

STERLING, COLORADO  
MARCH 10, 2020

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 Andrew Hayes, Emmanuel Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Appelhans 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, March 10, 2020. Mayor Appelhans called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Appelhans
Councilmembers	Anderson Blecha Desormeaux Janes McCarty Ritter

Also present:

City Manager	Saling
City Attorney	Penny
City Clerk	Forbes
Deputy City Attorney	Matuszczak
Public Works Director	Good
Fire Chief	Ritter
Police Chief	Kerr
Human Resource Director	Brown
Public Safety Communications Director	Lybrand
Paralegal	Welsh

Planning Commission members present:

Stephen Burnham  
Devon Miller  
Amy Chadim  
Cary Bedford  
Peter Moulton

Citizens present: 11

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Desormeaux seconded the motion.

There was discussion that Councilmember Blecha had been absent at the meeting and could not approve the minutes but wanted to vote on the liquor license.

Councilmember Janes amended his motion to remove the liquor license from the Consent Agenda and only approve the February 25, 2020 minutes. Councilmember McCarty seconded the motion. The vote was a seven-yes vote. Mayor Appelhans advised for the record, Councilmember Blecha chose to change her yes vote to an abstain vote. By a six-yes and one-abstain vote the motion was approved. Voting was as follows:

Janes	yes	McCarty	yes
Blecha	abstain	Anderson	yes
Appelhans	yes	Desormeaux	yes
Ritter	yes		

Councilmember Desormeaux made a motion to approve the application for renewal of fermented malt beverage liquor license for Everyday Stores located at 303 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

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

Present to address Council was Mr. Stephen Burnham representing the Sterling Comets. Mr. Burnham thanked the City for their support and participation in the Sterling Comets basketball game.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Saling updated Council on the following:

- Sales and lodging taxes
- Water production and demand for February
- Tornado siren testing – press release
- Paving will be starting on West Main Street
- A memo from Rural Fire
- A letter from CML

City Manager Saling advised Council of the Sterling Community Fund Annual Gala. Councilmember Desormeaux made a motion for the City to sponsor the Bronze level of \$1,500. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD:**

Mayor Appelhans made a motion to appoint Bernard Mathis to the Public Works Board. Councilmember Desormeaux seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**PRESENTATION FROM JANE FELDMAN, ETHICS PROFESSIONAL:**

Present to address Council was Ms. Jane Feldman, Ethics Professional. Ms. Feldman gave a presentation to Council regarding ethics.

**MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Councilmember Blecha gave Council information regarding a book she is reading.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS:**

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

Council went into executive session at 6:46 p.m.

Mayor Appelhans recused himself from the executive session.


Council came out of executive session at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Appelhans advised the participants in the executive session were: Mayor Pro-tem Desormeaux, Councilmembers Anderson, Blecha, Janes, McCarty and Ritter, City Manager and City Attorney. 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.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK