

STERLING, COLORADO  
OCTOBER 12, 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.

Pastor Terry Krayenhaagen, Faith 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, October 12, 2021. Mayor Appelhans called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Appelhans
Councilmembers	Anderson Blecha Desormeaux Janes McCarty Ritter

Also present:

City Manager	Blankenship
City Attorney	Richardson
City Clerk	Forbes
Police Chief	Kerr
Public Works Director	Good
Fire Chief	Ritter
Public Safety Communications (PSC) Director	Lybrand
Human Resource Director	Brown

Citizens present: 3

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

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

Items on the consent agenda were: City Council minutes of September 28, 2021 and an application for renewal of Beer & Wine Liquor License for Wonderful House Restaurant location at 100 Broadway Street, Suite 2.

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

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-1-21, SERIES OF 2021 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022:**

City Manager Blankenship advised Council on September 14, 2021, the budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, was submitted to the City Council and within two weeks thereof a public hearing was held, on September 28, 2021, as required by Section 5-7 of the City Charter. No revisions were made to the proposed budget, and this Resolution adopts the Budget submitted to Council on September 14, 2021. Pursuant to Section 5-5 of the City Charter, the appropriation Ordinance shall not be acted upon until after the adoption of the budget.

Councilmember Desormeaux made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10-1-21, Series of 2021. Councilmember Janes seconded the motion.

Councilmember Anderson had concerns regarding giving credit to the Dispatch service users on their rates for 2022.

Mayor Appelhans advised he thought this would calm the waters, as the County advised they would look for dispatch services elsewhere. Mayor Appelhans advised he was trying to get City Manager Blankenship in the door with the Commissioners.

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

Desormeaux	yes	Janes	yes
Anderson	no	Appelhans	yes
Blecha	yes	McCarty	yes
Ritter	yes		

**ORDINANCE NO. 9, SERIES OF 2021 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022, IN THE SUM OF FIFTY MILLION, THREE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$50,391,564); 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 proposed 2022 budget.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 9, Series of 2021. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion. City Clerk Forbes read the Ordinance by title. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Blankenship updated Council on the following:

- Sales and Lodging Taxes – September 2021
- Water Production/Demand – September 2021
- Fire on the Plains
- Meet and Greet with the new City Manager and CEO with Banner Health

- White & Jankowski and BBA Water Consultants meeting
- Fall Cleanup

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO 10-2-21, SERIES OF 2021 – A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE COLORADO OPIOIDS SETTLEMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MOU”) SIGNED BY THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL ON AUGUST 26, 2021, AND THE SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORM THAT RELEASES SUBDIVISIONS’ LEGAL CLAIMS AGAINST JOHNSON & JOHNSON; THE SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORM THAT RELEASES SUBDIVISIONS’ LEGAL CLAIMS AGAINST AMERISOURCEBERGEN, CARDINAL HEALTH, AND McKESSON; THE COLORADO SUBDIVISION ESCROW AGREEMENT; AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN SAID SETTLEMENT:**

City Manager Blankenship advised Council nationwide settlements have been reached with the “Big 3” opioid distributors (McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen) and opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson to Resolve claims by state and local governments that these companies contributed to the opioid epidemic. Local governments and the State prepared the Colorado Opioids Settlement Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”), which prioritizes regionalism, collaboration, and abatement. Colorado will receive its maximum share of settlement payments only if enough local governments sign on to the deal. This Resolution approves the Colorado Opioids Settlement Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Colorado Attorney General on August 26, 2021, and authorizes the Mayor to sign it and related releases and escrow agreement; and any other documents necessary to participate in said settlement. The dollar amount to be received by the City has not yet been determined.

Councilmember McCarty made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10-2-21, Series of 2021. Councilmember Blecha seconded the motion.

City Attorney Richardson explained this Resolution more to Council. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

City Manager Blankenship handed out information from ChargePoint who is proposing a charging station downtown.

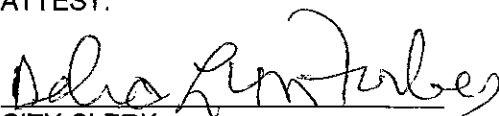
Mayor Appelhans advised he feels there needs to be a work session to discuss projects. The work session for City Council will be Monday, October 18, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the Sterling Public Library.

Councilmember Anderson asked if Council could get a list of all the entities the City is involved with and has physical oversight over.

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK