

**March 8, 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: W. Dale Den Herder, Eric Moerman, Dale Vander Berg, Jamie Van Ravenswaay, Randy Vreugdenhil.

Opportunity was given for public input/communication. Dennis Hoekstra, a Heritage Board member, asked the council to consider a number of people's request of not moving Heritage Village and of preserving trees at the site. Ron Oostra, a Heritage Board member, asked that the council consider the 30 years of contributions, the many trees, and the hours of volunteer work at Heritage Village and choose not to move it. Larry Te Grotenhuis, chairman of the Heritage Board, told the council it would not be in Heritage Village's best interest to share a site with an indoor turf dome and the future development area around the current location, and said if Heritage Village has to move, it will move. Having no further public input, the Finance Director, Darryl Ten Pas, submitted the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of February 15, bills, finance reports, ratify Logan Kaskie to the Library Board and liquor license renewals for 4 Brothers Bar & Grill, Los Tulipanes, Hy-Vee Food Store, Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh and Terrace View Event Center 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 City Manager, Scott Wynja, reported that as part of the Leadership Sioux Center program this year, the class was divided into 4 groups to research a local project and potentially apply for a grant through the State of Iowa Catalyst Grant program. Two groups attended the meeting to jointly present their project proposing public and retail renovations to the block north of 3<sup>rd</sup> St. N and west of Highway 75 to the council. The council received the report for information.

The city manager gave a review of the indoor turf facility for council discussion and possible action. The council members voiced support for Heritage Village and an indoor turf facility. After discussion, it was moved by Councilman Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilman Van Ravenswaay to move forward with planning the Indoor Turf Facility at Open Space Park and moving Heritage Village to Tower Fields. Upon a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Vander Berg, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the motion approved.

The finance director reported that a public hearing was scheduled for this time to consider the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget for final approval. The proposed budget sets the tax rate on property in Sioux Center at \$11.16500 per taxable \$1,000 of assessed value, which is a decrease of .82% from last year's rate. Mayor Krahlung opened the public hearing calling for all written and/or oral comments. Hearing none, he closed the hearing. It was moved by Councilman Vander Berg and supported by Councilman Van Ravenswaay to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-06-21, A RESOLUTION APPROVING ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022**. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Vander Berg, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the motion approved. (A copy of the resolution is attached and does hereby become a part of these minutes.)

The Assistant City Manager, Dennis Dokter reported that an Iowa Department of Transportation RISE grant was awarded to the city for up to \$390,491, or 50% of actual costs for construction of 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW, adjacent to Highway 75. It was moved by Councilman Moerman and supported by Councilman Vreugdenhil to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-04-21, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, APPROVING AND ENDORSING THE AGREEMENT FOR RISE FUNDING TO THE RECIPIENT TO AID IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS WHICH ARE NECESSARY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET NW.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Vander Berg, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlting declared the resolution adopted. (A copy of the resolution is attached and does hereby become a part of these minutes)

The city manager reported that a public hearing was scheduled for this meeting to consider the sale of Lot 5 & 6, Highway Commercial Park 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition, to the Iowa DOT for proper drainage. Mayor Krahlting opened the public hearing calling for all written and/or oral comments. Hearing none he closed the hearing. It was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Vreugdenhil to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-05-21, CITIES AND TOWNS CERTIFICATION OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATE RESOLUTIONS SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND DELIVERY OF CONVEYANCE.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Vander Berg, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlting declared the resolution adopted. (A copy of the resolution is attached and does hereby become a part of these minutes)

The Utilities Manager, Murray Hulstein, gave an update regarding the current timeline of the Highway 75 project, avoiding impact to the Chamber building as part of this project, and an anticipated public information meeting to review the preliminary design in April.

The assistant city manager submitted a request to set a public hearing to vacate a utility easement located between lots 5 and 6, Block 2 of Industrial Park C to allow for an addition to Link Manufacturing's current facilities. It was moved by Councilman Moerman and supported by Councilman Vander Berg to approve **RESOLUTION SC-R-07-21, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN EASEMENT RIGHTS BY QUIT CLAIM DEED,** thereby setting a public hearing for March 30, 2021. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Vander Berg, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlting declared the resolution approved. (A copy of the resolution is attached and does hereby become a part of these minutes.)

The assistant city manager and the Code Enforcement Officer, Josh Dorhout, reported that in order to proceed with approval of the Highland Hills Subdivision the council needs to consider annexing it into the city limits. It was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Vander Berg to approve **RESOLUTION SC-R-08-21, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER,** thereby setting a public hearing for March 30, 2021. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Vander Berg, Van Ravenswaay. Nays: none. Abstain: Vreugdenhil. Whereupon Mayor

Krahling declared the resolution approved. (A copy of the resolution is attached and does hereby becoming a part of these minutes.)

It was then moved by Councilman Moerman and supported by Councilman Van Ravenswaay to set a public hearing for the March 30 council meeting to establish Zoning for the Highland Hills Subdivision. Upon a voice vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Vander Berg, Van Ravenswaay. Nays: none. Abstain: Vreugdenhil. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

The utilities manager reported that Landon Slechta has completed his probationary period in the Electric Department and recommended he be approved for permanent employment status along with commensurate salary increase. It was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Vreugdenhil to move Slechta to permanent employee status along with commensurate salary increase. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

The utilities manager reported that after working through the process of filling the gas department position, staff selected Lewis Van Hofwegen for the role. It was moved by Councilman Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilman Den Herder to ratify the hiring of Lewis Van Hofwegen in the Natural Gas Department. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

The utilities manager reported Sioux Center is eligible to receive federal FAST Act funds for street projects on federal functionally classified streets. He recommended submitting an application for a 2024 resurfacing project. It was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Moerman to authorize the utilities manager negotiate final grant and city contribution and submit a FAST Act application for an HMA Resurfacing project. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

#### Other Business:

The city manager reported that the city plans to agree to a request from Bethel Christian Reformed Church to temporarily close 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South on Wednesdays from 6-10 p.m., from September through May.

The Assistant Utilities Manager, Adam Fedders, manager reported receiving competitive quotes with a low quote of \$127,000 to supply poles needed for the 69KV work on the north end of town. He also reported that he anticipated the gas line project to Siouxland Energy Cooperative should go to bid in the next few weeks and that work may begin in early May.

Councilman Van Ravenswaay shared a request to consider future traffic near a north driveway at the new high school.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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David Krahling, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Scott Wynja, City Clerk