

Sutherland, Iowa City Council Meeting – April 1, 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: Jack Wallinga, Johanna Homan, Dennis Templer, Steve Koch, and Bruce Engelke. Others present were: Dennis Fogelman, Mark Shriver, Connie Cody, Mari Radtke, David Mills, Gina Kiehn, Joe Sweeney, Sharon Flinders, Mike Flinders, Officer Jami Webster, Corey Zimmer, and Amanda Vanderhoff.

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

Mayor Gifford called on guest David Mills. David expressed concern on the sidewalk ordinance that refers to keeping the sidewalks cleared after a snowfall. He was informed the City was receiving multiple complaints of sidewalks not being cleared and that's why the post was made reminding citizens of the ordinance. David also wanted to know what decides who has a sidewalk and who doesn't. Council couldn't recall what the ordinance states. The clerk will look into this. David also asks Officer Webster if she would be willing to make sure his business door is locked when she is on patrol.

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

Economic Development report was given by Sharon Flinders. Innes building final report was sent out in March. Spruce up Sutherland letters were sent out on the 7th of March. Deadline for applications is April 15th. May 14th is the tentative date set for a community meeting for Marketing Hometown America.

The Library Report was given by Connie Cody. Connie read through the Director's Report. An upcoming event for April is the Commercial Club Easter Egg Hunt on the 20th at 2:00 pm. A motion was made by Koch seconded by Templer to approve the fiscal sponsorship agreement for the O'Brien County Community Foundation Grant. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Fire and Ambulance report was given by Chief Mark Shriver. They received 8 ambulance calls last month. Chief Shriver explained the accountability tags that were purchased in March are for keeping track of volunteers entering and leaving a structure. New batteries were needed for the pickup. The Fire Dept will be giving fire truck rides on April 20th for the Commercial Club Easter Egg Hunt. Thursday, April 11th is the date for the Fireman's Bingo, they will be going around Monday, April 8th selling tickets. Chief Shriver demonstrated the SCBA's and explained the new composite tank that the Fire Dept will be getting this summer. A motion was made by Koch seconded by Homan to approve the fiscal sponsorship agreement for the O'Brien County Community Foundation Grant. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Police Report was given by Officer Webster. Officer Webster read through her police report.

Communications and topics for discussion:

A bid for \$7,000 from Mills Construction was opened for the Pump House roof repair. Council will approve the bid if the project still needs to be completed.

Council received 1 bid for the City Pasture ground from Anne Hellmann for \$150.00 per year for the next 3 years. A motion was made by Koch seconded by Engelke. Roll call: Ayes – Wallinga, Homan, Templer, Koch and Engelke. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Wallinga seconded by Engelke to approve the posting of City property for sale on the O'Brien County Economic Development website. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Gifford explained the FEMA remapping project. There will be a meeting announced in Primghar to appeal any of the remapping.

Council decided they was no reason to rescind Dennis Fogelman's appointment to the Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Wallinga to approve Resolution 2019-08: Authorize the City to Enter onto a Contract & Convey Real Estate & fix hearing date for April 15th, 2019. Roll call: Ayes – Wallinga, Homan, Templer, Koch and Engelke. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Koch seconded by Wallinga to approve Resolution 2019-09: Cashing of Economic Development CD # 26194 for the amount of \$63,603.51. Roll call: Ayes – Wallinga, Homan, Templer, Koch and Engelke. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Homan seconded by Engelke to set the public hearing for the amendment of the current budget for May 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Ayes – Wallinga, Homan, Templer, Koch and Engelke. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water – purchased 2.6 million gallons.

Streets – Corey has been putting rock down to repair potholes. Clerk was asked to look and see how much of the budget was set aside for road repairs. Corey will be purchasing new street signs and asked for help installing the signs. Corey and Council talked of the need for a specific truck route with signs.

Sanitation (sewer) – 9 million gallons to the ponds. Banks at the sewer ponds are eroding and need rock. Need to let for bids.

Town Property – Paint on the lower section of the water tower is chipping off. Maguire Iron has been notified.

Park – Tammy Sohn is the only one who applied for the Park Shelter Maintenance position. A motion was made by Bruce Engelke seconded by Steve Koch to approve her hiring. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Koch seconded by Bruce Engelke to approve the fiscal sponsorship agreement for the O'Brien County Community Foundation Grant. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Weeds and Debris – Nothing to report.

Lights – Light on the speed sign has been fixed.

Sanitary Landfill – HHM Trailer is here on April 26th from 2 to 4 p.m. at the City Shed. Clean-up day: April 27th – 8:00 am meet at City Shed, bring friends and family to help. All council and employees are asked to help. Sutherland Ruritan have been asked to help again. Chief Webster will be doing a prescription drop-off at the RL Johannsen Center April 27th from 12-2 pm.

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

Mayor Kay Gifford

Amanda Vanderhoff City Clerk