

March 14, 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: Randy Vreugdenhil, Eric Moerman, Dale Vander Berg, Jenn Vermeer, and by phone, John Brantsen. Staff present: Scott Wynja, Murray Hulstein, Darryl Ten Pas, Dennis Dokter, Adam Fedders, Harlan Kruid, Brian Van Engen, Maggie Landegent, Josh Dorhout.

The City Manager, Scott Wynja introduced the first group of department heads to give their annual report to the council. The first group included: Dave Egdorf, All Seasons Center, and Rec Department; Kaitlyn Baljeu, Arts Department; Lee Van Meeteren, Parks Department, Dean Gabhart, Center Mall, and Maggie Landegent, Communications. Cathy Feenstra from Centre Mall was also present. The council received the reports for information and thanked the employees for their work.

Opportunity was given for public input/communication. Mayor Krahlung expressed thanks to members of community boards and commissions who finished their terms this year or in recent years, including Len Rhoda, Stephanie Walhof, and Ron Oostra on the Park Board; Dennis Hoekstra, Colleen Van Berkum, and Ron Oostra on the Heritage Board; John Van Engen and Bill Roelofs on the Low Rent Housing Board; Amanda Bahena and Jim Koldenhoven on the Rec & Arts Council; Kirbee Nykamp, Duane Tinklenburg, and Dana Broers on the Library Trustees; and Glen Brouwer on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Finance Director, Darryl Ten Pas, submitted the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of February 21, 2022, bills, finance reports, Rec & Arts Board appointment of Alyson Bents, and liquor license renewals for The Ridge, Hy-Vee and Hyser Inc. (Shell). 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 Utilities Manager, Murray Hulstein, and the Water Department Head, Harlan Kruid, reported that while performing routine maintenance on one of the city's deep wells, it was determined that there was a significant hole in Well #14, making this the second deep well that is compromised. They reported that the city would not be able to hold off for Lewis & Clark water. Sargent Drilling is planning to do a test drill on the site of Well #14 within a week to determine an estimate for redrilling the well.

The city manager submitted a request from the Sioux Center Hockey Association for a resolution approving an application for a grant from the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation for synthetic ice tiles for off-season training. Jeremy Vanden Berg, president of the hockey association shared that this is an opportunity to partner with the city to help provide opportunities for a variety of ages.

It was moved by Councilmember Moerman and supported by Councilmember Vander Berg to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-14-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING BENEFITS FROM THE LYON COUNTY RIVERBOAT FOUNDATION.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the resolution approved. (A copy of the resolution is attached and does become a part of these minutes.)

The City Manager, Scott Wynja, submitted a housing survey analysis created by McClure Engineering, for council consideration and direction. He thanked the 1,050 people who completed the survey and the businesses that helped promote it. Councilmembers suggested further discussing the data during an upcoming strategic planning workshop and seeking input from the local housing task force. The council received the report for information

The utilities manager reported that a public hearing was scheduled for this meeting to consider a permanent easement for the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System at the water plant. Mayor Krahling opened the public hearing calling for all written and/or oral comments. Hearing none, he closed the hearing. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Vander Berg to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-11-22, A RESOLUTION TO GRANT EASEMENT RIGHTS ON CERTAIN CITY OWNED REAL ESTATE**. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the resolution approved. (A copy of the resolution is attached and does hereby become a part of these minutes.)

The finance director reported that the council set a public hearing for this date to receive comments regarding the proposed budget for FY2022-23. The budget sets the tax rate on property in Sioux Center at \$11.13500 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which is a .27% decrease from last year's rate. Mayor Krahling 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 Vermeer to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-12-22, A RESOLUTION APPROVING ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the resolution approved. (A copy of the resolution is attached and does hereby become a part of these minutes.)

The utilities manager reported that Alex Frankl has accepted the position of Natural Gas Department Head, filling the position to be vacated by Dave Svoboda. It was moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Vreugdenhil to ratify the appointment of Alex Frankl as Natural Gas Department Head. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

The finance director reported on projects that are ongoing or completed that may use Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenue for funding when it comes available, and currently will be financed internally. These projects include continued development of Highway Commercial Park, water and sewer service upgrades by the Coop fertilizer plant, and economic development agreements with Link Manufacturing and the Family Crisis Center. In order to have the debt paid with TIF funds, it needs to be certified with the County Auditor's office. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Vermeer to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-13-22, A RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERNALLY FINANCING VARIOUS CITY PROJECTS WHICH WILL BE REPAID WITH TIF FUNDS**. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the resolution approved. (A copy of the resolution is attached and does become a part of these minutes.)

In other business, the council reviewed future council meeting dates, including a strategic planning workshop March 30, at 3 p.m. and regular meetings April 4 and 25 at 3:30 p.m.

The city manager requested Executive Session to consider information regarding the possible purchase or sale of property (Iowa Code 21.5) It was moved by Councilmember Moerman and supported by Councilmember Vreugdenhil to enter executive session. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared executive session begins at 5:18 p.m. After discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Moerman to end executive session. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared executive session ended at 6:02 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

David Krahling, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Scott Wynja, City Clerk