

**STERLING, COLORADO
OCTOBER 10, 2023**

**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 Cornerstone 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 10, 2023. Mayor Desormeaux called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Desormeaux
Councilmembers	Angell Blecha Delgado 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
Human Resources Director	Mentzel
Public Works Director	Good
Parks, Library and Recreation (PLR) Director	Gandee
Paralegal	Welsh

Citizens present: 17

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Janes	yes	Angell	yes
Ritter	abstain	Blecha	yes
Delgado	yes	Desormeaux	yes
Haynie	yes		

Item on the consent agenda was: City Council minutes of September 26, 2023.

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

Present to address Council was Devon Miller 530 McKinley Street, Chairman of Sterling Housing Authority. Ms. Miller updated Council on what is happening at the Housing Authority. They have had to evicted two people and have had the Police over several times. The Housing Authority will be hiring a security guard.

Next to address Council was Ms. Deb Dowis, 431 South 2nd Street and Ms. Jeannie Brown, Hadfield. They advised they are board members for the Humane Society. They have been on the board since June, they are in the process of learning everything about the Humane Society. Saturday will be a hiring event to hire a full time and a part time employee. They updated Council on their goals for the Humane Society. They advised today they had picked up three dogs and given tickets.

Councilmember Delgado asked what their timing was to get things lined up. They advised they hope to have everything lined up in November.

Next to address Council was Mr. Richard Bedford, 226 Columbine Street. Mr. Bedford asked Council what the Humane Society's obligation is to the City per the agreement. There was discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-1-23, SERIES OF 2023 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council on September 12, 2023, the budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 was submitted to the City Council and within two weeks thereof a public hearing was held, on September 26, 2023, as required by Section 5-7 of the City Charter. An amendment and a correction were made to the proposed budget at the conclusion of the Public Hearing, and this Resolution adopts the Budget submitted to Council on September 12, 2023, as revised by the said amendment and correction, as more specifically set forth in the Resolution. 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 Angell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10-1-23, Series of 2023. Councilmember Blecha seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 16, SERIES OF 2023 - AN ORDINANCE MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, IN THE SUM OF FORTY-TWO MILLION, NINE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$42,948,941); 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 2024 budget.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 16, Series of 2023. Councilmember Angell seconded the motion. City Clerk Forbes read the Ordinance by title. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

- Wastewater Force Main project
- Waterline project update – Councilmember Delgado asked if the City was being proactive or reactive and if the City has a plan for the future. Public Works Director advised that due to funds available the City does more on reactive work.
- Logan County Humane Society update
- 2023 Resurfacing update
- Proposition 123: Opt-in update – City Manager Blankenship asked Council if they wanted to opt-in to the Proposition 123. This would make the City more committed than the previous letter. This would be due on November 1, 2023. CML has suggested cities opt in. It was the consensus of Council to have City Manager Blankenship start working on this.
- City of Sterling Employee Golf Tournament
- Economic Development discussion
- Sterling Hosting Event: Senator Jeff Bridges visit October 25, 2023.
- Fall Cleanup: October 10, 2023
- DOLA gave final approval on the sewer extension

NEW BUSINESS:

2022 AUDIT PRESENTATION FROM LAUER, SZABO AND ASSOCIATES:

Mr. Scott Szabo was present to present the December 31, 2022 audit report.

PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATIONS FOR THREE SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS – STERLING ELKS LODGE #1336 – 321 ASH STREET:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council three Applications for Special Event Permits were filed by the Sterling Elks Lodge #1336, for the following:

- October 14, 2023, from 9:00 o'clock a.m. to 12:00 o'clock midnight for the Elks fundraiser for Frank Baray.
- November 10, 2023, from 4:00 o'clock p.m. to 12:00 o'clock midnight for the Pheasants Forever Fundraiser.
- December 7, 2023, from 5:00 o'clock p.m. to 12:00 o'clock midnight for the Cattle Man Fundraiser.

The Applications were timely filed and are in proper form and the required fees have been submitted. The premises were properly posted. A letter was sent to the applicant advising of the date of the public hearing and requesting a representative be present at this meeting to answer any questions City Council might have concerning the Applications.

Mayor Desormeaux opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Desormeaux closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Haynie made a motion to approve the Special Event Permits for the Sterling Elks Lodge located at 321 Ash Street. Councilmember Delgado seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Ritter gave his department report.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Mayor Desormeaux advised when Councilmember Anderson was here he talked about the City having many boards. She would like to have the Chairman of each of the boards come to Council on the schedule when the Department Head give their department report.


ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK