

**STERLING, COLORADO
OCTOBER 11, 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.

Pastor Kristie Firme, Christ United Methodist Church, 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, October 11, 2022. Mayor Desormeaux called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Desormeaux
Councilmembers	Blecha Gaines Haynie Janes Ritter

Also present:

City Manager	Blankenship
City Attorney	Richardson
City Clerk	Forbes
Fire Chief	Ritter
Police Chief	Kerr
Public Safety Communications Director	Lybrand
Public Works Director	Good

Citizens present: 6

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Desormeaux	yes	Blecha	abstain
Gaines	yes	Haynie	yes
Janes	yes	Ritter	abstain

Item on the consent agenda was: September 27, 2022 City Council minutes.

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

Present to address Council was Mr. Raul Noe Martinez, Dream Builders Inc., Lakewood, Colorado. Mr. Martinez was concerned regarding the bidding that had occurred on the manhole project. He explained the bids and advised this was a Red Flag that he wanted Council to be aware of.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 11, SERIES OF 2022 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBDIVISION OF LOT 3 OF THE CENTRAL DEVELOPMENT PROPERTIES SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF THE N1/2NW1/4, SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 52 WEST, 6TH P.M., CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO; AND APPROVING THE PLAT THEREOF:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council First Reading of this Ordinance took place on September 27, 2022, and it was thereafter published. On September 7, 2022, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Subdivision Application submitted by C Double P Land & Development LLC, and found that the application met all requirements of Chapter 18, Subdivisions. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the subdivision, which will be known as the Subdivision of Lot 3 of the Central Development Properties Subdivision, being a portion of the N1/2NW1/4, Section 32, Township 8 North, Range 52 West 6th P.M., City of Sterling, Logan County, Colorado. This Ordinance sets forth findings by City Council and approves the subdivision and plat.

City Clerk Forbes read the Ordinance by title.

Mayor Desormeaux opened the public hearing.

There were no further comments.

Mayor Desormeaux closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Gaines made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2022. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-1-22, SERIES OF 2022 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council on September 13, 2022, the budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 was submitted to the City Council and within two weeks thereof a public hearing was held, on September 27, 2022, as required by Section 5-7 of the City Charter. A correction was made to the proposed budget prior to the Public Hearing, and this Resolution adopts the Budget submitted to Council on September 13, 2022, as revised by the said correction as more specifically set forth in the Resolution, following the Public Hearing. Pursuit to Section 5-5 of the City Charter, the appropriation ordinance shall not be acted upon until after the adoption of the budget.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10-1-22, Series of 2022. Councilmember Haynie seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 12, SERIES OF 2022 - AN ORDINANCE MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, IN THE SUM OF THIRTY-SEVEN MILLION, NINE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$37,912,166); REGULATING THE PAYMENT OF MONEY OUT OF THE CITY TREASURY; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO BE LEVIED UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN

THE CITY LIMITS WITHIN THE CITY OF STERLING, COLORADO, ACCORDING TO THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF SAID PROPERTY:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Ordinance appropriates the funds of the adopted 2023 budget.

Councilmember Gaines made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2022. Councilmember Janes seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Sales and Lodging Taxes – September 2022
- Water Production/Demand – September 2022
- Manager's Interview with Media-Logic Radio – Ballot Question for WWTP Upgrade
- Water Challenges: Drought Issues
- Mary Ann Anderson retirement Reception
- Chamber of Commerce hosting at Library Candidates of Sheriff. Request City Manager to speak on WWTP Upgrade and answer questions – October 18th at 5:30 p.m.
- 2022 Fall Cleanup starts October 17th

NEW BUSINESS:

MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY:

Mayor Desormeaux made a motion to appointment Michael Jensen to the Housing Authority. Councilmember Janes seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2-22, SERIES OF 2022 – 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 – BILLBOARD LEASE:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council at the September 27, 2022 Council meeting, a representative of the Citizens Advisory Board put forth a recommendation that the City pay \$3,600.00 from the City's Hotel Tax Fund for one-half of the 12-month lease amount for the billboard located at the Iloff exit on I-76, which promotes tourism in the City and the County. This Resolution approves expending the sum of \$3,600.00 for one-half of that Billboard Lease. There are sufficient funds in the Sterling Hotel Tax fund for this \$3,600.00 expenditure.

Council asked regarding making half of the payment, who was paying the remainder. City Manager advised the County.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10-2-22, Series of 2022. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORT – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Kerr gave his department report.

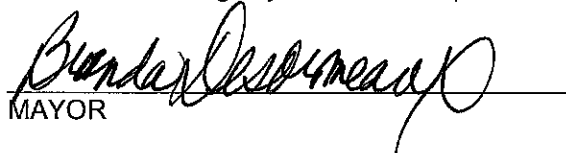
MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Councilmember Gaines advised he would be moving out of the area, and this would be his last month serving as Councilmember Ward 1.

ADJOURNMENT:

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


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK