

Sutherland, Iowa City Council Meeting – January 6, 2020 – 7:00 PM – 110 Ash Street – Meeting Room

Mayor Pro-Tem Chase Cox called the council meeting to order. Roll call showed council members present were: Patrick Nelson, Johanna Homan, Dennis Templer and Bruce Engelke. Mayor Kay Gifford was absent. Others present were: Mike & Sharon Flinders, Ron Kots, Connie Cody, Gina Kiehn, Donna Elsbury, Mark Shriver, Mary Radke, Nancy Hill, Neomi Foley, Steve and Wendy Koch, Jack and Bonnie Wallinga, Officer Jami Webster, Anthony Larsen, and Amanda Vanderhoff.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Homan to approve the agenda, previous minutes and clerk's report. Roll call: Ayes - Nelson, Homan, Templer, and Engelke. Motion carried.

Guest was not present.

No Public Comments.

Council reviewed and asked a few questions on the bills. A motion was made by Templer seconded by Homan to pay the bills. Roll call: Ayes - Nelson, Homan, Templer, and Engelke. Motion carried.

There was no report for Economic Development.

Library Report was given by Nancy Hill. Nancy gave the library statistics and events that were held during December. An upcoming event in January is "Who's Who, identifying animal footprints" presented by Charlene Elyea on January 9, 2020 at 4:00 pm. This will begin her 3 month library series. Nancy has completed the Children's section of automation and is now working on JF section. The Library has purchased a Lego table for the Children's Room and will be using the \$500.00 grant they received from the Community Fund for more updates to the room.

Fire and Ambulance Report was given by Chief Mark Shriver. There were 4 ambulance calls last month. The adjustment on the regulator used to fill up the SCBA's did not work, one of the valves might be damaged. At their next meeting they will discuss options and look into getting a used one. O'Brien County Board of Supervisor's approved the Sutherland Ambulance for \$15,000.00 for use to increase pay and purchase a new heart monitor starting July 1, 2020. This money will be reimbursed back to the Department after the expenses have been made. They also discussed replacing the ambulance in 4 years. The County puts away \$7,500.00 a year for the purchase of an ambulance. The Sutherland Ambulance currently has \$35,000.00 to use from the county.

Police Report was given by Officer Jami Webster. Officer Webster read through her December police report. Officer Webster's toy drive went over well, four families in town received toys and the rest went to Upper Des Moines. A question was asked on how the number of citations in 2019 compare to the last 2 years. Officer Webster had no data to compare.

Communications and topics for discussion:

Approve Resolution 2020-01 - "Resolution to appoint City Clerk". Roll Call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Templer, Cox, and Homan. Nays – 0. Motion passed.

Approve Resolution 2020-02 – "Resolution naming City Depositories". Roll Call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Templer, Cox, and Homan. Nays – 0. Motion passed.

Approve Resolution 2020-03 – "Resolution adopting Investment Policy". Roll Call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Templer, Cox, and Homan. Nays – 0. Motion passed.

Approve Resolution 2020-04 - "Resolution authorizing the City Clerk and Mayor to pay certain claims prior to Council approval". Roll Call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Templer, Cox, and Homan. Nays – 0. Motion passed.

Approve Resolution 2020-05 - "Resolution authorizing the Mayor, Mayor Pro-tem, and City Clerk to execute certain financial institution document". Roll Call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Templer, Cox, and Homan. Nays – 0. Motion passed.

Approve Resolution 2020-06 - "Resolution to appoint City Attorney". Roll Call: Ayes – 0. Nays: Engelke, Nelson, Templer, Cox, and Homan. Motion failed.

Approve Resolution 2020-07 - "Resolution setting the time and place for a public hearing for the purpose of considering the maximum tax dollars from certain levies for the City's proposed fiscal year 2020-2021 budget". Roll Call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Templer, Cox, and Homan. Nays – 0. Motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water – purchased 1,920,000 gallons.

Streets – Tony borrowed the generator and the air compressor from the Fire Department to patch some holes in the streets.

Sanitation (sewer) – 5,358,000 gallons to the ponds.

Town Property – Officer Webster will get reminders out for the sidewalk ordinances.

Park – Tony has been picking up fallen limbs at the park.

Weeds and Debris – Bill Klinker is working on municipal infractions.

Lights – Clerk will get ahold of MidAmerican to check the light at the water tower, check on installing a new street light on Waterman by the water tower, and taking down the Christmas decorations.

Sanitary Service (garbage) – Tony will pick up Christmas trees and take them to the tree dump for residents.

Mayor Pro-tem Cox reminded Council the next budget workshop is January 20, 2020 at 6:30 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