

Sutherland, Iowa City Council Meeting – June 1, 2020 – 7:00 PM – 110 Ash Street – Meeting Room

Mayor Kay Gifford called the council meeting to order. Roll call showed Councilmembers present were: Jack Wallinga, Johanna Homan, Patrick Nelson, Chase Cox, and Bruce Engelke. Others present were: Gina Kiehn, Nancy Hill, Bonnie Wallinga, Dennis Fogelman, Mari Radtke, David Becker, Carolyn Rohrbaugh, Sharon and Mike Flinders, Jordan Bird, and Joel De Weerd, Officer Jami Webster, Anthony Larsen, and Amanda Vanderhoff.

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

Guests: Jordan Bird presented his intent to buy a lot at the Industrial Park. He plans to start a seed business.

Joel De Weerd of JJ Customs explained to Council he needs the approval of the City to obtain his dealership and recycler licenses from the Iowa Department of Transportation. These licenses are needed for him to purchase wrecked vehicles, restore, and sell them at his business.

There were no public comments.

There were a few questions asked about the bills. A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Wallinga to pay the bills. Roll call: Ayes - Wallinga, Homan, Nelson, Cox, and Engelke. Motion carried.

Economic Development report was given by Sharon Flinders. Sharon informed Council the Community Fund Board is wanting to donate money to a Sutherland Stimulus Package and they also gave out two grants: one grant went to Noah's Ark to help with the purchase of a stroller and the other went to the library to purchase products for their children's room. Economic Development received seven applications for the Spruce Up Sutherland program. The committee will meet to make their decisions. They also approved the purchase of a lot at the Industrial Park to Jordan Bird and recommend the Council do the same. Sharon also stated Doug Sweeney has shown interest in purchasing the lot between his storage building and Jordan's possible lot to build more storage units. Sharon also updated Council on the O'Brien County Community Foundation Grant.

Library Report was given by Nancy Hill. Nancy informed Council the library will be opening up June 2<sup>nd</sup> following the guidelines they've implemented in their Covid-19 policy.

Chief Mark Shriver was not present but informed they had 10 ambulance call and no fire calls. A motion was made by Engelke seconded Homan to approve the approve EMS Contingency Plan for Sutherland Ambulance and Granville Ambulance Services and a Tiered Response Agreement for the Granville Ambulance and Sutherland Ambulance Services. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Police Report was presented by Officer Jami Webster. She read through her police report and a few questions were asked.

Communications and topics for discussion:

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Nelson to approve the liquor license for the R.L. Johannsen Center. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Cox to approve Resolution 2020-17: Resolution to Transfer Funds from the Emergency Fund into the General Account for Fiscal Year End. Roll call: Ayes - Engelke, Wallinga, Nelson, Cox, and Homan. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cox seconded by Homan to approve Resolution 2020-18: Resolution to Authorize the Transfer of Funds from Employee Benefits to General Funds. Roll call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Cox, Homan, and Wallinga. Motion carried.

The Clerk gave the Council the Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation Association Recommendations. A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Cox to approve the recommendations and the return to work policy modified assignment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The City acquired two bids for Violet Street. The first bid was from Blacktop Services – 4” for \$16,253.75 and 8” for \$28,305.50. The second bid was from Fuller & Sons – 4” for \$16,000. A motion was made by Cox seconded by Nelson to approve the bid from Fuller & Sons for \$16,000 and to have them patch the needed spots in town.

The properties at 515 Pine Street and 208 E. Street were discussed. The Clerk explained to Council the City had a court hearing for the 515 Pine Street house. The owners of the house did not attend and the judge awarded the property to the City. The Council would like to put the property up for bid. The Clerk will present Council with some guidelines for purchasing the property at the next Council meeting.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Nelson to approve the vehicle recycler license for JJ Customs. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Homan to approve the Community Fund Board to use \$700.00 out of their current budget for the Sutherland Community Stimulus Package. Pending the program is running by June 30, 2020 and it's in compliance with the State Auditor's Office. Roll call: Ayes - Wallinga, Homan, Nelson, Cox, and Engelke. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Cox to approve Resolution 2020-19: Resolution to Authorize the City of Sutherland to Enter into a Contract & Convey Real Estate Owned by the City of Sutherland & Fixing a Date on the Hearing Thereof on July 6, 2020. Roll call: Ayes - Wallinga, Homan, Nelson, Cox, and Engelke. Motion carried.

#### Standing Committee Reports:

Water – 2,085,000 gallons in at the tower.

Streets – Carolyn Rohrbaugh was present to explain that there was never a truck route but former Councilmembers purchased and installed signs. The truck traffic turning on Waterman has decreased significantly after the businesses were contacted. The Jake braking on Hiview Dr was brought up again.

Sanitation (sewer) – 7,235,00 gallons at the ponds. Tony Van Lith will have sheep at the ponds this year.

Town Property – Council discussed installing a trail cam at the tree dump to stop people from dropping off restricted items. The Clerk will look into trail cams with cellular capabilities.

Park –There will be no port-a-pots at the park as of now. Hand sanitizers will be installed at the shelter house and signs have been ordered to let the community know the equipment will not be sanitized and the City is not responsible for illness. The Park Board is getting a bid for a winter shelter at the park.

Weeds and Debris – The Clerk has had multiple call complaints about stray/feral cats in town. The Council will continue this discussion. Tony will take over mowing at the 515 Pine Street. Officer Webster has given out 8 warnings to residents for grass. Sharon will talk to Commercial Club to see whose turn it is to take the cans at the maintenance building.

Lights – Light by the Old PO is out. The Clerk will get ahold of MidAmerican.

Sanitary Landfill – Clerk will call Town and Country Disposal to see if they can move town clean up to the summer instead of the fall.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Kay Gifford

\_\_\_\_\_ Amanda Vanderhoff, City Clerk