

Sutherland, Iowa City Council Meeting – February 5, 2018 – 7:00 PM – 110 Ash Street – Meeting Room

Mayor Kay Gifford called the council meeting to order. Roll call showed council members present were: Bruce Engelke, Johanna Homan, Jack Wallinga, Dennis Templer and Steve Koch. Others present were: Christina Webster, Rebecca Webster, Tony Larsen, Neomia Foley, Margaret Dau, Joe Sweeney, Mike & Sharon Flinders, Corey Zimmer and Officer Jami Webster.

A motion was made by Templer seconded by Homan to approve the agenda, previous minutes and clerks report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Koch seconded by Engelke to pay the bills. Roll call: Ayes – Johanna Homan, Jack Wallinga, Dennis Templer, Steve Koch and Bruce Engelke. Motion carried.

Economic Development report was given by Sharon Flinders. They have been working on grants for the Innes building. Steve Loshman is interested in building a pod of grain bin houses for his summer help in the Industrial Park. Questions were asked about zoning and if it could be changed to allow these to be built. Zoning Board will have to meet and bring a recommendation to the council, it is requested that they bring their recommendation to the March Council meeting.

The Library Report was given by Dan Wetherell. Council questioned why an out of town electrician was used and if the State Inspection was done.

The Fire and Ambulance report was given by Assistant Fire Chief Tony Larsen. Sutherland is hosting the O'Brien County Fireman's Association meeting on February 13th and a Hazmat Operations Refresher on February 19th. At their elections, the following people were voted in Mark Shriver as Fire Chief, Tony Larsen as Assistant Fire Chief, Rebecca Webster as Ambulance Director, and Angie Schueder as Secretary. A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Homan to approve the elected officers. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Police Report was given by Officer Webster. She has been working on grant applications for equipment for a new police vehicle. The City will need to purchase a new cage, lights and console for sure. Officer Webster has contacted a few dealers to obtain quotes for a new vehicle for the department.

Communications and topics for discussion:

A motion was made by Koch seconded by Wallinga to approve Resolution 2018-06 to appoint city attorney. Roll call: Ayes – Bruce Engelke, Johanna Homan, Steve Koch, Dennis Templer and Jack Wallinga. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Wallinga seconded by Homan to approve Mugshots Liquor License renewal. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Templer to set the date and time for the Public Hearing for Budget 2018-2019 as March 5th at 7 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Koch seconded by Homan to approve Resolution 2018-07 and Agreement to update the Employee Handbook. Roll call: Ayes – Jack Wallinga, Dennis Templer, Steve Koch, Bruce Engelke and Johanna Homan. Motion carried.

Garry Lange notified the City in writing that he is cancelling his lease. The City will accept bids for the leasing of the pasture ground, bids will be opened at the March 5th council meeting and immediate possession will be given.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water – purchased 1.789 million gallons.

Streets – broken hydraulic line on the snow plow.

Sanitation (sewer) – 3.3 million gallons to the ponds. Issue on Main St., still working to determine if the issue is the homeowner or the City main. The manhole at the corner of Main and Third St will need to be redone.

Corey asked for council’s permission to have the cameras run 100 ft. in all four directions from this manhole to determine where sand is coming from that is accumulating in the manhole.

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

_____ Mayor Kay Gifford

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