

March 17, 2020

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 Krahling and the following councilmen: W. Dale Den Herder, Eric Moerman, Dale Vander Berg, Jamie Van Ravenswaay, Randy Vreugdenhil. Others present were Scott Wynja, Murray Hulstein, Darryl Ten Pas, Dennis Dokter, Adam Fedders, Josh Dorhout, Lee Van Meeteren, Maggie Landegent, Matt Nice, Renee Wielenga, John Slegers, Mark Buss, Gary McEldowney, Ross Douma, and Howard Wilson. Erik Hoekstra joined by phone.

The City Manager, Scott Wynja announced there would be no departmental staff reports as was indicated on the meeting agenda, due to the Governor's recommendation regarding the COVID-19 recommended restrictions.

Opportunity was given for public input/communication. Mayor David Krahling shared a brief update on COVID-19 response in Sioux Center. Having no further public input, Finance Director, Darryl Ten Pas, submitted the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of February 19 and March 4, 2020, bills, finance reports and a liquor license renewal for the Shell Sioux-Per Center, for council consideration. It was moved by Councilman Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilman Moerman to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

The city manager reported that the Sioux Center Hockey Association has requested the council approve an application for a grant to purchase new hockey equipment. It was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Vreugdenhil to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-08-20, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING BENEFITS FROM THE LYON COUNTY RIVERBOAT FOUNDATION**. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Vander Berg, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the resolution approved. (A copy of the resolution is attached and does hereby become a part of these minutes.)

The city manager introduced Matt Nice with the Ridge Golf Course who gave a report on current activities and future plans for the Ridge. He reported that the upcoming season will be The Ridge's 12th season, and business continues to be higher than anticipated. Nice said the focus continues to be making The Ridge a social hub for all ages.

The city manager gave a presentation on Joint Use Committee efforts to begin researching the possibility of an indoor turf dome facility for Sioux Center. Other joint use members, including Dordt University President Erik Hoekstra, Dordt Director of Athletics Ross Douma, Dordt Chief Administrative Officer Howard Wilson, and Sioux Center School District Superintendent Gary McEldowney, voiced support for considering an indoor turf facility. After reviewing the potential community impact and benefits of this amenity, council members indicated interest in continuing to study the possibility of adding such a facility.

The finance director reported that a public hearing was scheduled for this time to consider the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget for final approval. The budget sets the tax rate on property in Sioux Center at \$11.25600 per taxable \$1,000 of assessed value, which is a decrease of .70% from last year's rate. Mayor Krahling 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-09-20, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, APPROVING ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021**. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Vander Berg, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none.

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

The city manager reported that the Federal Aviation Administration requires the city submit a closure plan for the Sioux Center Municipal Airport and a reinvestment plan which will go towards the new Sioux County Regional Airport. It was moved by Councilman Vander Berg and supported by Councilman Van Ravenswaay to approve the closure and reinvestment plan for the Sioux Center Municipal Airport. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

The Assistant City Manager, Dennis Dokter submitted a request from developers to vacate a utility easement located between Lots 1 & 2, Block 5, Industrial Park C. It was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Vreugdenhil to hold a public hearing at the next regularly scheduled council meeting to consider this request. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

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

The utilities manager reported that Lorn Wielenga 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 Moerman to move Lorn Wielenga 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 water distribution technician position, staff hired Zachary Boneschans. It was moved by Councilman Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilman Vander Berg to ratify the hiring of Zachary Boneschans as Water Department Technician. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

Other Business: The city manager shared an update of city response to the coronavirus outbreak, including closing several facilities such as the Sioux Center Public Library, All Seasons Center, and shelter house rentals. He reported that he and the mayor would be reviewing the city's emergency operations plan as well.

The assistant city manager reported that a bid letting for street projects near the planned AgriVision development should take place by the end of March.

The city manager also reported bid letting for the Fire Station 2 project will take place this spring.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

David Krahling, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Scott Wynja, City Clerk