

STERLING, COLORADO
MARCH 9, 2021

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.

Human Resource Director Brown 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 9, 2021. Mayor Appelhans called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Appelhans
Councilmembers	Anderson Blecha Janes McCarty Ritter

Councilmembers absent:

Councilmember	Desormeaux
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Also present:

City Manager	Saling
City Attorney	Penny
Deputy City Attorney	Richardson
City Clerk	Forbes
Fire Chief	Ritter
Police Chief	Tyson
Human Resource Director	Brown

Citizens present: 2

Citizens participating in ZOOM: 0

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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

Item on the consent agenda was: City Council minutes of February 23, 2021.

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 -- February
- Colorado Municipal League -- Fall Conference
- Public Works projects -- Manhole Rehabilitation
- Tornado Siren Testing
- Spring clean-up schedule

Executive Search Services for City Manager

Mayor Appelhans advised Council that he felt the City should go with the Colorado firm for the Executive Search Services for the City Manager position. The two firms are KRW Associates from Colorado Springs, Colorado and CPS HR Consulting from Sacramento, California. Human Resource Director Brown advised on the references he checked they were not as complimentary to the California firm.

The consensus of City Council was to go with the Colorado firm. A resolution will be prepared for the next Council meeting on March 23, 2021.

City Manager Saling advised Council on March 7, 2021 a new order came out from the Colorado Department of Health and Environment. Currently, the City is level blue on the dial. Restaurants can be open, whereas there are new updates for Recreation Centers and pools. Pools can have 50 percent of capacity, up to 175 people. City Manager Saling discussed Heritage Festival and Movies in the Park; both of these events would have a hard time enforcing the mask order. At this time, it is not planned to have either one of these events for the second year.

City Manager Saling advised Council bids for the Headworks and Force Main were opened. Both bids came in higher than what was budgeted. Currently, the bids are being reviewed and are hoping to bring the recommendation to the March 23, 2021 Council meeting.

The City has received a notification letter that the Water Efficiency Plan has been approved through March 28, 2028.

City Manager Saling advised that currently the Police Department has money in the evidence locker from lost and found property, fraud cases, and other cases. The Police Department is asking to have a separate checking account to put the money in to manage it. Police Chief Kerr advised Council that most Police Departments do this. The chain of custody is still kept.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to open a separate bank account at the Bank of Colorado to place the cash in from the evidence room. Councilmember McCarty seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 3-1-21, SERIES OF 2021 – A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS DERIVED FROM THE CITY OF STERLING HOTEL TAX FUND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE VII, OF THE CITY CODE:

City Manager Saling advised Council the Citizens Advisory Board has made a recommendation for the City to provide funds for replacement of dead trees, plants, and shrubs for the landscaping at Front and Main Streets, in the amount of \$3,329.00. The \$3,329.00 will be expended for the replacement of trees, plants and shrubs that died last year. There are sufficient funds in the Hotel Tax Fund for this project.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3-1-21, Series of 2021. Councilmember McCarty seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2-21, SERIES OF 2021 – A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STERLING RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF STERLING:

City Manager Saling advised Council the City of Sterling and the Sterling Rural Fire Protection District entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement relating to the furnishing of fire/rescue services, which was amended by Agreement dated August 15, 2016. Said Intergovernmental Agreement expires by its terms, in April, 2021. This Resolution approves a new Intergovernmental Agreement that would continue these services.

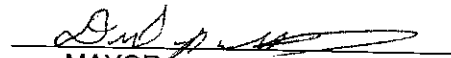
Councilmember McCarty made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3-2-21, Series of 2021. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:


Councilmember McCarty advised Council that he received compliments regarding the walking path.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK