

**January 27, 2021**

The city council of the City of Sioux Center met on the above date in regular session at 4:00 p.m. in the city offices. Members present were Mayor David Krahlung and the following councilmen: Eric Moerman, Dale Vander Berg, Jamie Van Ravenswaay. Electronically present: W. Dale Den Herder, Randy Vreugdenhil. Others present were Scott Wynja, Murray Hulstein, Darryl Ten Pas, Dennis Dokter, Adam Fedders, Brian Van Engen, Josh Dorhout, Dave Egdorf, Lee Van Meeteren, Maggie Landegent. Renee Wielenga, Justin Jacobsma.

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 January 7, 2021, bills, and finance reports for council consideration. It was moved by Councilman Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilman Van Ravenswaay to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the motion approved.

The finance director introduced Justin Jacobsma with Williams and Company, who reviewed the FY2019-20 Certified Annual Financial Report with the city council. After review, it was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Vander Berg to accept the FY 2019-20 Annual Financial Report. Upon voice vote, all councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the motion approved.

The Assistant City Manager, Dennis Dokter reported that Link Manufacturing is planning an addition onto their current campus in Sioux Center. Dokter said he anticipates bringing an economic development incentive agreement for Link's expansion for the council to consider at a future council meeting.

The Utilities Manager, Murray Hulstein submitted the Natural Gas Utility Operator Qualification Plan from the Iowa Association Municipal Utilities, which the city has used to qualify employees for many years. After a review from the Iowa Utility Board, it was decided that each individual utility must formally adopt the plan and notify the Iowa Utilities Board. It was moved by Councilman Vander Berg and supported by Councilman Moerman to adopt the February 2019 Operator Qualification Plan for the Sioux Center Natural Gas Utility. Upon voice vote, all the councilman voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the motion approved.

The City Manager, Scott Wynja, reported that after receiving applications and performing interviews, Dave Egdorf was hired as Recreation and All Seasons Director, replacing Dave Ruter who will be retiring at the end of February. It was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Moerman to ratify Dave Egdorf as the Recreation and All Seasons Center Director. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the motion approved.

The finance director submitted the general fund budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for city council discussion and review. The budget includes a proposal to reduce the city tax rate by .82% percent, which represents the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the rate has remained the same or decreased. The proposed new rate will be \$11.165/1,000 of assessed valuation. The city portion accounts for approximately 32% of Sioux Center residents' property tax bill. After review, it was moved by Councilman Moerman and supported by Councilman Van Ravenswaay to set a public hearing date for February 15, 2021 to adopt the Maximum Property Tax Dollars to Certify for Levy. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the motion approved.

The city manager reported that in July 2020, Augustine Martinez De Lira was hired as a Police Officer for the city and has now completed his probationary period. Martinez De Lira has performed well in his duties and is being recommended for permanent status. It was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Vander Berg to approve Augustine Martinez De Lira for permanent status along with a commensurate salary increase. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the motion approved.

Other Business:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

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David Krahlung, Mayor

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