

**January 5, 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 Krahlng and the following councilmembers: John Brantsen; Eric Moerman, Dale Vander Berg, Jenn Vermeer, Randy Vreugdenhil. Staff present: Scott Wynja, Murray Hulstein, Darryl Ten Pas, Dennis Dokter, Adam Fedders, Brian Van Engen, Josh Dorhout, Maggie Landegent.

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 December 15, 2021, bills, finance reports, and approval of the Sioux Center News and the Northwest Iowa Review as official newspapers for publication for council consideration. 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 Krahlng declared the motion approved.

Mayor David Krahlng shared appreciation for retiring councilmen W. Dale Den Herder and Jamie Van Ravenswaay, who completed their terms in December. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Vander Berg to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-01-22, A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND COMMENDATION TO MR. W. DALE DEN HERDER FOR THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE HE HAS GIVEN TO THE COMMUNITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlng declared the resolution approved. (A copy of the resolution is attached and does become a part of these minutes.) It was then moved by Councilmember Moerman and supported by Councilmember Vreugdenhil to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-02-22, A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND COMMENDATION TO MR. JAMIE VAN RAVENSWAAY FOR THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE HE HAS GIVEN TO THE COMMUNITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlng declared the resolution approved. (A copy of the resolution is attached and does become a part of these minutes.)

The City Manager, Scott Wynja, reported that a new term of office for administrative officers began Jan. 1, 2022, for a number of Sioux Center officers. It was moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Brantsen to approve the following administrative officers: Mayor Pro-Tem Eric Moerman, City Attorney Brian Van Engen, City Manager/City Clerk Scott Wynja, Utilities Manager Murray Hulstein, Treasurer Darryl Ten Pas, Police Chief Mike Halma, and Fire Chief David A. Van Holland. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlng declared the motion approved. Mayor Krahlng administered the Oath of Office to the administrative officers.

The city manager introduced Sioux Center Public Library Director Becky Bilby, who gave a report on activity at the library in the past year. She shared that use of study and meeting rooms has continued to increase and a survey also indicated a community demand for additional space for hands-on children's activities. Bilby noted that library staff has discussed these needs and potential options to add space with planners, and brought this idea to the council for future consideration. Bilby introduced several members of the library board of trustees and staff member Heidi Ouwinga. The mayor and council thanked Bilby and recognized the library staff and trustees for the services and programs the library offers and for being ambassadors for the community. The council received the report for information.

The Building Official, Josh Dorhout, reported that a public hearing had been scheduled for this time to consider amending City Code with the adoption of the 2021 International Building Code and discussed some of the notable changes. Mayor Krahlng 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 Brantsen to approve the first reading of **ORDINANCE NO. SC-O-01-22, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER ADOPTING THE 2021 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE FAMILY AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. SC-O-02-19 OF THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the first reading approved. (A copy of the ordinance is attached and does become a part of these minutes.)

The Assistant City Manager, Dennis Dokter, reported that the city received an agreement document for the \$500,000 Iowa Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Grant for the American State Bank Sports Complex, and to enter the agreement, the city must pass a resolution authorizing the execution of the agreement. Dordt University, the city's partner in the project, will also consider the execution of this contract as co-applicant. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Vermeer to pass **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-03-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, REGARDING THE COMMUNITY ATTRACTION AND TOURISM PROGRAM (CAT) GRANT AGREEMENT.** 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 become a part of these minutes.)

The finance director presented a five-year capital forecast, completed by staff, to help plan for the 2022-23 budget year and the foremost financial needs for the next 5 years. The five-year plan included various anticipated and possible projects, including a new electric substation, wastewater system upgrades, enhancements to Highway 75, and bike trail extensions. The council reviewed the plan and received the report for information.

The city manager reported that the Ahlers and Cooney law firm has been assisting the city with the financing and bonding for Urban Renewal TIF Capital Loan Notes, and in order to proceed and complete the legal work on these bonds, they have requested approval of an engagement letter for services. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Moerman to approve the agreement to use the Ahlers and Cooney firm as bond counsel for this financing. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

The city manager noted that, as part of financing the American State Bank Sports Complex, the city needs to set a public hearing regarding the issuance of Urban Renewal TIF Revenue Capital Loan Notes. It was moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Brantsen to set the hearing for the January 27 council meeting and approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-04-22, A RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000 URBAN RENEWAL TAX INCREMENT REVENUE CAPITAL LOAN NOTES OF THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, STATE OF IOWA, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF.** 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 become a part of these minutes.)

Mayor Krahling proposed holding a strategic planning session with the goal of looking toward priorities over the next five years. The council discussed strategic planning and planned to hold a session this spring.

In other business, the council:

- Heard from the Utilities Manager, Murray Hulstein, that staff anticipated meeting with the Iowa DOT staff and DGR Engineering to continue planning for the Highway 75 reconstruction and that

the DOT anticipated beginning working with property owners on right of way purchases and easements later in January or February.

- Heard from the city manager that the second set of plans for the American State Bank Sports Complex would be going to bid in January, and that he anticipated bids will be reviewed by the council in February.
- Heard that the council will consider approval of city board and commission appointments January 27.
- Discussed future council meeting dates: Jan. 27, Feb. 9, Feb. 21, and March 14, all at 4 p.m., at the city office.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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David Krahling, Mayor

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