

## September 20, 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: Dale Den Herder, Eric Moerman, Dale Vander Berg, Jamie Van Ravenswaay, Randy Vreugdenhil. Staff present: Scott Wynja, Murray Hulstein, Dennis Dokter, Adam Fedders, Darryl Ten Pas, Josh Dorhout, Maggie Landegent.

The City Manager, Scott Wynja, reported that, due to timing, immediate council action was needed to complete a trails grant application. It was moved by Councilman Van Ravenswaay and supported by Councilman Den Herder to amend the council agenda to add a resolution of support for the grant application. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the motion approved.

Opportunity was given for public input/communication. Councilman Vander Berg shared that he visited the Harvest Festival at Heritage Village and noted that the council should continue to support the efforts through the move of Heritage Village to encourage that event to continue. Several council members noted they also appreciated the Harvest Festival. Mayor Krahlung reported that three individuals had filed for election for the three open city council seats: Jennifer Vermeer, John Brantsen, and incumbent Councilman Vreugdenhil. The mayor also voiced his gratitude to outgoing Councilmen Den Herder and Van Ravenswaay for their time on the council and contributions to the community, Den Herder for 52 years and Van Ravenswaay for 12 years.

The Finance Director, Darryl Ten Pas submitted the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of August 30, 2021, bills, finance reports, and liquor license renewals for South Ridge Travel Plaza and MJ's for council consideration. It was moved by Councilman Vreugdenhil and supported by Councilman Moerman to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Upon voice vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Vander Berg, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Abstain: Van Ravenswaay. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the motion approved.

The City Manager, Scott Wynja introduced Erik Hoekstra, president of Dordt University, and John Baas, vice president for advancement of Dordt, who shared a report on the university's new capital campaign, noting that the university brings 60% of its students from outside Iowa, creates 300 full-time equivalent jobs, and has a payroll of \$17 million, impacting the Sioux Center community. The council received the report for information and will consider a request to contribute to the campaign.

The finance director submitted a resolution authorizing the City Clerk to destroy old records according to the Iowa League of Cities policy manual for disposal of city records. It was moved by Councilman Moerman and supported by Councilman Van Ravenswaay to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-38-21, DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION – CITY OF SIOUX CENTER**. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Vander Berg, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the resolution approved. (A copy of the resolution does hereby become a part of these minutes.)

The Communications Coordinator, Maggie Landegent, reported that Sioux Center Municipal Utilities contribute substantially to the well-being of the community through efficient use of resources, local decision-making, local customer service and employees, environmental stewardship, safety, and economic development, noting that communities across the nation are marking Public Power & Natural Gas Week Oct. 3-9. It was moved by Councilman Vander Berg and supported by Councilman Vreugdenhil to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-39-21, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED CITY OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, JOINING WITH OTHER LOCAL PUBLICLY-OWNED UTILITY COMMUNITIES IN ESTABLISHING OCTOBER 3-9 AS PUBLIC POWER AND NATURAL GAS WEEK**. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Vander Berg, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the resolution approved. (A copy of the resolution does hereby become a part of these minutes.)

The city manager reported that the Ahlers and Cooney Law Firm has been assisting the city in regard to financing and bonding for General Obligation Urban Renewal Capital Loan Notes, and to proceed and complete the legal work on these bonds, they have requested approval of a proposed engagement letter for services. It was moved by Councilman Vander Berg and supported by Councilman Vreugdenhil to authorize staff to enter into an agreement to use Ahlers and Cooney Law Firm as bond counsel for this financing of the \$2,000,000 GO bond. Upon voice vote, all the councilmen voted Aye. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the motion approved.

The city manager and finance director submitted a resolution regarding the purchase of the GO bond to fund a portion of the Highway 75 enhancement project. It was moved by Councilman Vreugdenhil and Supported by Councilman Van Ravenswaay to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-40-21, A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE \$2,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION URBAN RENEWAL CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2021**. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Vander Berg, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the resolution approved. (A copy of the resolution does hereby become a part of these minutes.)

The city manager shared he would like the city to apply for federal recreation trail grant dollars to help build about 1.5 miles of recreation trail along 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 20<sup>th</sup> Street Southeast, and the application process requires council support and a local funding match. It was moved by Councilman Vander Berg and supported by Councilman Moerman to approve **RESOLUTION NO. SC-R-41-21, A RESOLUTION TO OFFICIALLY ENDORSE THE APPLICATION FOR TRAIL FUNDING THROUGH THE FEDERAL RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM**. Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Den Herder, Moerman, Vander Berg, Van Ravenswaay, Vreugdenhil. Nays: none. Whereupon Mayor Krahlung declared the resolution approved. (A copy of the resolution does hereby become a part of these minutes.)

In other business, the council:

- Discussed online response to the Highway 75 concept video.

- Discussed future city council meetings: October 11 at 12 noon and October 27 at 4 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

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David Krahlmg, Mayor

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