

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

Mayor Kay Gifford called the Public Hearing on the sale of City property to Jordan Bird to order. Roll call showed Councilmembers present were: Jack Wallinga, Johanna Homan, Patrick Nelson, Chase Cox, and Bruce Engelke. Others present were: Nancy Hill, Bonnie Wallinga, Dennis Fogelman, Mari Radtke, David Becker, Sharon and Mike Flinders, Brenda Collier, Zach and Blake Bedsaul, Doug Sweeney, Mark Shriver, Connie Cody, Officer Jami Webster, Anthony Larsen, and Amanda Vanderhoff. There were no comments or questions during the public hearing. A motion was made by Homan seconded by Engelke to adjourn from the public hearing. All favor. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Homan to approve the agenda and previous minutes. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Guests: Zach and Blake Bedsaul presented to Council their plans for the Saturday of the Labor Day Weekend. They asked Council about using the football field as a camping area and bringing in vendors to the park. They would take care of any port-a-pots needed. They will be donating half of the proceeds to the Park Department.

Brenda Collier was present from Upper Des Moines. She asked the City to invest \$470.00 this fiscal year to help with the 62 people in our community they are currently serving. Council will decide at the August meeting.

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. Economic Development would like to raise the minimum assessment at the Industrial Park from \$70,000 to \$100,000. A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Cox to raise the minimum assessment to \$100,000. Roll call: Wallinga, Homan, Cox, Nelson, and Engelke. Motion carried. Doug Sweeney would like purchase the lot at the Industrial Park between his current lot and the lot Jordan Bird is looking to purchase. There is a sewer line running under the lot so the City will have to do an easement or extend the line just past the lot. They will get quotes by the August meeting.

Library Report was given by Nancy Hill. The Library reopened June 2nd. The summer reading program started June 19th with 17 kids participating. Nancy had 11 new memberships cards issued due to the program. July will mark Nancy's 2nd year as the Director. The roof on the library is complete.

Fire and Ambulance Report was given by Chief Mark Shriver. They had 5 ambulance calls and 2 fire calls, one of which was a mutual aid call with Calumet. Chief Shriver explained that Calumet's district starts just on the west side of Sutherland, so Sutherland will usually respond first when the calls are closer to town. They are looking to purchase a fogger to sanitize the ambulance, Cherokee hospital is checking on one for the Department.

Police Report was presented by Officer Jami Webster. She read through her police report. A question was asked if you can give out tickets for expired registration yet. Chief Webster informed Council that any registration that expired after January 21, 2020 cannot be issued a ticket and same with newly purchased vehicles.

Communications and topics for discussion:

Council decided to proceed with its part of Labor Day. The street closure and outdoor liquor licenses will be approved at the August meeting. A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Cox to approve vendor parking in the lot at the park Saturday September 5th. Roll call: Ayes - Wallinga, Homan, Nelson, Cox, and Engelke. Motion carried. A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Nelson to approve offering overnight camping at the football pending insurance. Roll call: Ayes - Wallinga, Homan, Nelson, Cox, and Engelke. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Homan to approve Anthony Larsen, Mike Flinders, and Gary "Bud" Tunink to the Zoning Board. All in favor. Motion carried.

The office will be closed Monday July 20th from 8-3 for the Clerk to attend the Iowa Municipal Professionals Institute classes electronically.

The Clerk presented Council with Sheldon's example of taking bids for properties. The Clerk will have the notice for sealed bids for the 515 Pine property ready by the August meeting.

The Clerk presented Council with information for a debit card for payments where the City is unable to be billed or pay by check. The Clerk will have a resolution and credit card policy ready at the August meeting to implement this.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Homan to approve Resolution 2020-20: Resolution Directing Sale and Authorizing the City of Sutherland to Enter into a Contract and Convey Real Estate Owned by the City of Sutherland. Roll call: Wallinga, Homan, Cox, Nelson, and Engelke. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Nelson to approve Resolution 2020-21: Resolution Approving Executed Contract and Special Warranty Deed. Roll call: Ayes - Wallinga, Homan, Nelson, Cox, and Engelke. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Cox to approve Resolution 2020-22: Resolution to Authorize the City of Sutherland to Enter into a Contract and Convey Real Estate Owned by the City of Sutherland and Fixing a Date on the Hearing Thereof. Roll Call: Ayes - Wallinga, Homan, Nelson, Cox, and Engelke. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Engelke to approve Resolution 2020-23: Resolution Approving Wages for City Employees for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Roll Call: Engelke, Nelson, Cox, Wallinga, and Homan. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-24 is tabled until August meeting.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water – 2.215 million gallons in at the tower. The City will be cleaning out the water mains August 3rd.

Streets – Due to illness the Violet Street road project has been delayed.

Sanitation (sewer) – 6.38 million gallons at the ponds.

Town Property – The City will store the Nativity Scene from Joe Sweeney and assist with installation.

Park – The Park Board has decided not to do any events for Labor Day Weekend. Sweeney Farm & Home is working on an estimate for a winter shelter at the bus stop.

Weeds and Debris – Clerk has gotten a few calls about grass clippings on the road. Officer Webster has contacted the residents. Officer Webster will send out warning letters to residents needing to mow, trim trees and bushes going over sidewalks, and vehicles in yards. Council discussed the property at 208 E 4th Street and decided to save money by having the lawyer try to contact her instead of having her served.

Lights –No report.

Sanitary Landfill – Town and Country Disposal will not do any town clean ups until after Labor Day.

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

_____Mayor Kay Gifford

_____Amanda Vanderhoff, City Clerk