

STERLING, COLORADO
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

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.

Ms. Mona Bowey, First Baptist 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, September 8, 2020. Mayor Appelhans called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Appelhans
Councilmembers	Anderson Blecha Desormeaux Janes McCarty Ritter

Also present:

City Manager	Saling
City Attorney	Penny
City Clerk	Forbes
Parks, Library and Recreation Director	Gandee
Fire Chief	Ritter
Police Chief	Kerr
Public Safety Communications (PSC) Director	Lybrand
Human Resource Director	Brown

Citizens present: 3

Citizens participating in ZOOM: 2

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Desormeaux seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Items on the consent agenda were: City Council minutes of August 25, 2020 and an application for renewal of retail liquor store license for G & K Limited Liability Company – Elm Street Liquor located at 201 Elm Street.

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

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Appelhans excused himself from the meeting.

Mayor Pro-tem Desormeaux presided over the Council meeting.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 12, SERIES OF 2020 - AN ORDINANCE GRANTING FREE ADMISSION TO THE STERLING RECREATION CENTER TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND ALL OTHER COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND FULL-TIME COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO RESIDE WITH THEM AT THEIR SAME STREET ADDRESS, IN EXCHANGE FOR FREE ADMISSION TO THE LOGAN COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS COMPLEX FOR ALL CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND FULL-TIME CITY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO RESIDE WITH THEM AT THE SAME STREET ADDRESS:

City Manager Saling advised Council first reading of this Ordinance took place on August 25, 2020, and it was thereafter published. This Ordinance approves an agreement with the County of Logan to grant free admission to the City's Recreation Center to the County Commissioners and all other County elected officials and full-time County employees and their family members who reside with them at their same street address, in exchange for free admission to the County's Shooting Sports Complex for all City Council members and full-time City employees and their family members who reside with them at the same street address. At this time there are 201 elected officials and full-time County employees and 150 full-time City employees and 7 Council members.

City Clerk Forbes read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Pro-tem Desormeaux opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Pro-tem Desormeaux closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2020. Councilmember McCarty seconded the motion. By a five-yes and two-abstain votes, the motion was approved. Voting was as follows:

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

Mayor Appelhans returned to the meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Saling updated Council on the following:

- Sales and lodging taxes for August
- Colorado Municipal League Fall District 1 meeting
- BUSTANG-OUTRIDER
- Water production/demand for August
- Aerobic Competition

- Friday, September 25, 2020 will be the last testing of tornado sirens for the year.
- The pool liner has been installed.
- Thursday, September 17, 2020, the City will go in front of the Logan County Planning Commission for the force main project.

City Manager Saling advised Council that Mayor Appelhans, Councilmember Desormeaux and Human Resource Director Brown met on the non-profit organizations. A total of \$12,000.00 was approved by Council prior to the meeting. Awarded was:

Under the Umbrella	\$2,300
Meals on Wheels	\$1,000
Cooperating Ministry	\$1,000
Family Resource Center	\$2,300
American Red Cross	\$2,000
Help for Abused Partners	\$2,300
Early Childhood Council	\$1,000

NEW BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION OF CONSTITUTION WEEK PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Appelhans presented the Constitution Week Proclamation to Ms. Vicky Pollock.

MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD:

Mayor Appelhans advised Council that Bernie Mathis resigned from the Citizens Advisory Board on July 28, 2020.

Mayor Appelhans made a motion to appoint Kathy Guerin to the Citizens Advisory Board. Councilmember McCarty seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-1-20, SERIES OF 2020 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A PEACE OFFICERS MENTAL HEALTH GRANT THROUGH THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS:

City Manager Saling advised Council that this Resolution approves and authorizes the City's Police Department to submit an Application for a Peace Officers Mental Health Support grant through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.

Police Chief Kerr advised Council that this is a \$5,000 grant with no requirement for matching funds and is the first time this grant has been available through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve Resolution No. 9-1-20, Series of 2020. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

SUBMISSION OF 2021 PROPOSED BUDGET:

City Manager Saling presented the 2021 Proposed Budget to Council. He advised the public hearing will be September 22, 2020.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTERS C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402 (2) (f) – JUDGE BRAMMER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND CITY MANAGER SALING EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND FOR PROPERTY INTEREST UNDER C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402 (4) (a)

Mayor Appelhans made a motion to go into executive session for discussion of personnel matters under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (2) (f) – Judge Brammer Employment Agreement and City Manager Saling Employment Agreement and for property interest under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (4) (a). Councilmember Desormeaux seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Council went into executive session at 6:32 p.m.

Council came out of executive session at 7:18 p.m.

Mayor Appelhans advised the participants in the executive session were: City Council, City Manager, City Attorney and Municipal Court Judge Brammer. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law he asked that they state their concerns for the record.

There was none.


Councilmember Desormeaux made a motion to continue Municipal Judge Brammer's contract with a three percent increase for 2021 based on his anniversary date and to give City Manager Saling a three percent increase for the remaining one year of his contract. Councilmember McCarty seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK