

Sutherland, Iowa City Council Meeting – October 2, 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: Steve Koch, Jack Wallinga, Jill Jurgensen, Bruce Engelke and Joe Sweeney. Others present were: Dan Wetherell, Steve Wetherell, Jo Homan, Denny Fogelman, Mari Radtke, Mark Shriver, Corey Zimmer and Officer Jami Webster.

A motion was made by Wallinga seconded by Jurgensen to approve the agenda, previous minutes and clerk reports. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jurgensen seconded by Wallinga to pay the bills. Roll call: Ayes – Jack Wallinga, Jill Jurgensen, Bruce Engelke, Joe Sweeney and Steve Koch. Motion carried.

The Economic Development report was given by Jo Homan.

Library Report was given by Dan Wetherell. On October 30th the Library and Ruritan are hosting a candidate forum at the fire station so residents can meet and ask the candidates questions.

Fire and Ambulance Report was given by Mark Shriver.

Police Report was presented by Officer Jami Webster. Kid's 911 safety event at the Library on October 28th, pizza will be served and Halloween goodie bags handed out.

Communications and topics for discussion:

Mayor Peters read the city's ordinances concerning snow and ice removal to remind citizens of their responsibilities this winter. She shared her concerns with citizens being forced to walk on the roadways due to unclean sidewalks.

Council reviewed the county's ATV ordinance and suggested the city ordinance be changed to be more similar to the county's ordinance. A revised ordinance with the suggested changes will be available at the November council meeting.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Jurgensen to allow Jami a smartphone and to update Corey's cell. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Council reviewed Steve Wetherell's request to be reimbursed for his towing bill. A motion was made by Koch seconded by Engelke that the city would not reimburse Steve Wetherell for the towing bill. Roll call showed: Ayes: Bruce Engelke, Joe Sweeney, Steve Koch; Nays: Jill Jurgensen, Jack Wallinga. Motion carried.

The Ash Street Apartments storage unit was discussed. Since no building permit or plans have been submitted, council decided that no further discussion is needed.

A motion was made by Koch seconded by Sweeney to approve the Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2016-2017. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sweeney seconded by Jurgensen to approve the Urban Renewal Report for fiscal year 2016-2017. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water – Obtain some estimates for the towner that will be reviewed at the city's budget workshop in January.
Streets – There is a drainage issue at the corner of Second and Pine Streets at both the north and south sides of the intersection. Council advised Corey to obtain bids to repair.

Park – Garbage is being left all over the park, it is constantly a mess.

Weeds and Debris – Fourth and Pine St – November 19th is the date to have property cleaned up. Discussed the Pine St bait shop, council advised Jami to contact the DNR as they are most likely not licensed. Birch and Beech St property, start issuing fines.

Lights – Light on the corner of Third and Main is going on and off again. Lights at Fourth and Linn and on Mason St have both been reported.

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

_____ Mayor Elizabeth Peters

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