim Sellers asked for \$1000 for advertising for the Sportsman Experience. Mayor advised that typically the Lodging Board was supposed to pay for advertising and City beautification. It was the consensus of the Council to have a resolution on the next agenda.

**PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF RETAIL FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE OFF-PREMISES LICENSE – FRESH FOODS STERLING, INC., FAMILY FOOD MARKET – 217 SOUTH 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE:**

Fresh Foods, Sterling, Inc. has filed an application for transfer of the Retail Fermented Malt beverage Off-Premises License for Family Food Market, 217 S. Third Avenue. All Fees have been submitted.

The premises has been previously licensed and pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes, in determining whether to permit a transfer of ownership, the licensing authority (City Council) may only consider whether or not the applicant may hold a license, and whether or not any modification has been made to the premises. No modification has been made.

A letter was mailed to the applicant advising that a representative must be present at this meeting to answer any questions Council might have.

Present to address the council was Matt Ransdell, 441 Delaware, Sterling, CO.

Mayor Desormeaux opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Desormeaux closed the public hearing.

A motion to vote was made by Councilmember Ritter. Councilmember Angell seconded it. Motion passed with a 6-yes vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-2-23, SERIES OF 2023, - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING A SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR THE CHIEF MUNICIPAL JUDGE:**

City Manager Blankenship advised Council that following a current review, City Council determined that the salary of the Chief Municipal Judge, Jay Brammer, should be increased.

The Resolution approves a 12.2% salary increase adjustment for the Chief Municipal effective commencing with the first full pay period in January 2023.

A motion was made to approve the resolution by Councilmember Janes. It was seconded by Councilmember Blecha. The motion passed with a 6-yes vote.

**RESOLUTION 1-3-23, SERIES OF 2023, - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING A SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

City Manager Blankenship advised following the annual review, City Council determined that the salary of the City Manager, Kevin Blankenship, should be increased.

This Resolution approves a 5.9% salary increase adjustment for the City Manager effective commencing with the first full pay period in January 2023.

A motion was made to approve the resolution by Councilmember Delgado. Councilmember Blecha seconded the motion. The resolution passed with a 6-yes vote.

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

There are two positions open on the Planning Commission. There is one application for re-appointment for each of those positions – from Thor Nelson and Devon Miller.

The Mayor made a motion to re-appoint Thor Nelson to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janes. The Mayor advised that this was the only appointment being made at this time. The motion passed on a 6-yes vote.

**MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
CITY CLERK