

Sutherland, Iowa City Council Meeting – February 3, 2020 – 7:00 PM – 110 Ash Street – Meeting Room

Mayor Kay Gifford called the Public Hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Levy to order. Roll call showed council members present were: Johanna Homan, Chase Cox, Dennis Templer, Patrick Nelson, and Bruce Engelke. Others present were: Mari and Rich Radke, Randy Paulson, Cindy Barnes, Connie Cody, Bonnie and Jack Wallinga, Chase Fuhman, Steve Koch, Mark Shriver, Ron Kots, Tom Gonnerman, Sharon and Mike Flinders, Neil Jurgensen, Anthony Larsen, and Amanda Vanderhoff. Officer Jami Webster was absent. The Clerk explained the Proposed Property Tax Levy and a few questions were asked. A motion was made by Bruce Engelke seconded by Johanna Homan to adjourn from the public hearing. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Tom Gonnerman from Town & Country Saddle Club presented Council their annual report. Membership was down to 45 members in 2019. Next he went over the events that are planned for 2020. Tom asked the council if Maintenance could haul gravel into the driveway because it is washing away. He also asked during their events if they could park up by the tree dump. Council did not see any issues with this. Tom thanked the City for their continued support.

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

The Economic Development report was given by Sharon Flinders. She informed Council they are working on a 5 year project plan this will include Violet and East Washington Streets. They are also discussing whether to amend the Urban Renewal Plan to keep the new area of the Industrial Park in TIF. This area will sunset in 2024.

The Library Report was given by Connie Cody. Connie read through the Director's Report for January. Some upcoming events for February are Charlene Elyea's 2nd part of her 3 month series – Topics and Triumphs happening on Thursday the 14th @ 4:00 p.m. Kid's Saturday will be on the 8th @ 10:30 a.m. They will be decorating cookies, reading books, and making Valentines. Councilman Cox asked if they had looked into the Erate program. The Library Board members are currently working on it.

The Fire and Ambulance report was given by Fire Chief Mark Shriver. They had 10 ambulance calls and 1 fire call last month. Calumet was present at the fire as a mutual aid. The Department found a used air pump to fill up their SCBA's for \$4,650.00. At their last meeting they created a committee for researching a new pumper for FY21/22. The Department received a DNR grant that will cover around 50% of their new grassland gear. They also held an election at their last meeting: Chief - Mark Shriver, Assistant Chief – Ron Kots, Secretary – Jeremy Burdt, and Ambulance Director – Jeremy Burdt/Landon Lenhart with Landon eventually taking over. A discussion was had on the garage fire. Compliments were given to the Fire Department on their response to the fire. The Department thanked David Mills and the Sutherland Implement for their help.

There was no Police Report.

Communications and topics for discussion

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Cox to approve Resolution 2020-08: A Resolution Approving the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Budget Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Roll call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Templer, Cox, and Homan. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Homan to set the date and time for the Public Hearing for Budget FY2020-2021 as March 2nd, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Council opened the sealed bids for the farm ground. Bids were Greg Swanson - \$305.00 per acre, Walter Kummerfeld - \$281.00 per acre, Harold Rahbusch - \$303.00 per acre, and Chase Fuhrman - \$300.00 per acre. A motion was made by Templer seconded by Cox to award Greg Swanson the farm ground for a bid of \$305.00 per acre. Roll call: Ayes – Homan, Cox, Templer, Nelson, and Engelke. Motion carried.

Mayor Gifford appointed the following Standing Committees: Water: Dennis Templer & Bruce Engelke; Streets & Sidewalks: Chase Cox & Patrick Nelson; Sanitation Sewer: Bruce Engelke & Patrick Nelson; Lights: Dennis Templer; Park: Johanna Homan; Weeds, Debris, & Property Maintenance: Chase Cox & Dennis Templer; Sanitary Landfill: Dennis Templer; Town Property: Johanna Homan & Bruce Engelke; Community Fund: Bruce Engelke & Amanda Vanderhoff; Economic Development: Johanna Homan & Chase Cox; Spruce up Sutherland: Sharon Flinders, Johanna Homan, & Mayor Kay Gifford.

The Zoning Board appointments are tabled until the March council meeting.

A motion was made by Homan seconded by Engelke to approve the discussed Employee Benefits transfers. Roll call: Ayes – Homan, Engelke, Cox, Templer and Nelson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Nelson to approve Anthony Larsen for the City Maintenance Position with a \$0.50 pay increase. Roll call: Ayes – Homan, Cox, Templer, Nelson, and Engelke. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Homan seconded by Engelke to approve Resolution 2020-09: Approve the Bell-Times-Courier as the Official Publication for the City of Sutherland, Iowa. Roll call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Templer, Cox, and Homan. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cox seconded by Templer to approve Resolution 2020-10: Resolution Covering Street Lighting. Roll call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Templer, Cox, and Homan. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Cox to approve Resolution 2020-11: Approve City Attorney as Smith, Grigg, Shea, and Klinker PC. Roll call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Cox, and Homan. Nays – Templer. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water – purchased 2,018,000 gallons.

Streets – Anthony Larsen purchased more cold patch for the roads. Compliments were given to Anthony on the condition of the roads after the snow.

Sanitation (sewer) – 5,101,000 gallons.

Town Property – No report.

Park – Anthony Larsen painted the park benches. Park Board will discuss adding a new sidewalk at their next meeting.

Weeds and Debris – No report.

Lights – The light at the water tower has been fixed.

Sanitary Service (garbage) – No report.

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

_____ Mayor Kay Gifford

_____ Amanda Vanderhoff City Clerk