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City of Steamboat Springs Facilities Manager Bob Robichaud makes his way past stacks of storage boxes in the hallway at City Hall on Tuesday afternoon. The boxes are being stored in the hallway to create additional office space for employees.

Cramped quarters

Steamboat Springs City Council reviews staff space needs

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

The city of Steamboat Springs has been driven to creativity when it comes to finding space for its employees to work.

"We're out of space here," City Manager Alan Lanning said at City Hall on Monday. "We're taking a hallway and making it

an office. Plus, we're renting a house across the street."

In advance of the budget discussions set to begin in a matter of weeks, the Steamboat Springs City Council was briefed Tuesday on the city's shortage of work space. A space-needs assessment conducted last year showed that the city has about 50 percent of the assignable space it needs at City Hall on 10th Street. The sit-

uation is even worse at the city's public safety building, where the assessment identified a need for 26,684 square feet. The current Yampa Street facility is 7,753 square feet.

Last year, Lanning attempted to put \$750,000 in the city's budget for a new City Hall. That amount would have brought the city to a point just short of engineering the building. The

allocation was rejected by City Council.

The city has identified three options for where to construct a new City Hall. The preferred option of the consultant that conducted the space needs assessment is to build a \$12.2 million, 31,500-square-foot facility on the site of a parking lot adjacent to

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Tuesday night's Cash 5 numbers: 15-20-22-23-28
 Drawings are held Monday through Saturday.

WEATHER



Some snow and rain.
 High of 46.
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