

September 15, 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 Krahling 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, Dennis Dokter, Becky Bilby, Heidi Ouwinga, Brian Van Engen, Maggie Landegent, Joel Gonzalez.

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 August 22, 2022, bills, finance reports, and a liquor license renewal for Walmart Supercenter. 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 Krahling declared the motion approved.

City Manager Scott Wynja introduced Sioux Center Library Director Becky Bilby and Heidi Ouwinga, as well as Library Trustees Tara Berkenpas and Bob Pollema to share about a proposed project to add a children's STEM area and small meeting rooms to the library. The library plans to work with an architect on plans. The council received the report for information.

The Assistant City Manager, Dennis Dokter, reported that a Habitat for Humanity representative was unable to be present and asked to postpone a discussion on a Sioux Center project.

The assistant city manager reported that a public hearing had been set for the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for a 4th Ave. and 22nd St. NE improvement project. 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 Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Vreugdenhil to approve the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 4th Ave. and 22nd St. Improvement Project. Dokter then reviewed the bids received for the project with the lowest being from Vander Pol Excavating, of Orange City. It was moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Moerman to accept the low base bid from Vander Pol Excavating of \$287,740.70 and the bid alternate of \$350,145.20. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

The assistant city manager reported that a public hearing had been set for the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for a 1st Ave. and 13th St. SW improvement project to be complete by July 2023. 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 Vermeer and supported by Councilmember Vreugdenhil to approve the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 1st Ave. and 13th St. Improvement Project. Dokter then reviewed the bids received for the project with the lowest being from Vander Pol Excavating, of Orange City. It was moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Moerman to accept the low bid from Vander Pol Excavating of \$1,092,035.19. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

Utilities Manager Murray Hulstein and the finance director asked the council to hold the second reading of a water rate change ordinance including a 3% rate increase this year and a 3% increase next year for the wastewater utility to assist with increasing costs to improve and maintain an aging collection system and to prepare for future wastewater permit requirements. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Moerman to approve the second reading of **ORDINANCE NO. SC-O-10-22, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. SC-O-02-17 AND ESTABLISHING REVISED USER CHARGE RATES IN THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, SIOUX COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA, TO PROVIDE FUNDS NEEDED TO PAY FOR ALL OPERATIONAL COSTS OF THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: None.

The utilities manager reported that a public hearing had been set to consider vacating utility easements located in the Van Roekel Subdivision at the corner of 370th St and Harrison Avenue. Mayor Krahlhng 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-46-22, 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: Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: None. Whereupon Mayor Krahlhng declared the resolution approved. (A copy of the resolution is attached and does become a part of these minutes.)

The Communications Coordinator, Maggie Landegent reported that Public Power & Natural Gas Week is set for Oct. 2-8, 2022, and proposed a resolution to recognize the value and impact of community-owned utilities in Sioux Center. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Vander Berg to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-47-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, JOINING WITH OTHER PUBLICLY OWNED UTILITY COMMUNITIES IN ESTABLISHING OCTOBER 2-8 AS PUBLIC POWER AND NATURAL GAS WEEK.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: None. Whereupon Mayor Krahlhng declared the resolution approved. (A copy of the resolution is attached and does become a part of these minutes.)

The finance director reported that every fiscal year, several cash transfers are made between funds for subsidies, utility right-of-way charges and in order to finance major capital projects, and proposed a resolution adopting the past fiscal year's transfers. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Moerman to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-48-22, CITY OF SIOUX CENTER CASH TRANSFERS, JUNE 30, 2022.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: None. Whereupon Mayor Krahlhng declared the resolution approved. (A copy of the resolution is attached and does become a part of these minutes.)

The utilities manager reported that staff has been working to fill the Natural Gas Department Head position, and following interviews, has offered the position to Matt Dykstra. It was moved by Councilmember Moerman and supported by Councilmember Vreugdenhil to ratify appointing Matt Dykstra as Natural Gas Department Head. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlhng declared the motion approved.

The city manager reported that city leases city-owned property to renters on a year-to-year basis, and he shared recent rent and the proposed rent for 2023 for these properties, recommending an increase of approximately \$20 per acre on most schedules. It was moved by Councilmember Moerman and supported by Councilmember Vreugdenhil to approve cash farm rent and tenants for the 2023 year in accordance with the proposed Farm Rent Schedule. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

The city manager

In other business the council:

- heard Heritage Village would hold a ribbon cutting on Sept. 16.
- discussed Highway 75 construction email and text notifications
- heard a report on a future sidewalk project along 2nd Ave. SE
- reviewed upcoming council meetings, including Oct. 3 and Oct. 25 at 4 p.m.

The city manager requested Executive Session to regarding the possible purchase or sale of property, pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Moerman to enter executive session. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared executive session beginning at 5:22 p.m. After discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Moerman and supported by Councilmember Vreugdenhil to end executive session. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared executive session ended at 5:42 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

David Krahling, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Scott Wynja, City Clerk