

**April 4, 2022**

The city council of the City of Sioux Center met on the above date in a regular session at 3:30 p.m. in the city offices. Members present were Mayor David Kraehling and the following councilmembers: Randy Vreugdenhil, Eric Moerman, Dale Vander Berg, Jenn Vermeer, and John Brantsen. Staff present: Scott Wynja, Murray Hulstein, Darryl Ten Pas, Dennis Dokter, Adam Fedders, Harlan Kruid, Brian Van Engen, Maggie Landegent.

The City Manager, Scott Wynja introduced the second group of department heads to give their annual report to the council. This group included: Ezra Weikert, Electric Department; Zeke Ellis, Wastewater Department; Harlan Kruid, Water Department; Dave Svoboda, Natural Gas Department; Brian Slothouber, Vehicle Maintenance Department. Department members also present included Troy Kunnari, Lorn Wielenga, Landon Slechta, Sean Berkenpas, Tim Vande Hoef, Zach Boneschans, Kevin Vander Ploeg, Louis Vander Velde. The council received the reports for information and thanked the employees for their work.

Opportunity was given for public input/communication. Mayor Kraehling expressed gratitude on behalf of the council and city to former council members Jamie Van Ravenswaay and W. Dale Den Herder, presenting them each with a plaque honoring their years of service.

The Finance Director, Darryl Ten Pas, submitted the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of March 14, 2022, bills, finance reports, Park Board appointments of Julie Bajema and John Brantsen, and liquor license renewal for Terrace View Event Center. 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 Kraehling declared the motion approved.

The city manager noted that city staff is recommending, as part of financing for the Highway 75 project, that council consider the proposal of up to \$3,000,000 in General Obligation Capital Loan Notes. He reported that the Ahlers & Cooney Law Firm has been assisting the City regarding the financing and bonding for the General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, and to proceed and complete the legal work on these bonds, they have requested approval of the proposed engagement letter for services. It was moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Vermeer to approve the engagement letter to use Ahlers & Cooney Law Firm as bond counsel for this financing. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Kraehling declared the motion approved.

The city manager then invited Tim Oswald, of Piper-Sandler, to share the summary of bids received for these General Obligation Capital Loan Notes. Oswald reported that the low bids came from JP Morgan Chase Bank, including Option A, with an interest rate of 2.3%. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Moerman to choose Option A and approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-16-22, A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE \$3,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2022.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Brantsen, 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, Adam Fedders, reported that a public hearing was scheduled to receive comments regarding the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the construction of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. SE Water Main Replacement Project. Mayor Kraehling 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 Brantsen to approve the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. SE Water Main Replacement Project. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Kraehling declared the motion approved.

The assistant utilities manager then reported that bids have been received for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE Water Main Replacement Project. It was moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Brantsen to approve the low bid from Solsma Excavating & Tiling for \$206,615. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

The assistant utilities manager reported that a public hearing was scheduled to receive comments regarding the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Improvements. 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 Brantsen and supported by Councilmember Vermeer to approve the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

The assistant utilities manager then reported that bids have been received for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Moerman to approve the low bid from Vander Pol Excavating for \$381,509. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

The assistant utilities manager reported that staff has been working on final costs associated with the Country View North Sanitary Sewer District Project and that the fee based on final numbers is \$3,390.24 per acre, which will be billed to future developments as a connection fee using a per-acre fee, which is to be set by ordinance. It was moved by Councilmember Moerman and supported by Councilmember Vander Berg to approve the first reading of **ORDINANCE NO. SC-O-2-22, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. SC-O-07-19 ESTABLISHING COUNTRY VIEW HEIGHTS NORTH SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT AREA IN THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA AND IMPOSING A FEE UPON EACH PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN SAID AREA WHO CONNECTS TO THE CITY SANITARY SEWER UTILITY.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none.

The Utilities Manager, Murray Hulstein, noted that Sioux Center remains in a “Water Watch” due to low levels of moisture and presented an updated water conservation ordinance, which includes several changes. One change is to add a new level between the first voluntary level and the third level (irrigation ban) in the current ordinance, which was passed in 1990. The new level would require irrigation limits, but not fully prohibit it. It was moved by Councilmember Moerman and supported by Councilmember Brantsen to approve the first reading of **ORDINANCE NO. SC-O-3-22, AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, REPEALING ORDINANCE SC-O-1-90 AND ESTABLISHING A WATER CONSERVATION PLAN FOR THE SIOUX CENTER MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none.

The city manager and the Parks Director, Lee Van Meeteren, reported that, over the past few years, the addition of a dog park in Sioux Center has been discussed, the Park Board has received feedback and information about dog parks, and there were many positive comments about dog parks in the past community survey. The parks director presented a proposed location and development costs for a new dog park at Country View Park, along with recreation trail connections. The council received the report for information, giving consensus to proceeding with creating the dog park and trail connections.

The city manager reported that, as part of requirements to receive federal and state disaster relief funds when needed, counties and cities are required to update a local Hazard Mitigation Plan, identifying potential hazards in and around the community and potential mitigation strategies for those disasters. He presented an updated plan to the council. It was moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Vermeer to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-15-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE**

**CITY COUNCIL SIOUX CENTER ADOPTING A HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR SIOUX-O'BRIEN-OSCEOLA COUNTY.** 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.)

The utilities manager noted that the Sioux County Engineer has approached the city, asking to lower the speed limit on 13<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, from 9<sup>th</sup> St. SE to 20<sup>th</sup> St. SE, and the city plans to lower the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph. The city also plans to lower the speed limit on 20<sup>th</sup> St. SE, which is fully in the city limits, to 45 mph from 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE to the current 25 mph zone. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Brantsen to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-17-22, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A REDUCED SPEED LIMIT ON HARRISON AVENUE (13<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE SE)**. 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.)

The utilities manager reported that Tim Vande Hoef has accepted an open lab technician position in the Wastewater Department, It was moved by Councilmember Moerman and supported by Councilmember Brantsen to ratify hiring Tim Vande Hoef as Wastewater Department employee. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

In other business, the council reviewed future council meeting dates, including April 25 at 3:30 p.m. and May 16 at 4 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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David Krahling, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Wynja, City Clerk