

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

The City of Sutherland Council Meeting was held April 6, 2020. In order to help stop the spread of COVID-19, this meeting was held electronically. On March 19, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency which included a suspension of Iowa laws that would prevent the use of electronic meetings or the limitation on the number of people present at an in-person meeting site. The agenda and the City's social media sites had posted more than 24 hours in advance the instructions on how others could participate in the meeting. Only the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Clerk were allowed in-person.

Mayor Kay Gifford called the council meeting to order. Roll call showed Councilmembers present were: Bruce Engelke, Johanna Homan, Chase Cox, and Patrick Nelson. Others present were: John Erickson, Nancy Hill, Connie Cody, Mari Radtke, Sharon Flinders, Jackie Elsbury, David Becker, 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. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Kay Gifford called on guest John Erickson. The Church of Christ would like to hold a drive-in church service on Easter Sunday on Second Street from Pine to Ash Streets. He asked that the streets be closed from 9:30 am – 11:30 am. He presented information from the State stating they are allowing drive – in worship services. People are to remain in their vehicles, no rolling down windows, no passing anything to individuals and practice social distancing. KCHE radio station out of Cherokee will be broadcasting the service.

During the public comments section Mayor Kay Gifford addressed the weed and debris discussion that was brought up at the last meeting.

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

Economic Development did not meet due to Covid-19 so there was no report.

The Library Report was given by Nancy Hill. The library has been closed since March 19<sup>th</sup>. Nancy is doing curbside service for books. Gina Kiehn has been working on the E-rate program. The library currently spends \$824.00 a year on internet service, this program will bring down the price to \$588.00.

Chief Mark Shriver was not present. Mayor Kay Gifford read a statement from the Department. This stated they will cancelling the Fireman's Bingo this year. They wanted to thank the community for the years of support they have shown. There was 1 mutual aid fire call and 13 ambulance calls. A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Cox to donate the old air pump to Calumet. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Police Report was given by Officer Jami Webster. Officer Webster read through her report and informed council that she has done a house warrant with the City Attorney.

Communications and topics for discussion:

A motion was made by Homan seconded by Nelson to accept the resignation of Dennis Templer. Roll call: Ayes – Bruce Engelke, Johanna Homan, Chase Cox, and Patrick Nelson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bruce Engelke seconded by Johanna Homan to use appointment by council to fill the vacant council seat. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Johanna Homan seconded by Bruce Engelke to accept the 28E Agreement with the City of Paullina. Roll call: Ayes – Engelke, Homan, Cox, and Nelson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Cox to approve the street closure of Main Street from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets for the Cruise-In and street dance on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 starting at 10 am if the restrictions on gatherings are lifted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Homan to approve temporary outdoor liquor licenses for Sweeney’s Clubhouse and Rumors on Main for the Cruise-In and street dance on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 if the restrictions on gatherings are lifted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was by Cox seconded by Engelke to approve the street closure of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Ash and Pine Streets from 9:30 am – 11:30 am for the Church of Christ Easter Drive-In Church Service April 12, 2020. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Kay Gifford tabled “establishing a wage review committee” until the next meeting.

A motion was made by Homan seconded by Engelke to suspend utility shut-offs and cancel late payment fees through the month of April and revisit at the May meeting. Roll call: Ayes – Engelke, Homan, Cox, and Nelson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Homan to approve the use of the fire truck for the Easter Egg Drop-Off. Roll call: Ayes – Engelke, Homan, Cox, and Nelson. Motion carried.

The City of Sutherland will give a letter of support to the Willoway for the O’Brien County Grant.

A motion was made Engelke seconded by Cox to approve “Resolution 2020-13 amending Resolution No. 2016-15 authorizing and approving a Loan Agreement and providing for the issuance of a \$453,000 Taxable General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Note and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same”. Roll call: Ayes – Engelke, Homan, Cox, and Nelson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Homan to approve “Resolution 2020-14 amending Resolution No. 2012-12 authorizing and approving a Loan Agreement and providing for the issuance of a \$336,000 General Obligation Street Improvement and Refunding Note and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same”. Roll call: Ayes – Engelke, Homan, Cox, and Nelson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Cox to set public hearing for amendment of current budget for May 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water – purchased 1.9 million gallons.

Streets – Anthony Larsen will be purchasing more patch for the streets in town.

Sanitation (sewer) – 8.125 million gallons to the ponds.

Town Property – No report.

Park – Mayor Kay Gifford tabled the job opening for the park position until May.

Weeds and Debris – Mayor Kay Gifford would like Officer Webster to get together with Councilmember Chase Cox to go over what she and the City Attorney are currently working on.

Lights – No report.

Sanitary Landfill – HHM Trailer is cancelled for April. Town and Country Disposal has postponed city wide clean-up day until the fall.

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

