

Sutherland, Iowa City Council Meeting – January 7, 2019 – 7:00 PM – 110 Ash Street – Meeting Room

Mayor Kay Gifford called the council meeting to order. Roll call showed council members present were: Dennis Templer, Steve Koch, Bruce Engelke, Jack Wallinga, and Johanna Homan. Others present were: Mike & Sharon Flinders, Tony Larsen, Joe Sweeney, Nancy Hill, Neomi Foley, Mark Shriver, Mark & Niki Thompson, Trevor Hansen - from Town and Country, Corey Zimmer and Amanda Vanderhoff. Officer Jami Webster arrived at 7:05.

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

Trevor Hansen from Town and Country Disposal discussed the proposal of switching the City of Sutherland from the bag recycling to automated 95 gallon recycling bins. The bins would be similar to our current blue garbage cans. This service will cost an additional \$2.00 per month per residence. The new service has been well received by other communities and has encouraged more recycling. Council will discuss next month and is asking for community input.

Council reviewed and asked a few questions on the bills. A motion was made by Engelke and seconded by Homan. Roll call: Ayes – Homan, Wallinga, Engelke, Koch and Templer. Motion carried.

Economic Development did not meet in December so there is no report.

Koch opened the sealed bids for the farm ground in the Industrial Park. A total of 3 bids were received. Walter Kummerfeld's bid was \$232.00 per acre. Greg Swanson had a total bid of \$6060/est. \$285.17 per acre. Ryan Rahbusch's bid \$235 per acre. A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Homan to accept Greg Swanson's bid of \$6060. Roll call: Templer, Koch, Engelke, Wallinga, and Homan. Motion carried

Library Report was given by Nancy Hill. Nancy gave the library statistics and events that were held during December including Sutherland Hometown Christmas. Some upcoming events in January are Charlene Elyea from the Heritage Center will give a presentation on the "Color Chaos". She will present a 3 month winter series at 4:00 starting on the 10th. Joe Sweeney will give a presentation on the Wittrock Village, Wednesday the 9th at 5:00.

Fire and Ambulance Report was given by Chief Mark Shriver. They did not have a meeting last month. There was 1 fire alarm and it was a false alarm. The 3 air bags the Department had ordered have arrived. With the carwash closed, Rich Rausch is going to let the Fire and Ambulance Departments use the wash out to wash their vehicles. They will keep time and he will bill the city. Jared Johnson from O'Brien County Emergency Management and Calumet will contact the Mayor and Council about Sutherland Department and Calumet Department going into a mutual aid agreement. The Legion will be hosting a soup supper for the Fire/Ambulance Department on the regularly scheduled meeting in February. They received another donation from the Selk Trust and a donation from Gary and Maureen Kruse. The Ambulance crew will be covering the east side of Paullina during the day until Paullina can find an EMT.

Police Report was given by Officer Jami Webster. Officer Webster read through her December police report, talked about an update to her radio system, and the training for her new software.

Communications and topics for discussion:

A motion was made by Templer, seconded by Engelke to schedule the budget workshop for January 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke, seconded by Wallinga to appoint Jamie Sickelka to the Community Fund Board. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Koch seconded by Homan to accept Resolution 2019-01 “Resolution Naming City Depositories”. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Koch seconded by Homan to approve Resolution 2019-02 “Resolution adopting Investment Policy”. Roll call: Ayes - Templer, Koch, Engelke, Wallinga, and Homan. Motion carried

A motion was made by Homan seconded by Templer to approve Resolution 2019-03 “Resolution authorizing the City Clerk and Mayor to pay certain claims prior to Council approval” with the addition of up to \$2,500. Roll call: Ayes: Templer, Koch, Engelke, Wallinga, and Homan. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Wallinga seconded by Engelke to approve Resolution 2019-04 approving Northwest Iowa Review as the official publication for the City of Sutherland. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Appraisal of the pump house was given to the council. Selling of the pump house was discussed. Decision to sell was put on hold to get concerns from current tenant and time for the clerk to answers questions council brought up.

Mayor Kay Gifford discussed a letter that was received from FEMA. The letter stated that FEMA and the DNR are working on a flood mapping project in O’Brien County. The Mayor had a conversation with Scott Ralston from the DNR and will be going to a meeting FEMA and DNR will be holding at a future date.

Clerk received a call to see if the city was interested in selling the bus barn. Council showed no interest. Clerk will let the caller know.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water – purchased 1.75 million gallons.

Streets – no report.

Sanitation (sewer) – 7.5 million gallons to the ponds. Question was brought up on the hole behind the old Innes building.

Park – Roof at the shelter house is almost complete.

Weeds and Debris –Jami and Klinker are continuing to work on the municipal infractions.

Lights – A different sensor was installed at the light in park. Corey was asked to make sure the light turns off at night.

Sanitary Service (garbage) – Corey has been picking up Christmas trees left at the street and taking them to the tree dump for residents.

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

_____ Mayor Kay Gifford

_____ Amanda Vanderhoff City Clerk