

Sutherland, Iowa City Council Meeting – March 4, 2019 – 7:00 PM – 110 Ash Street – Meeting Room

Mayor Kay Gifford called the Public Hearing for the 2019-2020 Budget to order. Roll call showed council members present were: Johanna Homan, Jack Wallinga, Steve Koch, and Bruce Engelke. Dennis Templer was absent. Others present were: Anthony Larsen, Judy Schultz, Connie Cody, Dennis Fogelman, Mark Shriver, Tom Gonnerman, Corey Zimmer, and Amanda Vanderhoff. Chief Jami Webster was absent. There were no comments or questions during the public hearing. A motion was made by Bruce Engelke seconded by Johanna Homan to adjourn the public hearing. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Tom Gonnerman from Town & Country Saddle Club presented council last year's report. Membership rose from 23 members in 2017 to 60 members in 2018. There was a lot of events cancelled in 2018 due to the rain. They have quite a few events planned for 2019. Tom thanked the city for their continued support.

Council reviewed the bills. A motion was made by Jack Wallinga seconded by Steve Koch to pay the bills. Roll call: Ayes – Johanna Homan, Jack Wallinga, Steve Koch, and Bruce Engelke. Absent - Dennis Templer. Motion carried.

Economic Development report was given by Sharon Flinders. Sharon stated the bill and reports for the Innes Building will be ready to send in for the DNR grant by the April 15th deadline. Spruce Up Sutherland letters should be ready to be mailed out this week and the applications are available on the website. Marketing Hometown American has had 2 meetings with 2 remaining meetings scheduled in the next few weeks. There are 6-8 people per meeting and they're having great discussions. O'Brien County Economic Development has a website listing property for sale. Sutherland currently has no properties listed. Sutherland Economic Development will be putting the Industrial Park on the website and contacting other owners that might like to have their properties listed. Sharon asked council if the city has any property they would like to see listed. Council decided to put it on the agenda for next month.

Library report was given by Connie Cody. Connie introduced the library's new sub Judy Schultz. Judy is bringing 12 years of experience from the Peterson, Iowa library. Connie read the statistics and events that were held in February. Some upcoming events for March: 9th - Kid's Saturday, 14th @ 4:00 - Winter Series "Towering Trees", 14th @ 6:00 - Benefits of Recycling, and 15th @ 2:00 - Beginner Computer Class.

The Fire and Ambulance report was given by Fire Chief Mark Shriver. There was 4 ambulance calls and 2 fire calls in February. The EMT Continuing Education classes in Sioux City were attended by several of our EMT's on Friday and Saturday. The Fire Dept is getting bids for the new air tanks they will be purchasing for FY20 and they are also inquiring if the regulator on the pump can be switched instead of having to purchase a new pump. The Fireman's Bingo is being planned for the 1st part of April. The Legion provided the Dept with a soup supper for their Thursday meeting in February. Council brought up the need for residents to have visible house numbers. The Fire Dept is still willing to help residents that are unable to hang their own numbers. Council also asked Chief Webster and the Fire/Ambulance Dept to take note of houses needing numbers and Chief Webster can let the residents know the ordinance requirements on house numbers. Mayor Gifford wondered how many people that have taken the EMT classes have passed and how long the others have to get their license. The city clerk will look into this.

Officer Webster was not in attendance. Mayor Kay Gifford read through her police report.

Communications and topics for discussion

A motion was made by Steve Koch seconded by Bruce Engelke to approve Resolution 2019-05 approving the budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. Roll call: Ayes – Johanna Homan, Jack Wallinga, Steve Koch, and Bruce Engelke. Absent - Dennis Templer. Motion carried.

Mayor Kay Gifford announced her appointments to the Wage Review Committee. Mayor Gifford appointed Johanna Homan and Jack Wallinga to work with her on the committee.

A motion was made by Bruce Engelke seconded by Johanna Homan to approve Resolution 2019-06: First Amendment to Refuse Collection Contract from Town & Country. Roll Call: Ayes – Bruce Engelke, Steve Koch, Jack Wallinga, and Johanna Homan. Absent – Dennis Templer. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Koch seconded by Bruce Engelke to approve Ordinance 2019-001: Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sutherland, Iowa, 2019 – By Amending Provisions Pertaining to Collection Fees and to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings. Roll call: Ayes – Johanna Homan, Jack Wallinga, Steve Koch, and Bruce Engelke. Absent - Dennis Templer. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Koch seconded by Johanna Homan to set date and time to open bids for First Street Farm pasture for April 1st at 7:00 p.m. with a 3 yr contract. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bruce Engelke seconded by Jack Wallinga to approve Resolution 2019-07: Resolution to Fix Date of Public Hearing on Proposal to Dispose of Real Estate Owned By the City of Sutherland. Public Hearing will be held on April 1st, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes – Bruce Engelke, Steve Koch, Jack Wallinga, and Johanna Homan. Absent – Dennis Templer. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water – purchased 2.3 million gallons. The numbers indicate that there might be a leak somewhere. Corey asked everyone to keep a look out. Council asked him to find the cost and process of having someone here to find the leak.

Streets – Councilmember asked the priority for street removal. Corey said there really isn't a priority but he starts with the S curve and moves to 4th street. Discussion was had on the condition of Waterman last snow storm. Corey was unable to plow through it and advises to stay off of Waterman when the weather is bad. Corey was told he is doing a great job keeping the streets cleaned.

Sanitation (sewer) – 7.2 million gallons to the ponds.

Town Property – council advised Corey to get some spare hoses for the snow plow.

Park – Question was brought up if the electric has been changed over at the arboretum? City Clerk will look into it.

Weeds and Debris – There is concern for the sidewalk in front of Legion not being cleared of snow. Have Chief Webster start letting residents know they need to have their sidewalks clean. Talk to the R.L. Johannsen center on where the snow moved from their property is being placed.

Lights – M12 light seems to working again. Light pole on Waterman Street across from the water tower doesn't have a light on it and is a very dark area. Light on the city shed is out. Jack will see if he has any bulbs that will fit it. Council also asked Corey to see how much it would cost to replace the fixture.

Sanitary Service (garbage) – A motion was made by Bruce Engelke seconded by Johanna Homan to have the Clerk set up the Town Clean-up day as Saturday, April 27th and HHM trailer as Friday, April 26th. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

_____ Mayor Kay Gifford

_____ Amanda Vanderhoff City Clerk

ATTEST: I, Amanda Vanderhoff, do hereby certify that I am the City Clerk of Sutherland, Iowa; further certify that the above and forgoing is a true copy of the City Council Minutes of the meeting held on _____.

In witness whereof, I have affixed my signature and the seal of said City hereto at Sutherland, Iowa this _____ day of _____.

_____ Amanda Vanderhoff – City Clerk