

STERLING, COLORADO
SEPTEMBER 14, 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 Dale Pierce, United Church of Crook, 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 14, 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
Human Resource Director	Brown
Paralegal	Welsh

Citizens present: 8

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Anderson 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 24, 2021, Special City Council minutes of August 31, 2021 and an application for renewal of Lodging & Entertainment Liquor License for Ice Lanes located at 208 North 10th Avenue.

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

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Blankenship updated Council on the following:

- Sales and Lodging Taxes – August
- Water Production/Demand – August
- CML Special Conference
- Sterling Community Fund Committee meeting
- Employee Meet and Greet

NEW BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION OF CONSTITUTION WEEK PROCLAMATION:

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

MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS, LIBRARY AND RECREATION BOARD:

Mayor Appelhans made a motion to appoint Mr. Tom Bedford to the Parks, Library and Recreation Board. Councilmember Janes seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

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

City Manager Blankenship advised Council two applications for Special Event permits were filed by the Sterling Elks Lodge #1336, for the following events:

October 9, 2021, from 4:00 o'clock p.m. to 12:00 o'clock midnight for the Logan County Resource Service fundraiser.

October 16, 2021, from 4:00 o'clock p.m. to 12:00 o'clock midnight for the Elks Club Comedy Night

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 application.

Present to address Council was Mr. Mike Bartsch, Elks.

Mayor Appelhans opened the public meeting.

There were no comments.

Mayor Appelhans closed the public meeting.

Councilmember Desormeaux made a motion to approve the Special Event Permits on October 9, 2021 and on October 16, 2021 for the Sterling Elks Lodge, 321 Ash Street. Councilmember Janes seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-1-21, SERIES OF 2021 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING A STUDENT CLINICAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF NORTHEASTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution approves a Student Clinical Agreement for the use and benefit of Northeastern Junior College, for the use of the City's Fire Department facilities and operations to provide required training for students enrolled in certain programs offered by Northeastern Junior College, and opportunities for observation and/or practical experience, with the emphasis on education for said students rather than services.

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 9-1-21, Series of 2021. Councilmember McCarty seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-2-21, SERIES OF 2021 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE STATE OF COLORADO, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BY THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF NORTHEASTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE, FOR THE 2021/2022 FIRE FIGHTER I ACADEMY:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution approves a contract with the State of Colorado, Department of Higher Education, by the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education for the use and benefit of Northeastern Junior College, for the purpose of the Sterling Fire Department providing instruction, equipment and facilities for the 2021/2022 Fire Fighter I Academy. The City will be reimbursed for services, equipment and facility use as set forth in the Contract that is the subject of the Resolution.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve Resolution No. 9-2-21, Series of 2021. Councilmember McCarty seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO 9-3-21, SERIES OF 2021 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING AN ESCROW AGREEMENT AND ASSIGNMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STERLING, RN CIVIL CONSTRUCTION LLC, AND INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL, PERTAINING TO THE CITY OF STERLING HEADWORKS AND INFLUENT PUMP STATION PROJECT #20-010:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council by Resolution No. 3-6-21, Series of 2021, the City accepted the bid submitted by RN Civil Construction LLC for the City of Sterling /Headworks and Inluent Pump Station project #20-010, and approved and entered into the related Agreement. This Resolution, under the authority of Colorado Revised Statute §24-91-105, approves an Escrow Agreement and Assignment among the City, RN Civil Construction LLC, and Independent Financial, a nation commercial bank, for Independent Financial to provide as escrow agent for the custodial care and servicing of any acceptable securities in accordance with statutory requirements, which satisfies the terms of paragraph 6 of the bid related Agreement which requires the City to retain a portion of each payment due for completed work in accordance with the Contract Documents referenced therein.

Councilmember Desormeaux made a motion to approve Resolution No. 9-3-21, Series of 2021. Councilmember McCarty seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

SUBMISSION OF 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET:

City Manager Blankenship submitted the 2022 proposed budget to Council. The public hearing will be set for two weeks after submission, September 28, 2021.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Councilmember Anderson suggested that appropriate zoning be looked at for future businesses to protect the residential property where the two properties adjoin.

Councilmember McCarty introduced Mr. Marty Gaines who will be the new Councilmember in November for Ward 1.

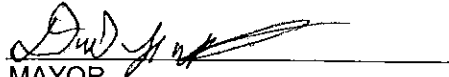
Councilmember McCarty advised he felt an executive session is necessary for budget and nuisances.

Councilmember Blecha mentioned the firefighter competition that was held in Sterling, but is now held in Colorado Springs. She advised that she misses it.

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR