

**August 3, 2022**

The city council of the City of Sioux Center met on the above date in a regular session at 12:00 p.m. in the city offices. Members present were Mayor David Kraehling and the following councilmembers: John Brantsen, Eric Moerman, Dale Vander Berg, Jenn Vermeer, Randy Vreugdenhil. Staff present: Scott Wynja, Murray Hulstein, Darryl Ten Pas, Dennis Dokter, Adam Fedders, Harlan Kruid, Brian Van Engen, Maggie Landegent.

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 July 11, 2022, bills and a liquor license renewal for South Ridge Travel Plaza. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Moerman to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Kraehling declared the motion approved.

City Manager Scott Wynja reported that at the previous meeting, Sioux Center Christian School Head of School Josh Bowar and Board President Greg Van Dyk presented about a planned \$14 million expansion of the school and requested consideration of an economic development agreement for the project. Wynja noted the planned creation of jobs and investment and impact in the community. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Brantsen to approve creation of an economic development agreement including \$750,000 over five years from utility funds, contingent upon the project being completed as planned. Upon voice vote, the councilmembers voted as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Abstain: Vander Berg. Whereupon Mayor Kraehling declared the motion approved.

The city manager shared that at the last meeting, the council had tabled action on the bid received for the 16<sup>th</sup> Street/1<sup>st</sup> Avenue reconstruction project, which came in significantly over the engineer's estimate. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Moerman to take from the table consideration of the bid from Vander Pol Excavating for this project. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Kraehling declared the motion approved. It was then moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Moerman to reject that bid. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Kraehling declared the motion approved.

The city manager reported that a public hearing had been set for the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for a reconstruction rebid of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street/1<sup>st</sup> Avenue intersection, with the project being modified to include only the intersection. 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 Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Brantsen to approve the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 16<sup>th</sup> Street/1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW intersection reconstruction. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Kraehling declared the motion approved. Assistant Utilities Manager Adam Fedders then reviewed three bids received for the intersection project, with the lowest being Hulstein Excavating, of Edgerton, MN. It was moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Brantsen to accept the low bid from Hulstein Excavating of \$359,297.15. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Kraehling declared the motion approved.

Water Department Head Harlan Kruid and Utilities Manager Murray Hulstein presented an update on the water system. They reported that the replacement Well 14 has begun pumping and will reach full operation in about a month, and that the community has responded well to the Water Warning, which went into effect July 1. Even with these measures, they recommended that to sustain water services and fire protection, the council continue the Water Warning, as set out in the City Code of Ordinances. The council discussed allowing new seeding and sodding of construction areas so they can be established and to prevent erosion. It was moved by Councilmember Moerman and supported by Councilmember Vreugdenhil to allow new grass seeding and related watering this fall as an exception to the ongoing

Water Warning established in **SC-O-03-22**, provided that seeding or sodding is an area of construction project and that the water department is notified and has assented to the property to be seeded, with a sunset date to this exception of Nov. 1, 2022. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahling declared the motion approved.

The city manager reported that an official recommendation for the building code official had not yet been made.

The utilities manager reported that the agenda item regarding a natural gas service agreement was not yet ready for council consideration.

In other business the council:

- received an invitation from the utilities manager for a ribbon cutting at the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System water tower at Beresford, set for Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 11 a.m.
- reviewed upcoming council meetings, including Aug. 22 at 4 p.m. and Sept. 15 at 4 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

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David Krahling, Mayor

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