

**July 19, 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, Randy Vreugdenhil. Staff present: Scott Wynja, Murray Hulstein, Darryl Ten Pas, Dennis Dokter, Adam Fedders, Brian Van Engen, Maggie Landegent, Josh Dorhout, Lee Van Meeteren, Dave Egdorf.

Opportunity was given for public input/communication. Jennifer Vermeer, of Sioux Center, shared her intent to run for City Council. Then the Finance Director, Darryl Ten Pas, submitted the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of July 1, 2021, bills, and a New Homestead Low Rent Housing Agency board appointment of Lee Mellema and Dan Clousing, 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 Krahlung declared the motion approved.

The Utilities Manager, Murray Hulstein and finance director submitted an ordinance proposing an approximate 5 percent water rate increase for 2021 and 2022 for the final reading. It was moved by Councilman Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilman Van Ravenswaay to approve **ORDINANCE NO. SC-O-04-21, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. SC-O-05-19 AND ESTABLISHING RATES FOR DETERMINING CHARGES TO BE MADE TO CONSUMERS FOR WATER AND OTHER SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA.** Upon roll call vote the vote was as follows: Ayes: Moerman, Vander Berg, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the ordinance adopted. (A copy of the ordinance is attached and does hereby become a part of these minutes.)

The City Manager, Scott Wynja, the utilities manager and Trent Bruce with DGR, gave a project update regarding the Highway 75 redesign. He reported that the preliminary design has been submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation and the DOT's review of right of way and easement data is complete, leading into the DOT's right of way and easement acquisition process. He reported that detailed design is ongoing, focusing on various intersections and streetscape. The city council received the report for information.

The Assistant City Manager, Dennis Dokter, introduced members of the Heritage Board to share concept plans for the proposed new site. Larry Te Grotenhuis, chairman of the Heritage Board, discussed the current draft concept for the Heritage Village's new site at Tower Fields, including a planned new museum and welcome building, a town area, a farm area, and a children's play area. Volunteers have already begun to move some artifacts in preparation for the move that will begin this fall, after the Harvest Festival at the village. Mayor Krahlung commended the volunteers for their commitment and effort for this community amenity.

The city manager then shared updated concept plans for the proposed indoor turf facility. The report included the layout of the facility and the head end building that will be attached to the dome and serve as an entrance to the facility, as well as a variety of field uses. The city council received the reports for information.

The assistant city manager gave a report on potential funding sources for the turf facility which includes a Community Attraction and Tourism Grant (CAT Grant). As part of the grant application process, a resolution is necessary to indicate city council support of the project. It was moved by Councilman Moerman and supported by Councilman Van Ravenswaay to approve **RESOLUTION**

**NO. SC-R-33-21, A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF THE COMMUNITY ATTRACTION AND TOURISM (CAT) GRANT FOR THE SIOUX CENTER ATHLETIC DOME.** Upon roll call vote the vote was as follows: 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 and All Seasons Center Director, Dave Egdorf, reported on recent discussions regarding changing the Recreation Coordinator position to a full-time position. The city now has the opportunities to utilize Sioux Center Community Schools' gym and other indoor facility space. This will provide for a wide array of additional youth and adult recreation services for the community throughout the year. After review of the job description, it was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Vander Berg to approve a full-time Recreation Coordinator position. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

The city manager reported that a public hearing was scheduled for this time to consider the urban renewal plan and utilization of tax increment financing for projects and improvements around the community. 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 Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilman Van Ravenswaay to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-34-21, A RESOLUTION DETERMINING AN AREA OF THE CITY TO BE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BLIGHTED AREA, AND THAT THE REHABILITATION, CONSERVATION, REDEVELOPMENT, DEVELOPMENT, OR A COMBINATION THEREOF, OF SUCH AREA IS NECESSARY IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY; DESIGNATING SUCH AREA AS APPROPRIATE FOR URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS; AND ADOPTING AMENDMENT NO. 8 TO THE SIOUX CENTER UNIFIED URBAN RENEWAL PLAN IN THE CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, STATE OF IOWA.** Upon roll call vote the vote was as follows: 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 utilities manager submitted a recommendation to purchase two new pickups in accordance with the city's Vehicle Purchase Policy. It was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Vander Berg to authorize the purchase of two new pickups for the Water and Electric departments, and to dispose of the old pickups. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

The city manager and Police Chief, Mike Halma submitted a recommendation to purchase a new police vehicle, replacing a 2018 Ford Explorer. It was moved by Councilman Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilman Moerman to approve the purchase of a new police vehicle. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

The Assistant Utilities Manager, Adam Fedders submitted bids received for the purchase of a new payloader. Three bids were received with Titan Machinery submitting the low bid. It moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Vander Berg to authorize the purchase of a new 2021 Case 721G payloader in the amount of \$193,800. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

In other business, the council:

- Heard a staff report on the Sioux Center mobile app, which will be launching to the public in early August, giving residents quick access to City and utility information, including their utility account, garbage, recycling and trails maps, a community-wide calendar, and other community information.
- Heard a report on the status of the Meadow Creek detention pond.
- Heard that a public hearing is anticipated regarding the sale of land for the Windsong residential area.
- Heard an update on the City's grant application for a rec trail extension.
- Heard a report from the utilities manager on capacity on Northern Natural Gas and limiting customers switching from interruptible to firm.
- Noted upcoming meeting dates: Aug. 12, Aug. 30, and Sept. 20, all at 4 p.m. at the City Office.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

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David Krahling, Mayor

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