

STERLING, COLORADO  
JANUARY 25, 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.

City Manager 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, January 25, 2022. Mayor Desormeaux called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Desormeaux
Councilmembers	Anderson Blecha Gaines Haynie Janes

Councilmember absent:

Councilmember	Ritter
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Also present:

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

Citizens present: 4

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Item on the consent agenda was: City Council minutes of January 11, 2022.

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

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Blankenship updated Council on the following:

- **Project Update**
  1. Head Works Sewer Project – Work continues. The project is approx. at 50% complete.
  2. Force Main Pipeline Project – Pre-Construction kick off meeting next week. Project should begin soon.
  3. Trails
    - a. Trail on East Chestnut – Working on final elevations to send to CDOT.
    - b. Pioneer Ditch Trail Phase 1 – Working on final engineering.
    - c. Pioneer Ditch Trail Phase 2 – Preparing re-submittal for funding to CDOT.
  4. Camera Project – Finalizing RFP for bidding.
- **Meetings/Events Attended**
  - Northeastern Colorado Association of Local Governments in Ft. Morgan
  - Sterling Retail Business Board Meeting
  - Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting
  - Sterling Community Fund (SCF) Board Meeting
  - Chamber of Commerce Meeting
  - Logan County Coalition on Aging
- **“New” Meetings Attended**
  - Logan County Childcare Collaborative Weekly Meeting - Sunshine Childcare Center.
  - Business After Hours – Hosted by the Chamber Commerce. Sponsored by: Wickedly Treats, 105.7 KPMX, and 94.5 The Ranch
  - Faith Council Meeting – Sterling Ministerial Meeting
  - Introduction Meeting – Darlene Arpio, Regional Director Colorado Eastern Plains, Congressman Ken Buck (CO-04)
  - Introduction Meeting – Kari K. Linker, Regional Director Colorado Eastern Plains, U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LOGAN COUNTY COALITION ON AGING PRESENTATION:**

Present to address Council was Lee and Rosemary Roth. They gave an update to Council regarding the Logan County Coalition on Aging and a survey which the Coalition is doing. Surveys can be completed on line. They urged Council to fill out a survey.

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

City Manager Blankenship advised Council that an application for Special Event Permit was filed by the Sterling Elks Lodge #1336 for the Hospice of the Plains annual fundraiser on February 5, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. The application was timely filed and is in proper form and 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, Secretary for the Sterling Elks Lodge, 321 Ash Street.

Mayor Desormeaux opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Desormeaux closed the public hearing.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE – JLV ENTERPRISES, LLC – SAM & LOUIE’S ITALIAN RESTAURANT AND PIZZERIA – 310 MAIN STREET:**

City Manager Blankenship advised Council JLV Enterprises LLC has filed an application for transfer of the Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License for Sam & Louie’s Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria, 310 Main Street. 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. The reports from the Police and Fire Department were mailed to applicant, along with letters advising that a representative must be present at this meeting to answer any questions Council might have.

Present to address Council was Mr. Jeff Valentine, 1401 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Mayor Desormeaux opened the public hearing.

Present to address Council was Mr. Lee Roth, 704 Elwood Street. Mr. Roth advised he felt Sam and Louie’s is good for the downtown area. He supports Council approving this.

Mayor Desormeaux closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the transfer of Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License for JLV Enterprises, LLC, Sam & Louie’s Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria located at 310 Main Street. Councilmember Blecha seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-1-22, SERIES OF 2022 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, ACCEPTING THE BID FROM DREAM BUILDERS INC. FOR THE CITY OF STERLING WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT #21-009:**

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution accepts the bid from Dream Builders Inc., in the amount of 797,967.00, for the City’s Water Line Replacement Project #21-009. This was the only bid received for this project and the bid amount is an acceptable amount for this project. The bid amount for this project is \$797,967.00, and there are sufficient funds in the Public Works 2021 budget for this project.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-2-22, SERIES OF 2022 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING, WITHOUT BID, A MANAGED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PLATINUM TECHNOLOGY, LLC FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES ON RETAINER:**

City Manager Blankenship advised Council in 2016, the City entered into a Managed Services Agreement with Platinum Technology, LLC to provide information technology ("IT") support services on retainer for the City. That Agreement is terminating and the City wishes to continue contracting for IT support services. Platinum Technology, LLC has provided the required services over several years and is familiar with the City's IT system and has proprietary knowledge from the services it has provided; therefore, the City Manager, by authority under the City Code, has determined that it would not be practical or advantageous to call for a competitive bid for the required services, and recommends that a new Agreement be entered into with Platinum Technology, LLC. This Resolution approves a new Managed Service Agreement with Platinum Technology, LLC, without putting the matter to bid.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1-2-22, Series of 2022. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion.

Councilmember Gaines asked if this was also for the water treatment plant. Public Works Director Good advised they have their own support system.

By a five-yes and one abstain vote, the motion was approved. Voting was as follows:

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

**MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**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) REGARDING EV CHARGING STATION:**

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 Janes seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Council went into executive session at 5:55 p.m.

Council came out of executive session at 6:28 p.m.

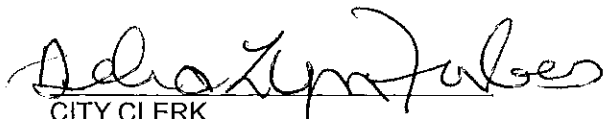
Mayor Desormeaux advised the participants in the executive session were: City Council, City Manager, City Attorney and Public Works Director. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go 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 6:29 p.m.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK