

**STERLING, COLORADO  
SEPTEMBER 13, 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, September 13, 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
Parks, Library and Recreation (PLR) Director	Gandee
Public Works Director	Good
Fire Chief	Ritter
Police Chief	Kerr
Public Safety Communications Director	Lybrand
Paralegal	Welsh

Citizens present: 12

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Desormeaux made a motion to separate the August 23, 2022 City Council minutes and the Liquor License renewals. Councilmember Janes seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Councilmember Gaines made a motion to approve the August 23, 2022 City Council minutes. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion. By a five-yes and one-abstain vote, the motion was approved. Voting was as follows:

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

Councilmember Gaines made a motion to approve the application for renewal of Beer & Wine Liquor License for Wonderful House located at 100 Broadway Street, Suite 2, application for renewal of Lodging & Entertainment Liquor License for Ice Lanes located at 208 North 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and application for renewal of Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License for Hootenannies located at 324 West Main Street. Councilmember Janes seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

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

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES OF 2022 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STERLING, COLORADO AND PRESCO, LLC FOR LEASE OF CITY-OWNED REAL ESTATE AT THE STERLING MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HANGAR FOR USE AS AN AVIATION HANGAR FACILITY FOR STORAGE OR SERVICING OF AIRCRAFT PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE LEASE AGREEMENT:**

City Manager Blankenship advised Council First Reading of this Ordinance took place on August 23, 2022, and it was thereafter published. Presco, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company, wishes to lease ground on the Sterling Municipal Airport property for the purpose of constructing and occupying exclusively a new and unused hangar, approximately 81' by 60' in size, together with appropriate land surrounding said hangar for non-exclusive use, for the purpose of use as an aviation hangar facility only for the storage or servicing of aircraft, as more specifically set forth in the proposed Lease Agreement. The Lease is a 30-year lease, with the option to renew or extend the Lease for one 10-year period immediately following the original 30-year term. This Ordinance approves the Lease Agreement for said property, which consists of the same terms of a similar Lease entered into with Presco, LLC in 2019, but for a hangar with a slightly larger square footage. Based on an 81' by 60' hangar, the square footage is 4,860, x the first year monthly rent of \$.06 equals \$291.60 or annually \$3,499.20; year 2 rent would be \$340.20 per month or \$4,082.40 annually; and years 3 and 4 would be \$388.80 monthly or \$4,665.60 annually. Years 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 the rent will be increased or decreased by a percentage equal to the percentage increase or decrease in the consumer price index for all urban consumers.

City Clerk Forbes read the ordinance by title

Mayor Desormeaux opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Desormeaux closed the public hearing.

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

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- Sales and Lodging Taxes
- Water Production/Demand – August 2022
- October 18, 2022 Meet and Greet with Sheriff candidates. They have also asked City Manager Blankenship to speak regarding the wastewater ballot issue.

City Manager Blankenship informed Council that Sterling Urban Renewal Authority (SURA) is still trying to fill the position of Executive Director and he would like Council to pass it on if they know of anyone that could fill the position.

City Manager Blankenship advised Council the City is having water challenges. This is a temporary issue due to the drought. From now to the end of October, he asked citizens to try and reduce their watering and use of water. This is a voluntary program. The City will be looking at violations for the restrictions that are in place. Odd address water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and even addresses water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. There is no outside watering on Monday. He wanted to remind citizens that the Code Enforcement Officer will be out enforcing the current restrictions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PRESENTATION OF CONSTITUTION WEEK PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Desormeaux presented Ms. Darlene Harnly, Daughters of American Revolution with the Constitution Week Proclamation.

**MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS, LIBRARY AND RECREATION (PLR) BOARD AND PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Mayor Desormeaux made a motion to re-appoint Tracy Glissmann to the PLR Board and appoint Don Saling to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Blecha seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**REQUEST FROM THE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD (CAB):**

Present to address Council was Ms. Kim Sellers representing CAB. CAB is requesting \$2,500 to promote Sugar Beet Days this year. The County has changed their budgeting and there were items planned for Sugar Beet Days that are not going to happen without the donation from CAB.

Mayor Desormeaux advised the City needs to support Sugar Beet Days.

City Attorney Richardson advised Council if they are going to do this, a Resolution will need to be done for the next Council agenda. It was the consensus of Council to do the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9-1-22, SERIES OF 2022 – A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, ACCEPTING AND APPROVING, WITHOUT BID, THE PROPOSAL FROM ERO RESOURCES CORPORATION TO CONDUCT MITIGATION MONITORING FOR THE CITY OF STERLING WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, CORPS FILE NO. NWO-2020-02106-DEN:**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9-2-22, SERIES OF 2022 – A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, ACCEPTING THE BID FROM BOBCAT OF THE ROCKIES FOR THE CITY OF STERLING 2022 PURCHASE OF A ZERO TURN COMMERCIAL GRADE RIDING MOWER:**

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution approves the bid received from Bobcat of the Rockies for the purchase of a zero turn commercial grade riding mower for the Public Works Department for use at the City's Water Treatment facility. The lowest bid received did not meet the equipment specifications contained in the Request for Proposals. The second lowest bid was submitted by Bobcat of the Rockies in the amount of \$14,510.10. There are sufficient funds in the Public Works 2022 Budget for the purchase of the mower.

Councilmember Gaines made a motion to approve Resolution No. 9-2-22, Series of 2022. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**DEPARTMENT REPORT – STERLING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER:**

The Department report was given by Public Safety Communications Director Lybrand.

**SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET:**

City Manager Blankenship handed out the Proposed 2023 Budget. The public hearing will be September 27, 2022.

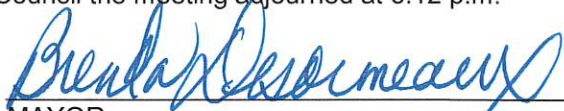
**MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Mayor Desormeaux advised there are quite a few applicants for the Ward 1 vacancy. She would like to have a Special meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers to do the interviews.

Mayor Desormeaux advised that the Housing Authority has an opening on their board and if Councilmember knows of anyone interested to let them know this.

Councilmember Gaines had several incidents with Animal Control or lack of Animal Control. He handed out reports to the Council. He feels that there should be changes made to the Charter. He requested an executive session for the next Council meeting to discuss legal issues.

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK