

Sutherland, Iowa City Council Meeting – September 3, 2019 – 7:10 PM – 110 Ash Street – Meeting Room

Mayor Kay Gifford called the council meeting to order. Roll call showed council members present were: Jack Wallinga, Dennis Templer, Steve Koch and Bruce Engelke. Johanna Homan was absent. Others present were: Rich Radke, Gina Kiehn, Cindy Barnes, Tasha Hill, Nancy Hill, Bonnie Wallinga, Kate Stewart, Mary Radke, Ron Kots, Mark Shriver, Neomie Foley, Regina and Alan Mills, Chief Jami Webster, Corey Zimmer, and Amanda Vanderhoff.

A motion was made by Koch, seconded by Templer to approve the agenda, previous minutes, and clerk's report. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Alan Mills was present as a guest to ask questions and express interest in the house at 515 Pine. Al would like to purchase the property from the City and demolish the house if the City does come to own the property.

Kate Stewart was present from the Iowa State Extension Office to see if the City has any interest in joining other communities in O'Brien County for a Nuisance Abatement Training. The training would be in a forum setting at the beginning of next year. Council would like to participate in this.

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

Sharon Flinders was not present to give the Economic Development report. Councilmember Steve Koch went over what was discussed at their last meeting. They talked about using the TIF fund to pay down the TIF debt, what upcoming projects they have, and Industrial Park's sunset in 2024. Next Thursday they are having an engineer come to look at Violet Street. Engelke made a motion, seconded by Wallinga to allow the use of the TIF Fund to pay down debt. Roll call: Ayes – Engelke, Koch, Templer and Wallinga. Homan was absent. Motion carried.

Library board members were present to give their recommendation on the roof bids. Koch made a motion, seconded by Wallinga to except the bid from Mill's Construction of \$16,000 to replace the Library Roof. Roll call: Ayes – Wallinga, Templer, Koch and Engelke. Homan was absent. Motion carried.

Engelke made a motion, seconded by Templer to approve a raise for Library Director Nancy Hill. Roll call: Ayes – Wallinga, Templer, Koch and Engelke. Homan was absent. Motion carried.

Library Report was given by Nancy Hill. Nancy listed the events and attendance they have had over the last month. Nancy Hill will be attending classes in September and will be certified by November 18, 2019. Also September 18th at 6:00 guest speaker Linda McCann will talk about POW camps in Iowa.

Fire and Ambulance Report was given by Chief Mark Shriver. They had 6 ambulance calls, 1 fire alarm and 2 fire calls in August. They purchased 6 new pagers and O'Brien County supplied them with 6 new radios with longer ranges.

Police Report was presented by Officer Jami Webster. Chief Webster will also be getting a new radio from the County. She read through her report and also mentioned she had a very busy weekend with Labor Day.

Communications and topics for discussion:

A motion was made by Engelke, seconded by Templer to approve Resolution 2019-17: Street Finance Report. Roll call: Ayes – Wallinga, Templer, Koch and Engelke. Homan was absent. Motion carried

A motion was made by Templer, seconded by Engelke to approve the liquor license for Car-Go Express. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Council discussed 28E agreement that the City has with Paullina. The City of Paullina is considering dropping the agreement or raising the fee they charge to patrol and be on call when Jami is off. The current fee is \$100 a day. A discussion was had on what options the City has, like splitting an officer with Paullina, hiring a part-time officer, or not having anyone on call. Council wants to know how many citations Paullina writes in Sutherland in a month, and if that money could go to the City. Mayor Gifford will talk to the City of Paullina and Chief Webster will find the needed information from the County.

The Council tabled the demolition on the Partridge house until they can find out more information from the DNR for a controlled burn and get some estimates for the demolition.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Wallinga to approve the snowmobile route of Waterman to First to Birch Streets for the Snowtrackers. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water: 2 million gallons in at tower

Streets: The Council was given the old bids for the street repairs. Blacktop Service would like to know by April if the City has any plans to do repairs.

Sanitation: 3.2 million gallons into the ponds

Town Property: A motion was made by Engelke, seconded by Templer to let for bids on the 1967 Chevy dump truck.

Park: The Council decided to not make a decision on any of the park roof bids.

Weed and Debris: Mayor Kay Gifford, Dennis Templer, and Johanna Homan went around town and made a list of municipal infraction houses. Bruce Engelke also mentioned all hanging branches over the roads and sidewalks.

Lights: No Report.

Sanitary Landfill – No Report.

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

_____ Mayor Kay Gifford

_____ Amanda Vanderhoff, City Clerk