

Sutherland, Iowa City Council Meeting – March 2, 2020 – 7:00 PM – 110 Ash Street – Meeting Room

Mayor Kay Gifford called the Public Hearing for the 2020-2021 Budget to order. Roll call showed council members present were: Dennis Templer, Johanna Homan, Patrick Nelson, and Bruce Engelke. Chase Cox was absent. Others present were: Cindy Barnes, Connie Cody, Ron Kots, Rich Radke, Mike and Sharon Flinders, David Becker, Chief Jami Webster, Anthony Larsen, and Amanda Vanderhoff. There were no comments or questions during the public hearing. A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Homan to adjourn from the public hearing. Roll call: Templer, Homan, Nelson, and Engelke. Cox was absent. Motion carried.

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

Guest JJ Customs: Joel DeWeerd was not present. The Clerk explained to the Council that Joel wants to apply for his dealership license. The Clerk will send the required letter to the The Iowa Department of Transportation indicating that he is zoned properly for this license.

There were no public comments.

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

Economic Development did not hold a meeting in February.

Library report was given by Connie Cody. Connie read the statistics and events that were held in February. Some upcoming events for March: Winter Series Thursday, March 12th @ 4:30pm and Kid's Saturday – St. Patrick's Day read books, cookies and take a craft home - March 14th @ 10:30am. They will be hosting the Easter Bunny April 11th time TBD. Connie also mentioned they are signed up for the E-Rate program and have started receiving bids.

The Fire and Ambulance report was given by Fire Chief Mark Shriver. They had no fire calls and 19 ambulance calls in February. Mark picked up their new air pump compressor and it is in use with the new tanks. The Dept put holes in the old tanks so they are not able to be reused. The Dept wanted to thank the Legion Auxiliary for providing them with a soup supper for their February meeting. They will be having a training meeting in March for the Osceola Water plant. This will include all of O'Brien County and Peterson.

Police Report was given by Officer Jami Webster. Before she read her report Mayor Gifford asked Council and Clerk to agree it would be okay to include Weed and Debris into the Police Report. Officer Webster explained her report would include January and February details. After she concluded Mayor Gifford informed council she has been in touch with the City of Paullina concerning a new 28E agreement for law enforcement. In this agreement the communities would exchange 2 days a week unlike the previous agreement where Sutherland paid Paullina for 2 days of coverage. Mayor Gifford will give council an update when she hears back. Concern was given on the condition of some of the properties in town and the lack of action being taken on them. Mayor Gifford went over with Council the properties the City is working on with the lawyer. A discussion was then had on what needs to be done and what isn't being done on abandoned properties, unkempt properties, and if all properties with multi-vehicles have them registered, insured, and operable. Mayor Gifford suggested the Weed & Debris Committee go around town together and note the properties they think need to be addressed.

Communications and topics for discussion

A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Engelke to approve Resolution 2020-12 approving the budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. Roll call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Templer, and Homan. Absent – Cox. Motion carried.

Mayor Gifford announced as of now she has Anthony Larsen, Doug Sweeney, and Mike Flinders joining the Zoning Board. She will inform council on the remaining members at a later date. She also provided council with a brochure for the Planning and Zoning Workshop provided by Iowa State Extension. Mayor Gifford also expressed the need for a new zoning book and a better system for issuing building permits.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Homan to appoint Officer Jami Webster to represent the City of Sutherland for FEMA, 911, and EMA meetings. All in favor. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water – purchased 2,077,000 gallons. The Clerk provided Council with the past 2 years water usage numbers. The valve at the water tower is sticking. Rural water is lined up to fix it. The water leak on Pine Street has been repaired.

Streets – Anthony Larsen is continuing to patch the holes in the roads.

Sanitation (sewer) – 4,154,000 gallons to the ponds.

Town Property – No Report.

Park – Park Board will set up their next meeting soon. They will discuss the sidewalk brought up at the last council meeting and decide a park clean-up day.

Weeds and Debris – Discussed during the Police Report.

Lights – Street lights by Hiview, Alpine, and East Birch need to be looked at.

Sanitary Service (garbage) – Town Clean-up Day will be Saturday, April 25th and HHM trailer as Friday, April 24th. Clerk will post the adjusted prices for items that need stickers.

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

_____ Mayor Kay Gifford

_____ Amanda Vanderhoff City Clerk