

June 26, 2023

The city council of the City of Sioux Center met on the above date in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the city offices. Members present were Mayor David Kraehling and Councilmembers John Brantsen, Eric Moerman, Jenn Vermeer, Randy Vreugdenhil, and, by phone, Dale Vander Berg. Staff present: Scott Wynja, Murray Hulstein, Darryl Ten Pas, Dennis Dokter, Lee Van Meeteren, Maggie Landegent, Brian Van Engen, Jill Miller.

Opportunity was given for public input/communication. Jill Miller and Maggie Landegent shared an update on the new Siouxnami Waterpark website. Then Finance Director Darryl Ten Pas submitted the consent agenda consisting of minutes of June 5, 2023, bills, cigarette permits, and liquor license renewals for Sioux County Youth Fair, Pizza Hut, and Late Harvest Brewery. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Brantsen to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The City Manager Scott Wynja shared that a public hearing had been set for the meeting regarding the Family Crisis Centers' application for a Community Development Block Grant for a proposed family visitation and exchange center. Mayor Kraehling opened the public hearing, and the Citizen Participation Plan was read:

The need for the project was identified by Family Crisis Center (FCC) located in Sioux Center, Iowa. Currently only one county in Iowa has access to a facility that provides supervised visits and safe custody exchanges. This proposed project will serve children, parents, and foster families. FCC finds that there is a lack of safe visitation options that provide a structured environment for custody exchanges and family visitation. The project includes renovation/remodel of the existing Family Crisis Center offices in Sioux Center, Iowa to be able to create a much-needed foster care visitation center. This center will allow foster care supervised visitation services to occur in a safe and accommodating environment, which does not currently exist anywhere in the area. The proposed space will be for foster parents, biological parents, and children to have supervised visitation and for supervised custody exchanges to take place. This space will have separate meeting rooms, visitation rooms, office space for staff, kitchenettes, bathrooms, and enhanced security measures. These improvements will take place within the existing building space. The estimated funding for the project will be comprised of \$600,000 in requested CDBG assistance and approximately \$540,000 in local match funding from Family Crisis Center. The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,140,880. Application for CDBG funding will be submitted to the Iowa Economic Development Authority by August 4, 2023. At least 51% of the CDBG funding, or \$306,000, will benefit persons of low-to-moderate income. No persons or businesses will be displaced as a result of the recommended project. In the event that any persons or businesses are actually displaced as a result of the recommended project, the entities involved in the project will adhere to the requirements of the Uniform Relocation and Assistance and Acquisition Act of 1974, as amended.

Mayor Kraehling then called for all written and/or oral comments. Hearing none, he closed the hearing. It was moved by Councilmember Vermeer and supported by Councilmember Moerman to approve a Housing Needs Assessment. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried. It was then moved by Councilmember Moerman and supported by Councilmember Vreugdenhil to approve the Subrecipient Agreement. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried. It was moved by Councilmember Brantsen and supported by Councilmember Vreugdenhil to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-32-23, A RESOLUTION OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE IOWA CDBG PROGRAM, DESIGNATING OFFICIAL SIGNATORS, AND AUTHORIZING NWIPDC TO PREPARE AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT FOR SIOUX CENTER.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Assistant City Manager Dennis Dokter shared that a public hearing had been set for the meeting to consider voluntary annexation of property on the west side of Sioux Center for potential commercial development. Mayor Kraehling 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 Brantsen to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-33-23, A RESOLUTION ASSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Utilities Manager Murray Hulstein shared that a public hearing had been set for the meeting for the adoption of plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the construction of the 4th Ave. NE Water Main Replacement Project, replacing about 1960 feet of water main. 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 Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Vermeer to approve plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the project. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried. It was then moved by Councilmember Vermeer and supported by Councilmember Brantsen to award the contract for the 4th Ave. NE Water Main Replacement to Firm Foundation Concrete for \$404,683, and a portion of these costs will be covered by Dorst University. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Krahling reported that, after conducting interviews, he recommends the appointment of Josh Koedam as the next Sioux Center Chief of Police. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Moerman to accept and approve the appointment of Josh Koedam as the Chief of Police for the City of Sioux Center. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The city manager reported that, after advertising and interviewing to fill police officer positions, James Van Veldhuizen was offered the final open position. It was moved by Councilmember Moerman and supported by Councilmember Brantsen to ratify the hiring of James Van Veldhuizen as a Police Officer for the City of Sioux Center. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.

In other business the council heard:

- Highway 75 construction is on schedule and 16th Street SW will close for construction June 30, with traffic opening on 13th St. SW. Temporary stoplights will be activated at 13th St. SW to assist in traffic flow.
- future meetings are set for July 10, Aug. 1, and Aug. 21, all at 4 p.m. at the City Office.

The city manager and utilities manager requested Executive Session regarding the possible purchase or sale of property pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Vermeer to enter executive session. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared executive session beginning at 6:45 p.m. After discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Moerman to end executive session. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared executive session ended at 7:00 p.m. No additional action was taken.

The city manager and utilities manager requested Executive Session to share information related to employee conditions, pursuant to Iowa Code 21.9. It was moved by Councilmember Moerman and supported by Councilmember Vermeer to enter executive session. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared executive session beginning at 7:00 p.m. After discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Moerman to end executive session. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared executive session ended at 7:37 p.m.

The city manager and utilities manager brought a request for the council to approve adjusted salary and wages for FY 23-24, with wage considerations based on cost of living, market comparisons, employee performance reviews and input from department heads. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Moerman to approve **SC-R-34-23, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, SETTING THE SALARIES FOR APPOINTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

David Krahlmg, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Scott Wynja, City Clerk