

Sutherland, Iowa City Council Meeting – October 5, 2020 – 7:00 PM – 110 Ash Street – Meeting Room

Mayor Kay Gifford called the council meeting to order. Roll call showed council members present were: Chase Cox, Jack Wallinga, Johanna Homan, Bruce Engelke and Patrick Nelson. Others present were: David Becker, Mari Radke, Sharon Flinders, Mark Shriver, Alan and Regina Mills, Dennis Fogelman, Chief Jami Webster, Anthony Larsen, and Amanda Vanderhoff.

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

Public Comments: Mark Shriver relayed a concern about the sidewalk on the corner of Main and 3rd and the possible need for a railing. Mayor Gifford talked about the City involving Covid-19. The numbers in O'Brien County are still rising and she urges everyone to be cautious.

No guests were present.

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

Economic Development Report was given by Sharon Flinders. Sharon went over the proposal from MidAmerican to extend power out to 621 E 4th Street. The proposal will be updated to reference the City as the applicant to receive the refunds. Sharon also mentioned Economic Development is working on new ideas to help the community grow. A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Wallinga to approve the MidAmerican Proposal: Electric Distribution to serve existing storage units at 621 E 4th Street. Roll call: Ayes – Cox, Wallinga, Homan, Engelke and Nelson. Motion carried.

Library Director Nancy Hill was absent.

Fire and Ambulance Report was given by Chief Mark Shriver. They had 8 ambulance calls and 3 fire calls. Chief Shriver talked about the fires that have been occurring in fields and asked that farmers hook up discs to any available tractors to help put out fires. The Department is also looking for new Fire and Ambulance volunteers. The County has loaned the Department an UV light sanitizer until they are able to purchase a fogger.

Police Report was presented by Officer Jami Webster. Chief Webster read through her report. Council discussed concerns on vehicles speeding on Hiview Drive.

Communications and topics for discussion:

The City received one bid on the 515 Pine Street property. Alan Mills' bid was for \$100.00 and his plan is to tear down the house and maintain the property. A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Cox to approve the bid from Alan Mills. Roll call: Ayes – Cox, Wallinga, Homan, Engelke and Nelson. Motion carried.

Council had a discussion on Halloween. Trick or Treating will be left up to the resident's discretion. The City Clerk will post Covid-19 recommendations to follow.

A motion was made by Homan seconded by Nelson to approve the liquor license for Rumors on Main. All in favor. Motion carried.

Council set the bid date for the Industrial Park farm ground for December 7, 2020.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water: 2,055,000 gallons in at tower. The Clerk discussed how the current utility deposit does not cover the basic quarterly billing. Council would like to raise the deposit to \$250.00. The Clerk will work on getting paperwork ready to change the ordinance.

Streets: Tony has purchased more patch to repair some potholes. He will work on getting some bids to start repairing some streets in town.

Sanitation: 1,977,000 gallons into the ponds.

Town Property: Council is interested in selling the lot next to Rumors on Main. Clerk will ask owner to be present at the next meeting. The City will look into trimming the trees overhanging at the s-curve property. A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Wallinga to purchase the 4-wheeler from Ag Partners for \$1,300.00.

Roll call: Ayes – Cox, Wallinga, Homan, Engelke and Nelson. Motion carried.

Park: JTV won't have the frame for a shelter at the park until spring. There was a discussion on using round bales for a wind block. A bid was received for trees overhanging the road at the Park.

Weed and Debris: There was a discussion on some properties in town.

Lights: MidAmerican would let the City install a switch to control the street lights on Main. Tony will get prices. There is a light by the corner of Ash and Southern Street that is going out. Clerk will get ahold of MidAmerican.

Sanitary Landfill – Thank you to all that helped during Town Clean-Up Day.

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

_____ Mayor Kay Gifford

_____ Amanda Vanderhoff City Clerk