

February 2, 2023

The city council of the City of Sioux Center met on the above date in a regular session at 4:00 p.m. in the city offices. Members present were Mayor David Krahlung and the following councilmembers: Eric Moerman, Dale Vander Berg, Jenn Vermeer, Randy Vreugdenhil. Absent: John Brantsen. Staff present: Scott Wynja, Murray Hulstein, Darryl Ten Pas, Adam Fedders, Brian Van Engen, Maggie Landegent, Lee Van Meeteren, Kelli Willett.

Opportunity was given for public input/communication. The council discussed potholes on Highway 75, and the Utilities Manager, Murray Hulstein, reported that he has communicated with the Iowa DOT, which plans to repair potholes when weather permits.

The Finance Director, Darryl Ten Pas, submitted the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of January 12, 2023, bills, finance reports, and liquor license renewals for 4 Brothers Bar & Grill and Nuevo Vallarta Grocery & Jewelry, LLC. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Moerman to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the motion approved.

The finance director introduced Justin Jacobsma, of Williams & Company to review the fiscal year 2021-22 Certified Annual Financial Report, reporting that the audit did not disclose any non-compliance that was material to the financial statements. It was moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Vermeer to accept the FY 2021-22 Annual Financial Report. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the motion approved.

The City Manager, Scott Wynja, and utilities manager reported that a public hearing had been set for the meeting to receive comments regarding the proposed Highway 75 Improvement Project – Phase 1. Mayor Krahlung opened the public hearing, calling for all written and/or oral comments. Hearing none, he closed the hearing. It was moved by Councilmember Vermeer and supported by Councilmember Vreugdenhil to accept the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the project. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the motion approved.

It was then moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Vreugdenhil to authorize the Award of the Contract for the Highway 75 Improvement project-Phase 1 to Godberson-Smith, of Ida Grove, IA, contingent upon Iowa Department of Transportation approval and authorize the staff to execute any and all contract documents necessary. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the motion approved.

The Assistant Utility Manager, Adam Fedders, reported that a bid had been received on street lighting for the project, but he recommended rejecting the bid due to the poles not meeting specifications. It was moved by Councilmember Moerman and supported by Councilmember Vreugdenhil to reject the bid for street lighting for the Highway 75 – Phase 1 project. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the motion approved.

The finance director reported that staff would like to consider the service of Piper Sandler & Co. in its capacity as underwriter and placement agent serving the City with the issuance of general obligation capital loan notes to finance 2nd Ave. S.W. and Brookview Addition infrastructure costs. He also requested council approval to engage the Ahlers and Cooney Law Firm to proceed with legal work on this bond. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Moerman to authorize staff to execute the agreement with Piper Sandler & Co. and Ahlers and Cooney Law firm. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the motion approved.

The city manager asked that, as part of financing for development and infrastructure of the Brookview Addition and development of 13th Street and 1st Ave. SE, the city set a public hearing for financing with general obligation capital loan notes. It was moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember

Vermeer to approve **RESOLUTION SC-R-01-23, A RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,600,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES OF THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, STATE OF IOWA (FOR ESSENTIAL CORPORATE PURPOSES), AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: None. Whereupon Mayor Kraehling declared the resolution approved. (A copy of the resolution is attached and does become a part of these minutes.)

The assistant utilities manager asked the council to consider setting public hearings to consider any public comments related to the proposed plans and specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for three separate projects: the West Branch RNG Distribution Line Project, the Meadow Creek Detention Pond Project, and the 7th St. NE HMA Overlay Project. It was moved by Councilmember Moerman and supported by Councilmember Vander Berg to set a public hearing for March 6, 2023, at 12 p.m. to accept bids and form of contract for the West Branch RNG Distribution Line Project and public hearings on Feb. 20, 2023, at 4 p.m. to accept bids and form of contract for the Meadow Creek Detention Pond Project and 7th St. NE HMA Overlay Project. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Kraehling declared the motion approved.

The finance director submitted the general fund budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for city council discussion and review. The budget includes the proposal to maintain the tax rate of \$11.1350/1,000 of assessed valuation, which represents the 14th consecutive year the rate has remained the same or decreased. This levy is the city's portion of the property tax bill which accounts for approximately 33% of the total property tax bill. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Vermeer to set a public hearing for February 20, 2023, to adopt the Maximum Property Tax Dollars to Certify for Levy. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Kraehling declared the motion approved.

In other business the council reviewed upcoming council meetings, including Feb. 20 at 4 p.m., March 6 at 12 p.m., March 13 at 4 p.m., and April 3, starting at 3:30 p.m. with staff reports, all at the City Office.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

David Kraehling, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Scott Wynja, City Clerk