

STERLING, COLORADO  
JANUARY 9, 2018

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.

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Pastor John Roberts, First Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Torres 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 9, 2018. Mayor Torres called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Torres
Councilmembers	Appelhans Flores McCarty Pitcher Rhodes Rice

Also present:

City Manager	Saling
City Attorney	Penny
City Clerk	Forbes
Fire Captain	Howell
Public Works Director	Good
Human Resource Director	Brown
Police Chief	Kerr
Paralegal	Welsh

Citizens present: 8

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilmember Appelhans made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Items on the consent agenda were: City Council minutes of December 12, 2017 and an application for renewal of club liquor license for the Sterling Elks Lodge #1336 located at 321 Ash Street.

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

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Saling updated Council on the following:

- Sales and Lodging Taxes
- Colorado Municipal League Webinar – Overview of Elected Municipal Office.
- City Council work session
- RE-1 Valley School District meeting request
- Public meeting on the Overland Trail Recreation Area Master Plan
- The street lights have arrived.
- January 22, 2018 is a swearing in of a new police officer and promotion of Russ Swingle to Major
- Certified Business Community information was handed out.

City Manager Saling asked Council to let him know if they would want a work session on January 16, 2018.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES:**

Mike Gress was introduced for the Street Division.

**APPOINTMENT OF MARTY SMOCK TO THE PARKS, LIBRARY AND RECREATION BOARD, AS THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR RE-1 VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Mayor Torres advised Council that Mr. Smock has been the RE-1 Valley School District representative for the Parks, Library and Recreation Board since February 24, 2015. He would like to continue serving.

Councilmember Flores made a motion to appoint Marty Smock to the Parks, Library and Recreation Board as the representative for RE-1 Valley School District. Councilmember McCarty seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

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

City Manager Saling advised Council three applications for Special Event permits were filed by the Sterling Elks Lodge #1336, to be held on:

January 13, 2018 from 4:00 o'clock p.m. to 12:00 o'clock midnight

(Delta Water Fowl fundraiser)

February 10, 2018 from 4:00 o'clock p.m. to 12:00 o'clock midnight

(Hospice of the Plains fundraiser)

February 24, 2018 from 4:00 o'clock p.m. to 12:00 o'clock midnight

(Lincoln Day Dinner fundraiser)

For the sale of malt, vinous and spirituous liquor. 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. Frank Gower, Sterling Elks Lodge Secretary.

Mayor Torres opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Torres closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Appelhans made a motion to approve the special event permits for the Sterling Elks Lodge #1336 located at 321 Ash Street. Councilmember Rhodes seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-1-18, SERIES OF 2018 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING A SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

City Manager Saling advised Council that this resolution approves a 3% raise for the City Manager for the fiscal year September 1, 2017 thru August 31, 2018. The agreement provides for a 3% raise for the City Manager for the fiscal year of his employment contract, with the retroactive amount of \$1,231.40 covering September 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The remainder of the fiscal year 3% raise was budgeted for in the 2018 budget previously approved by Council.

Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1-1-18, Series of 2018. Councilmember Appelhans seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**FIRST READING - ORDINANCE NO. 1, SERIES OF 2018 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE STOLTZ SUBDIVISION OF LOT 1, BLOCK 9, ORIGINAL TOWN (NOW CITY) OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO:**

City Manager Saling advised Council on December 6, 2017, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Subdivision Application submitted by Donald Carey, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ronald G. Stoltz, deceased, and found that the application met all requirements of Chapter 18, Subdivisions. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this subdivision, which will be known as the Stoltz Subdivision of Lot 1, Block 9, Original Town (Now City) of Sterling, Logan County, Colorado. This ordinance sets forth findings by City Council and approves the subdivision and plat. He advised Council that the property is in the area of Beech and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Councilmember Appelhans made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1, Series of 2018. Councilmember McCarty seconded the motion. City Clerk Forbes read the ordinance by title. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**2018 RECONSIDERATION OF FUNDING LEVEL FOR EAST COLORADO SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER:**

City Manager Saling reviewed with Council the steps the Non-profit committee went through in recommending amounts for the 2018 budget. The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) had requested \$3,500. In previous years they received \$3,000. They received \$1,500 for 2018. A letter was received from Lisa Hudson, Director of SBDC, requesting the additional funds that were not approved.

Present to address Council was Ms. Laurie Jones. Ms. Jones handed out information to Council and went over the need for the extra funds.

There was concern from Council that if this was increased if other Non-profits would come in asking for additional.

Councilmember McCarty made a motion to increase the funding for SBDC from \$1,500 to \$3,000, with the money coming from Community Relations line item account in Non-Departmental. Councilmember Rhodes seconded the motion. By a six-yes and one-no vote, the motion was approved. Voting was as follows:

McCarty	yes	Rhodes	yes
Pitcher	no	Appelhans	yes
Flores	yes	Rice	yes
Torres	yes		

**DEPARTMENT REPORT – POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Police Chief Kerr gave their department report.

**MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS:**

Mayor Torres made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, development strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Sections 24-6-402 (4) (e). Councilmember Appelhans seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Council went into executive session at 7:47 p.m.

Council came out of executive session at 8:09 p.m.

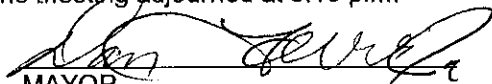
Mayor Torres advised the participants in the executive session were: City Council, City Manager, City Attorney and Public Works Director. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into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

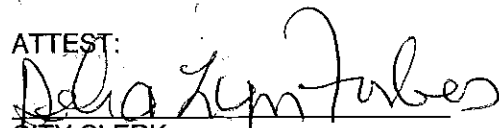
Mayor Torres made a motion to present Statements of opposition for 17CW3178 and 17CW3179 and also give limited comments on the substitute water supply plan related to them. Councilmember Appelhans seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK