

The Steamboat Rock City Council met in regular session November 14th, 2022, 6:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers and available via zoom. Present were Mayor Stearns and the following council members: Adam Blackburn, Dave Mull, Kevin Pieters, Cory Schurman and Jon Schurman. Absent: No One. Also present were JJ Veld, JD Holmes and Renee Oltrogge.

Mayor Stearns called the meeting to order. Pieters moved, seconded by C. Schurman to approve the posted agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: No One.

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summary of The Hardin County Economic Engineering meetings. The purpose of these meetings is for our communities/county to put a plan in place focused on making the economy grow faster than the population. Mayor Stearns explained Steamboat Rock needs to figure out how to capture income from an already expanding tourism base and how to best be a bedroom community to other industrial based cities. The county needs about 120 new homes in the next 10 years to provide housing for jobs that are here and any new jobs created. Discussion at the meetings about hiring additional staff to help our existing economic development folks. If that happens, all the communities and businesses in the county would need to assist with funding. Based on population, Steamboat Rock would need to contribute about 1% of the additional cost per year. This additional staff would help track available resources each community has, provide statistical analysis of meeting any goals determined by the entire county, and assist with marketing the county outside of Iowa.

Mayor Stearns discussed the worksheets for the Budget 2023-2024FY.

Oltrogge explained due to family illness that she will be resigning and her job description was discussed. Oltrogge advised she will stay as long as possible to assist with finding the next clerk, training, and transition them into the role. Oltrogge is highly respected for her work as our City Clerk and there was lengthy discussion about her ability to work remotely and have limited in office hours to assist until a suitable person is trained and in place.

Mayor's comments: The Visionary Group continues to accept donations for the new Christmas lights with the official tree lighting 11/23/22. Mayor Stearns said he is thankful for each of the members of the City Council with their insight and expertise in a variety of areas to help keep the City functioning, and the exceptional work that Veld and Oltrogge accomplish.

C. Schurman moved to adjourn the meeting, Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: No One. Meeting adjourned at 9: 43 pm.

City of Steamboat Rock Claims

To Be Approved 11/14/2022

United States Treasury, Payroll.....	\$ 579.07
IPERS, Payroll.....	\$ 570.07
Iowa Department of Revenue, WET Tax	\$ 226.20
Alliant Energy, Electric/gas.....	\$ 2,527.69
Heart of Iowa, \$178.77 City, \$34.75 FD, Water \$34.75, \$56.42 Library.....	\$ 304.69
Culligan, Library \$10.00, City \$45.05.....	\$ 55.05
1st Interstate Bank CC, Sewer \$122.50, Library \$355.44, Train \$40, Code \$253.44, FVT \$54.46.....	\$ 825.84
Grundy National Bank, Community Center Loan Payment... \$ 2,115.00	
Library, City contribution & tax levy	\$ 300.00
Superior Welding, Oxygen & Acetylene.....	\$ 90.00
Gehrke Quarry, 17.55 ton rock	\$ 228.02
Eldora Hardware, UPS Charges.....	\$ 110.37
Haskin, Kelly, Payroll.....	\$ 390.30
Johanson, Melissa M, Payroll.....	\$ 897.61
Oltrogge, Renee, Payroll	\$ 1,418.98
VandeVoort, Darlene K, Payroll.....	\$ 267.22
Veld, JJ, Contractual earnings.....	\$ 2,300.00
JJ Veld (cleaning), Cleaning Contract.....	\$ 200.00
Veld, JJ (mileage), Mileage.....	\$ 76.88
AgVantage FS, Propane.....	\$ 24.00
Blythe Sanitation, D \$315, Res \$1050, T \$757.35, Rec \$0	\$ 2,122.35
Current Electric, Flag Pole Light.....	\$ 472.00
DNR, Annual water use fee	\$ 115.00
Eldora Hardware, UPS charges	\$ 74.92
Hardin County Sheriff, County Sheriff Contract.....	\$ 613.54
Impact 7G, Reimbursed by Grant for Abestos Study	\$ 10,000.00
JCJDW Investments LLC, Solar FD \$66.93, City \$1692.27	\$ 1,759.20
Mid America Publishing, Publishing	\$ 145.53
Rock Stop, FD 98.23	\$ 98.23
Shield Pest Control, LLC, Pest control.....	\$ 35.00
Stockdale Law, LLC, City Attorney charges.....	\$ 43.75
Steamboat Rock Post Office, 295 units x \$0.184 = \$54.28	\$ 54.28
	\$ 29,040.79