

Sutherland, Iowa City Council Meeting – November 6, 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: Neomia Foley, Margaret Dau, Mari Radtke, Gary “Bud” Tunink, Jim & Colleen Johnson, Nancy Hill, Kay Gifford, Becca Webster, Cali Muilenburg, Dan Wetherell, Mike & Sharon Flinders, Mark Shriver, Corey Zimmer and Officer Jami Webster.

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

Officer Webster left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Gary “Bud” Tunink’s water meter was defective and he requested a credit for the overbilling that resulted. Corey confirmed the meter was defective. Clerk gave the council the average usage/billing for the household. A motion was made by Sweeney seconded by Engelke to credit Tunink’s account for \$60.00, with the credit to be payable during the next billing cycle. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Colleen Johnson discussed the Community Fund Board with council. She asked for a copy of the minutes from the 2014 board. She went on to say that this is a very important group and it needs to be reestablished. Jurgensen thought this is something the new council in January should address. Everyone agreed that the Community Fund Board needs to be revamped and a new board established.

Officer Webster returned to the meeting room at 7:19 p.m.

Fire Chief Mark Shriver arrived at 7:22 p.m.

A motion was made by Koch 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 Jim Johnson. They are working on grants for the asbestos removal and then will work on demolition grants. Asked council if they would be willing to give the lot away or if it will be sold for future development. They need this information not only for the grants but for any potential company that may want to build on the lot. Council discussed that there are a lot of unknowns so it makes it hard for them to answer. Mayor Peters and Jim Johnson will work on getting a meeting with Klinker to discuss the options and legalities. Council will revisit this in December.

Library Report was given by Dan Wetherell. They have had one person resign from the board and hope to have a replacement name for council to approve in January. Dan also highlighted a few more events the library will have before the end of the year.

Fire and Ambulance Report was given by Chief Mark Shriver. Assistant Chief Tony Larsen passed his state test and is now an EMT, the other 5 have all passed their practicals and have 2 years to take the state test. Thomas Nelson was voted in as a new junior member.

Police Report was presented by Officer Jami Webster. The 911 class was very well attended and she gave out Halloween safety bags at the Church of Christ on Halloween night. Webster also stated that she can now order the camera for the car.

Communications and topics for discussion:

A motion was made by Jurgensen seconded by Walling to approve Main Market’s liquor license renewal. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Jurgensen to approve Sweeney's Clubhouse liquor license renewal.

Ordinance 2017-006 to repeal and re-adopt Chapter 75 of the Sutherland Code of Ordinances was discussed. A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Koch to approve Ordinance 2017-006 repealing and re-adopting Chapter 75. Roll call: Ayes – Jill Jurgensen, Bruce Engelke, Joe Sweeney, Steve Koch and Jack Wallinga. Motion carried. The second reading will take place at the December meeting.

Two accounts claimed to have placed a payment in the drop box that were not received by the city. One of the account holders wants the late fee refunded to them. There was no communication with the customer after second notices were sent, city only heard from them after a disconnect notice was posted. The Clerk stated that she had collected a total of 161 payments from the drop box between 10/09/2017 and 10/12/2017. It is not possible to reach into the drop box and get to the payments at the bottom of the box. Council discussed that it is the responsibility to the customer to make sure their payment is in on time and stated that there is no reason for a camera to be placed on the drop box at this time. No refunds of late fees will be given.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water – working on getting bids for the tower repainting.

Streets – waiting on bids for the corners of Pine and Second St.

Town Property – Corey had Titan repair the tractor but does not have a bill yet and does not know what all they fixed, however the gas gauge is now broken and it still needs a new cutting edge for the bucket.

Park – The Stamer sign needs rock or gravel put in the stones so that they don't get knocked over if snow is pushed up against the sign.

Weeds and Debris – Officer Webster has a list of properties she needs to discuss with the committee.

Lights – Second light from the corner of First and Pine on the east side is going on and off.

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

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