

STERLING, COLORADO
MARCH 14, 2017

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 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, March 14, 2017. Mayor Torres called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Torres
Councilmembers	Appelhans Flores Lawson McCarty Pitcher Rice

Also present:

City Manager	Saling
City Attorney	Penny
City Clerk	Forbes
Public Works Director	Good
Police Chief	Kerr
Fire Chief	Ritter
Human Resource Director	Brown
Finance Superintendent	Brandt
Paralegal	Welsh

Citizens present: 8

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Appelhans made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. By a six-yes and one-abstain vote, the motion was approved. Voting was as follows:

Appelhans	yes	Rice	yes
Lawson	abstain	Flores	yes
McCarty	yes	Pitcher	yes
Torres	yes		

Items on the consent agenda were: City Council minutes of February 28, 2017, application for renewal of retail liquor store license for Discount Liquors located at 1000 West Main Street, application for renewal of hotel & restaurant liquor license and permit application and report of changes for Sam & Louie's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria located at 310 Main Street.

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

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 2, SERIES OF 2017 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO DOLLARS (\$1,338,992) AND REGULATING THE PAYMENT OF MONEY OUT OF THE CITY TREASURY, AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2017 BY ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-THREE DOLLARS (\$123,493):

City Manager Saling advised Council that first reading of this ordinance took place on February 28, 2017, and it was thereafter published. This ordinance relates to projects budgeted for 2016 and revenues received in 2017 after the 2017 budget was completed.

Mayor Torres opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Torres closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Appelhans made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2017. Councilmember McCarty seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Saling updated Council on the following:

- Sales and lodging taxes are down for February
- CML registrations for the 95th CML Annual Conference.
- The American Red Cross banquet is scheduled for March 31.
- Public Works opened bids for the 2017 Street Improvement project.
- The chain link fence and posts at the tennis courts in Cheairs Park have been removed.
- Spring cleanup will be the third week of April.
- The asphalt plant is open to get hot mix.
- The CML District dinner will be held in Yuma.
- Sterling Comets Basketball game
- Staff would be putting out a press release advising starting on April 7 tornado sirens would be tested weekly.
- He commended Fire Chief Ritter, Fire Department employees, law enforcement and the EOC for their work during the fires.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES:

Human Resource Director Brown introduced Brittany Hutson, Finance; Luann Padilla, Police Department; and Evan Carlton, Fire Department.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3, SERIES OF 2017 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE STERLING CITY CODE, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, SEC. 2-31, SALARIES OF COUNCILMEMBERS, MAYOR PRO TEM, AND MAYOR:

City Manager Saling advised Council that Sec. 2-31 of the City Code provides for salaries of the City Council. This ordinance amends Sec. 2-31 by increasing each salary by \$100.00 per month. The salary of any councilmember shall not increase during the term of office for which he or she was elected in which the ordinance is passed.

Councilmember Appelhans made a motion to introduce Ordinance No 3, Series of 2017. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. City Clerk Forbes read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Flores asked why they could not give themselves a raise. City Manager Saling advised it is in the Charter.

Councilmember Lawson advised they had not received comparisons of what other towns pay their Council; doesn't feel the increase in pay is an incentive for people to run for Council; and wondered what Council had done to earn a pay raise.

By a five-yes, one-no and one-abstain vote, the motion was approved. Voting was as follows:

Appelhans	yes	Rice	yes
Lawson	no	Flores	abstain
McCarty	yes	Pitcher	yes
Torres	yes		

DEPARTMENT REPORT – FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

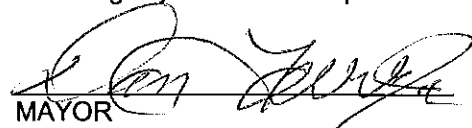
Finance Director Forbes gave the department report.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:

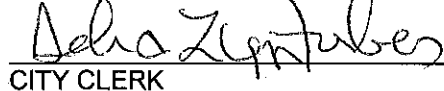
None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK