

Sutherland, Iowa City Council Meeting – August 7, 2017 – 7:00 PM – 110 Ash Street – Meeting Room

Mayor Elizabeth Peters called the council meeting to order. Roll call showed council members present were: Jack Wallinga, Jill Jurgensen and Joe Sweeney. Steve Koch and Bruce Engelke were absent. Others present were: George Kersten, Margaret Dau, Kiana Johnson, Dan Wetherell, Bill & Bonnie Burns, Bonnie Wallinga, Steve Wetherell, Connie Cody, Mari Radtke, Mark Shriver, Corey Zimmer and Officer Jami Webster.

A motion was made by Sweeney seconded by Jurgensen to approve the agenda, previous minutes and clerk's report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

George Kersten owns the Ash Street Apartments. Mr. Kersten wanted to know about putting a storage unit behind the apartments. He stated that it would be open to the public and not just the renters of the apartment buildings. The property would have to have the zoning changed to commercial for him to place the storage units in that location. The units would have their backs to the north and the doors to the south. Council will revisit this at the September meeting.

Steve Wetherell asked council why his pickup was towed. He presented his side of the situation and Officer Webster presented her side to council. Officer Webster also quoted Code of Iowa on abandoned vehicles and the actions that should have been taken by Mr. Wetherell to prevent the vehicle from being towed. Mayor Peters stated that council would look at this again at the September meeting.

A motion was made by Sweeney seconded by Jurgensen to pay the bills except the Town & Country additional billing. Roll call: Ayes – Jack Wallinga, Jill Jurgensen and Joe Sweeney. Steve Koch and Bruce Engelke were absent. Motion carried.

Kiana Johnson provided the council with an update on what the O'Brien County Economic Board has been doing. Mayor Peters addressed the city's Economic Development Board with her concerns regarding the city's taking over the Innes Building.

Library Report was given by Dan Wetherell. The library will be open for Labor Day. Jurgensen thanked Dan for working with NCC. Mayor Peters thanked Dan for the work he did for Ragbrai. The Library Board updated their by-laws, City will review and have on September agenda. Dan then read a statement from the Library Board regarding the city's handling of the Library funds. Council agreed to allow them to amend their budget if they pay for the budget amendment costs.

Fire and Ambulance Report was given by Chief Mark Shriver. Ragbrai went well, it was a very positive experience. The Legion gave the fire department all of the bingo equipment they had. They will be opening bids for the old rescue on August 8th and have reserved the right to refuse any and all bids if they are less than they hoped to get.

Police Report was presented by Officer Jami Webster. Officer Webster asked permission to take the car to Des Moines to see what equipment may be compatible with a newer vehicle. She is just attempting to get information together so that she has a better idea of what would have to be replaced when a newer vehicle is purchased. Council approved Officer Webster's request to seek information as to what equipment would work for a newer model vehicle.

Communications and topics for discussion:

The Town & Country contract could not be discussed due to Brad Beyenhof's absence. The city will continue to pay the previous contract price until a new contract can be established.

A motion was made by Jurgensen seconded by Wallinga to set the date and time for the September Council meeting to Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sweeney seconded by Wallinga to approve the closing of First Street from Ash St to Pine Street for the Burn out contest on Sunday, September 3rd from 10am to 2 pm., approve street closures for street dances September 2nd & September 3rd, to approve Main Street between First & Second Street closing at noon on both days and to allow street lights shut off on Main Street between First & Second Streets during the street dances. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Wallinga seconded by Sweeney to approve renewing the liquor license for Car-Go Express. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Wallinga seconded by Jurgensen to approve a temporary outdoor liquor license for Sweeney's Clubhouse for Labor Day Weekend. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sweeney seconded by Jurgensen to approve a temporary outdoor liquor license for Mugshots for Labor Day Weekend. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jurgensen seconded by Wallinga to approve Resolution 2017-08 for the Street Financial Report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Town Property – Clerk should call the renter that is creating the issue at the bus barns.

Park – A motion was made by Jurgensen seconded by Sweeney to approve Drew & Kay Gifford and Rachel Smith to the park board. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Weeds and Debris – Barn demo has been given until August 15th to clean it up.

A motion was made by Jurgensen seconded by Wallinga to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

_____ Mayor Elizabeth Peters

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