

September 11, 2023

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 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, Brian Van Engen, Maggie Landegent, Ezra Weikert, Joel Gonzalez.

Opportunity was given for public input/communication. The Utilities Manager Murray Hulstein reported a DNR violation and invited the councilmembers to the MRES Policy Makers Dinner on Sept. 25. Councilmember Brantsen shared public comments he has received regarding the painted stop bars at B-40 and 13th Ave. E. The Finance Director Darryl Ten Pas submitted the consent agenda consisting of minutes of August 21, 2023, bills, and finance reports. 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 utilities manager introduced Dennis Haselhoff and Travis Zipf of DGR Engineering to give a report on an Electric Generating Facility Feasibility Study. The council received the report for information.

The Assistant City Manager Dennis Dokter reported that a public hearing was scheduled for the council to consider vacating a utility easement between two lots in the Den Herder Development South, 1st Addition for a Peoples Bank addition. 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 Moerman and supported by Councilmember Vreugdenhil to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-38-23, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, FOR DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN EASEMENT RIGHTS BY QUIT CLAIM DEED.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Abstain: Vander Berg. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The assistant city manager reported that representatives of Sioux Center Land Development have requested the city council consider vacating certain utility easements in the South Ridge Estates Commercial Park to accommodate new development and the city needs to hold a public hearing before considering disposal of the easement rights. It was moved by Councilmember Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilmember Brantsen to set a public hearing for the Oct. 2 council meeting to consider the disposal of certain easement rights by quit claim deed. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The assistant city manager reported that the Ridge Golf Board has made arrangements to exchange a small parcel of land with an adjacent property owner to provide land needed by the Ridge Golf Course to create some additional parking spaces, and as the owner of the course property, the city will need to approve the land exchange/disposal after holding a public hearing. It was moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Vermeer to set a public hearing for the Oct. 2 council meeting to consider the disposal/exchange of certain property. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Communications Coordinator, Maggie Landegent reported that Public Power & Natural Gas Week is set for Oct. 1-7, 2023, and proposed a resolution to recognize the value and impact of community-owned utilities in Sioux Center. It was moved by Councilmember Brantsen and supported by Councilmember Vander Berg to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-39-23, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, FOR DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN EASEMENT RIGHTS BY QUIT CLAIM DEED.** Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Brantsen, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vermeer, Vreugdenhil. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The finance director reported that staff has been working with software provider Tyler Technologies to plan for a software transition to allow the city to process data better and provide ways to serve and stay connected to utility customers and residents. It was moved by Councilmember Moerman and supported by Councilmember Vermeer to authorize staff to sign the agreements with Tyler Technologies for software upgrades. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The City Manager Scott Wynja reported that city leases city-owned property to renters on a year-to-year basis, and he shared recent rent and the proposed rent for 2024 for these properties, recommending an increase of approximately \$10 per acre on most schedules. It was moved by Councilmember Vander Berg and supported by Councilmember Brantsen to approve cash farm rent and tenants for the 2024 year in accordance with the proposed Farm Rent Schedule. Upon voice vote, all the councilmembers voted Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.

In other business the council noted that future council meetings are set for Oct. 2, Oct. 23, and Nov. 13 all at 4 p.m. at the City Office.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

David Krahl, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Scott Wynja, City Clerk