

## December 21, 2016

16.12.2.1. 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: Scott Wynja, Murray Hulstein, Darryl TenPas, Dennis Dokter, Matt Van Schouwen, Paul Clousing, Josh Dorhout, Brian VanEngen, Jana VanDer Vliet.

16.12.2.2. Mayor Walstra welcomed State Senator Randy Feenstra and Representative-Elect Skyler Wheeler. They were present to discuss potential state legislative issues for 2017. Staff members presented priority issues for city government and municipal utilities. After discussion, the mayor thanked them for taking the time to visit the meeting, and offered them encouragement as the legislature convenes in January, 2017.

16.12.2.3. Mayor Walstra presented the following elected and administrative officers: Mayor, Dennis Walstra; Mayor Pro-Tem, Randy Vreugdenhil; City Attorney, Brian Van Engen; Fire Chief, Dave Van Holland; Police Chief, Paul Adkins; Finance Director, Darryl Ten Pas; City Manager/City Clerk, Scott Wynja; Utilities Manager, Murray Hulstein. It was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Moerman to approve the appointment of elected and administrative officers for the City of Sioux Center as listed. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Walstra declared the motion approved, and the Oath of Office was administered to each officer.

16.12.2.4. Opportunity was given for public input/communication. Having no one present, the Finance Director, Darryl Ten Pas submitted the consent agenda consisting of the Minutes of December 7, 2016, bills and a Class "C" Beer Permit renewal for Kum & Go, for council consideration. It was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Rozeboom to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Walstra declared the motion approved.

16.12.2.5. The City Manager, Scott Wynja submitted correspondence: a thank you note for the monetary gift from the Center for Financial Education. The council received the correspondence and ordered it filed.

16.12.2.6. The Assistant City Manager, Dennis Dokter, submitted a request from Jim Dean to vacate an easement between Lots 8 and 9, Block 5, in the South Ridge Estates, for a new home. It was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Den Herder to approve **RESOLUTION SC-R-41-16, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN EASEMENT RIGHTS BY QUIT CLAIM DEED**, thereby setting a public hearing to consider this request for January 11. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Rozeboom, Van Ravenswaay. 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.)

16.12.2.7. The city manager and Utilities Manager, Murray Hulstein, submitted funding requests from the Family Crisis Center (FCC) toward their new building project, and Promise Community Health for improvements to the exterior of their building. After considering these funding requests, it was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Den Herder to approve \$175,000 to the FCC, and \$10,000 to Promise Community Health. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: None. Whereupon Mayor Walstra declared the motion approved.

16.12.2.8. The finance director submitted a five year capital requirements forecast to assist in planning for the 2017-18 budget process. After discussion, the council received the report for information.

16.12.2.9. The Utilities Engineer, Matt Van Schouwen reported that the low head dam in the east wellfield has been completed and is providing a noticeable benefit to the aquifer levels in the well field. The total cost of this project was \$202,830.55. It was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Van Ravenswaay to accept the completion of the East Well Field Low Head Dam Project, authorize mayor and staff to execute final documents and approve the final payment of \$19,141.52 to Vander Pol Excavating. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Walstra declared the motion approved.

16.12.2.10. The utilities manager reported that Northern Natural Gas is currently taking bids for firm storage service on their system and recommends the city submit a bid for this service. After discussion, it was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Rozeboom to authorize the utility manager to submit a bid for 26,223 Dth of Firm Deferred Delivery on Northern Natural Gas system for a term of 20 years. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Walstra declared the motion approved.

16.12.2.11. The city manager suggested executive session to discuss potential property for purchase or sale. It was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Rozeboom to go into executive session. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Moerman, Rozeboom, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Walstra declared an executive session at 4:55 p.m. After discussion, it was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Moerman to end the executive session. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Moerman, Rozeboom, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Walstra declared executive session ended at 5:15 p.m.

16.12.2.12. Other Business:

- The mayor thanked Councilman Moerman for his years of serving on the city council and welcomed Eric Moerman as a new city councilman.

16.12.2.13. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

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Dennis Walstra, Mayor

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