

May 15, 2023

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

The City Manager, Scott Wynja, and Utilities Manager, Murray Hulstein introduced the third group of department heads to give their annual report to the council: Darryl Ten Pas, Finance Department; and Joel Gonzalez, Building Department. The council received the reports for information and thanked the employees for their work.

Opportunity was given for public input/communication. Having no one present, the Finance Director, Darryl Ten Pas, submitted the consent agenda consisting of minutes of April 24, 2023, bills, finance reports, and a liquor license for the Sioux Center Chamber of Commerce for Summer Celebration. It was moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Moerman to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The utilities manager and city manager introduced Trent Bruce, DGR Engineering, to share an update on the Highway 75 redesign. Bruce reported that, after learning from Phase 1 and having contractor conversations, they recommend Phase 2 construction (from 13th St. S to 12th St. N) not have head-to-head traffic as previously planned. He said having this phase constructed with 3-4 block full-closures could improve safety and reduce time and cost for construction. This involves a detour/truck route for through and truck traffic during the two construction seasons, with business access signs to point traffic into Sioux Center. It was moved by Councilmember Moerman and supported by Councilmember Brantsen to approve the rolling-closure construction phasing for Highway 75 Phase 2. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried. Opportunities are being set up for business and property owners to review the Phase 2 plan for 2024-25 with city/engineering staff.

The utilities manager reported that the contract between the City and Brommer Sanitation will expire June 30, and Brommer Sanitation is proposing a new 5-year contract with an \$0.80 increase per container, with \$0.35 increases during each of the last four years of the contract. Les and Dave Brommer shared additional information and thanked the Council for the partnership with the City. It was moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Vermeer to authorize the mayor and clerk to execute the proposed 5-year Solid Waste Contract Agreement with Brommer Sanitation Service. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The city manager reported that a public hearing was set for the council to take action on a proposal to sell three parcels of city-owned property as part of the right of way acquisition for Highway 75. 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 Brantsen and supported by Councilmember Vermeer to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-23-23, A RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN CITY OWNED REAL ESTATE**. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Assistant City Manager, Dennis Dokter, reported that a public hearing was set for the council to consider vacating a utility easement between lots 3 & 4 in the Highway Commercial Park – Second Addition. 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 Vander Berg to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-24-23, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, FOR DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN EASEMENT RIGHTS BY QUIT CLAIM DEED**. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The utilities manager and finance director reported that, following a water rate study, staff is recommending a two-part rate increase for 2023 and 2024 of between 6-8% per year to help cover costs of ongoing community growth with new lines to developing areas, maintaining aging sections of pipe in older neighborhoods, system improvements including preparing for a third water tower, and adding quantity and quality of water. It was moved by Councilmember Brantsen and supported by Councilmember Vermeer to approve the final reading of **ORDINANCE NO. SC-O-01-23, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. SC-O-02-18, IN ESTABLISHING RATES FOR DETERMINING CHARGES TO BE MADE TO CONSUMERS FOR WATER AND OTHER SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer. Nays: None. Motion carried. A copy of the ordinance is attached and does hereby become part of these minutes.

The finance director reported that a public hearing was set for the council to consider an amendment to the FY 2022-23 Budget to reflect actual beginning fund balances and adjust expenditures and associated revenues. 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 Vermeer and supported by Councilmember Brantsen to approve **SC-R-25-23 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IA APPROVING THE CITY'S PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The finance director shared that the electric fund has purchased a property north of Sioux Center and the city will be selling a piece of property south of Sioux Center to fund a portion of the land purchase. Until the land sale is final, the Electric fund will need to borrow funds from the Road Use fund. The interest rate will be 2.00%. It was moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Brantsen to approve **RESOLUTION SC-R-26-23 – RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN INTER-FUND LOAN FROM THE ROAD USE FUND OF THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER TO THE *ELECTRIC ENTERPRISE FUND* OF THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The finance director reported that Ahlers and Cooney Law Firm will be assisting the City in regard to Amendment #9 to the Sioux Center Unified Urban Renewal Plan. To proceed with legal work on this Urban Renewal bond amendment, they have requested approval of engaging their services. It was moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Vermeer to authorize staff to execute an engagement letter for Ahlers and Cooney Law Firm's services. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.

In other business the council:

- heard future meetings are set for June 5 at 4 p.m., June 26 at 6 p.m., and July 10 at 4 p.m. at the City Office.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

David Kraehling, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Scott Wynja, City Clerk