

February 21, 2022

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: John Brantsen; Eric Moerman, Dale Vander Berg, Jenn Vermeer, and, by phone, Randy Vreugdenhil. Staff present: Scott Wynja, Murray Hulstein, Darryl Ten Pas, Dennis Dokter, Adam Fedders, Maggie Landegent, Josh Dorhout.

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 February 9, 2022 and bills. It was moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Brantsen to approve the consent agenda. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the motion approved.

The Utilities Manager, Murray Hulstein, and the City Manager, Scott Wynja, introduced Trent Bruce, of DGR Engineering, to share a project update on Highway 75. Bruce reported that the focus of the project remains safety, function, and aesthetics that reflect Sioux Center. He said bidding may take place in spring of 2023, with construction beginning in 2023, followed by two years of construction in 2024-25. Bruce said the Iowa Department of Transportation is beginning to work with property owners on right of way. This is being done through a separate contractor. Bruce reported that improvements are planned at 16th Street South to design it for safety with anticipated new development. He shared that rising construction costs have impacted the project estimate, and the DOT has increased their allocation to the project accordingly. The city manager then shared a proposed project contract amendment prepared by the DOT, increasing the DOT's contribution to \$24,305,000 for eligible costs plus all right of way costs. It was moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Vermeer to approve and authorize the mayor and city clerk to execute the **Iowa Department of Transportation Addendum to Agreement No. 20202-16-015**. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the motion approved.

The Assistant City Manager, Dennis Dokter, and city manager introduced Heritage Board Chairman Monty Prins to share an update on the Heritage Village relocation. Prins said 14 buildings have been moved and most are in place at the new site. Three more buildings have yet to be moved. Prins reported that the machine shed will not be moved, and he asked for council consideration to build a new building at the new site to replace it. Heritage Board members and volunteers have begun setting up displays in some of the buildings, anticipating a Harvest Festival this fall. They plan to form a committee to plan for the new museum at the site. Prins also thanked Larry Te Grotenhuis for his leadership as Heritage Board chairman since 2006. Te Grotenhuis will continue serving on the board, and Prins stepped into the chairman role this year. The council received the report for information and acknowledged their support for the new machine shed.

The finance director reported that the council set a public hearing for this date to consider the approval of establishing the maximum property tax dollars resolution, a step that has been added to the budget approval process by state legislature. 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 Moerman and supported by Councilmember Brantsen to approve **RESOLUTION NO.**

SC-R-10-22, A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the ordinance approved. (A copy of the resolution is attached and does hereby become a part of these minutes.)

The finance director, utilities manager, and Assistant Utilities Manager, Adam Fedders, submitted the enterprise fund budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for city council discussion and review. The enterprise funds include electric, natural gas, water, sewer, and Centre Mall. After review, it was moved by Councilmember Moerman and supported by Councilmember Vermeer to set a public hearing date for March 14, 2022, to adopt the FY 2022-2023 budget. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

In other business, the council reviewed upcoming council meeting dates, including March 14, April 4, and April 25, and noted they will begin at 3:30 p.m. with staff reports. The council will also hold a strategic planning session on March 30.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

David Krahling, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Scott Wynja, City Clerk