

## May 23, 2016

16.05.2.1. The city council of the City of Sioux Center met on the above date in regular session at 4:00 p.m. in the city offices. Members present were Mayor Dennis Walstra and the following councilmen: Dale Den Herder, Eric Moerman, Verlyn Rozeboom, Jamie Van Ravenswaay, Randy Vreugdenhil. Others present were: Paul Clousing, Murray Hulstein, Dennis Dokter, Matt Van Schouwen, Jodie Wielenga, Brian Van Engen, Jana VanDer Vliet.

16.05.2.2. Opportunity was given for public input/communication. Kevin Van Otterloo was present to introduce himself as a candidate for State Representative.

16.05.2.3. The Assistant Finance Director, Jodie Wielenga, submitted the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of May 4, 2016, bills and liquor license renewals for: Fareway, Casey's General Store and Sioux County Youth Fair, for council consideration. It was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Vreugdenhil to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Walstra declared the motion approved.

16.05.2.4. The City Manager, Paul Clousing stated there was no correspondence to submit at this time.

16.05.2.5. The city manager introduced Mark Franken, EMT President to give a report on Sioux Center EMT activities and future plans. He reported that the squad now has 20 members which is down from past years and places the majority of day calls on a few members. He reported that the board is working on possible solutions including the possibility of hiring 5-6 part-time paramedics to fill day and weekend calls. After discussion, the city council thanked them for their efforts in caring for the citizens of our community.

16.05.2.6. The Utilities Manger, Murray Hulstein and Utilities Engineer, Matt Van Schouwen, submitted a 4% water rate increase for council consideration. It was moved by Councilman Den Herder and supported by Councilman Rozeboom to suspend the requirement of Iowa Statute 380.3 that a proposed ordinance or amendment must be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be passed. Upon voice vote, all the Councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Walstra declared the motion approved.

It was then moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Moerman to perform the final reading of **ORDINANCE NO. SC-O-02-16, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. SC-O-01-15, IN ESTABLISHING RATES FOR DETERMINING CHARGES TO BE MADE TO CONSUMERS FOR WATER AND OTHER SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Rozeboom, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Walstra declared the ordinance adopted. (A copy of the ordinance is attached and does hereby become a part of these minutes.)

16.05.2.7. The Assistant City Manager, Dennis Dokter, submitted an Iowa Department of Economic Development Workforce Housing Tax Credit Program for council consideration. The program is designed to provide financial incentives for development of housing. He reported a local developer is interested and has made application to this program. It was moved by Councilman Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilman Den Herder to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-12-16, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, APPROVING AND ENDORSING THE SUBMISSION OF A WORKFORCE HOUSING TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Rozeboom, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Walstra declared the resolution adopted. (A copy of the resolution is attached and does hereby become a part of these minutes.)

16.05.2.8. The utilities manager submitted an update to the Natural Gas Operating and Maintenance Plan developed by the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities. It was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Den Herder to approve the updated version of the Gas System Operating and Maintenance Plan for the Sioux Center Municipal Natural Gas, developed by IAMU. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Walstra declared the motion approved.

16.05.2.9. Retired Councilman Dave Krahling continued his discussion with the mayor and council on the process of replacing the city manager. He reported that the finalist interviews will be done sometime in June along with council member participation. They also discussed the co-leadership model that the city will continue, and the utility managers part in this process. The city council received the report and gave direction.

16.05.2.10. The city manager suggested executive session to discuss property considerations. It was moved by Councilman Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilman Moerman to enter into executive session. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Rozeboom, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Walstra declared executive session at 4:55 p.m. After discussion, it was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Rozeboom to end the executive session. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Rozeboom, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Whereupon Mayor Walstra declared executive session ended at 5:25 p.m.

The city manager suggested executive session to discuss a personnel issue. It was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Moerman to enter into executive session. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Rozeboom, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Walstra declared executive session at 5:25 p.m. After discussion, it was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Rozeboom to end the executive session. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Rozeboom, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Whereupon Mayor Pro-Tem Vreugdenhil declared executive session ended at 5:45 p.m.

16.05.2.11. Other Business:

- A breakfast is being planned for all councilmen, mayors and city administration current and retired, for the Saturday morning of Summer Celebration.

16.05.2.12. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

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Mayor Dennis Walstra

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Clousing, City Clerk