

Sutherland, Iowa City Council Meeting – June 4, 2018 – 7:00 PM – 110 Ash Street – Meeting Room

Mayor Gifford called the council meeting to order. Roll call showed council members present were: Steve Koch, Jack Wallinga, Johanna Homan, and Dennis Templer. Bruce Engelke was absent. Others present were: Tony Larsen, Nancy Hill, Norm Hill, Dennis Fogelman, Connie Cody, Mari Radtke, Mark Shriver, Margaret Dau, Neomia Foley, John Ericksen, Corey Zimmer, and Officer Jami Webster.

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

Bruce Engelke arrived at 7:01 p.m.

Pastor John Ericksen informed council that this would be the church's 10th year doing the 4th of July event. Pastor Ericksen asked for council permission to close the 200 block of S. Oak St on Sunday, July 1st for this event. A motion was made by Homan seconded by Engelke to allow the church to close the 200 block of S. Oak Street from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 1st. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Economic Development report was provided by Johanna Homan. They were awarded the DNR grant for the tear down of the Innes Building, funds will be available after July 1st. Spruce up Sutherland grant applications will be due by June 30th.

Library Report was given by Connie Cody. Nancy Hill and Connie Cody are currently overseeing the daily operations. The board will be advertising for a new director and may change the library hours. The Library Board has established a memorial fund to purchase a flag, pole and possibly a bench for the library grounds for Dan. Mayor Gifford thanked Connie and Nancy for all they have done for the Library during this time. The library will be receiving a grant from the O'Brien County Foundation this year.

Fire and Ambulance Report was given by Chief Mark Shriver. It was another busy month for the department. The department planted bushes along the west side of the station was a snow/wind break, they hope to finish the landscaping soon. Sheldon EMT's would like to use the department's 6x6 Polaris and trailer for EMT use during Risefest June 15th & 16th. A motion was made by Homan seconded by Engelke to allow Sheldon EMT's use of the 6x6 and trailer for Risefest. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Police Report was presented by Officer Jami Webster. The department will be receiving a grant from the O'Brien County Foundation. Officer Webster provided council with information on Shop with a Cop. At 3:00 p.m., Saturday, June 9th at the Fire Station, will be the Bike Safety event. Un-mowed properties were discussed and what actions can be taken.

Communications and topics for discussion:

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Templer to approve cigarette permits for Car-Go and Main Market. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Officer Webster received several complaints about the abundance of bugs and lack of controlling them. Officer Webster stated that Paullina and Calumet both hire Mosquito Control of Iowa. Natosha received a flyer from them and called today, they quoted a price of \$2,750 for their enhanced plan which would include testing and preventing of reproduction of mosquitos. This price would be the cap for all services, no matter how many times they come and treat the community. Council requested company reviews be obtained from other communities. A motion was made by Homan seconded by Engelke to table this for more information. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Homan seconded by Wallinga to set the public hearing for the police car loan for July 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the R.L. Johannsen Center. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water – 1.98 million in at tower/14.6 million into ponds. A motion was made by Koch seconded by Wallinga to accept the bid from Maguire Iron for \$32,800. Roll call: Ayes – Jack Wallinga, Johanna Homan, Dennis Templer, Bruce Engelke and Steve Koch. Motion carried.

Streets – Corey opened the bid from Mills Construction. No other bids were received. Mills Construction bid \$6,820 to fix the storm drains at the corners of Pine and Second St; north and south sides; the storm drain in the alley behind Zub’s Shop, and the road and sidewalk from the main repair in the 400 block of High St. A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Templer to accept the bid from Mills Construction. Roll call: Ayes – Johanna Homan, Dennis Templer, Bruce Engelke, Steve Koch and Jack Wallinga. Motion carried. Council discussed options for fixing the bridge on E. Birch St. Wallinga gave Corey information on a guard rail company. Corey will check into options and obtain bids.

Sanitation (sewer) – Corey still has to get bids for the rock work around the ponds.

Weeds and Debris – Officer Webster sent out mowing letters and is working on Thank you letters to the properties that are looking nice.

Lights – Check with MidAmerican about the Library yard light and lights around the fire station.

The Saddle Club would like for the Fire Department to wet down the arena during a few summer events. The Fire Department was advised to fill the trucks by the tower, before the meter, as advised by Rural Water. It will be up to the department if they have staffing to help the Saddle Club.

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

_____ Mayor Kay Gifford

_____ Natosha Petitt City Clerk