

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

The City of Sutherland Council Meeting was held December 7, 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.

Mayor Kay Gifford called the public hearing for the sale of city property to Alan Mills to order. Roll call showed council members present were: Jack Wallinga, Johanna Homan. Bruce Engelke and Chase Cox. Patrick Nelson joined after technical issues were resolved. Others present were: Mike and Sharon Flinders, Mari Radtke, Connie Cody, Alan Mills, Charlie Hildebrand, Officer Jami Webster, Tony Larsen and Amanda Vanderhoff. There were no comments or questions from the public. A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Homan to adjourn from the public hearing. Roll call: Ayes – Wallinga, Homan, Engelke, Nelson, and Cox. Motion carried.

Mayor Kay Gifford called the regular council meeting to order. Roll call showed council members present were: Jack Wallinga, Johanna Homan, Bruce Engelke, Patrick Nelson, and Chase Cox. Others present were: Mike and Sharon Flinders, Mari Radtke, Connie Cody, Alan Mills, Charlie Hildebrand, Officer Jami Webster, Tony Larsen and Amanda Vanderhoff.

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

There were no guests.

There were no public comments.

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

Economic Development report was given by Sharon Flinders. They are looking for 1 to 2 new members for their Board. They also have some concerns on the condition of a building on Main Street. Sharon asked if there is anything the City can do to intervene before the building is not repairable. Mayor Gifford will try to get in contact with the property owner.

Library Report was given to Council to read over.

Chief Mark Shriver was not present for the Fire and Ambulance report. He informed the Clerk that there were 10 ambulance calls and no fire calls last month.

Police Report was given by Officer Jami Webster. She read through her police report. The Mayor and Clerk will help Officer Webster with getting information to citizens on the importance of keeping their personal property locked up.

Communications and topics for discussion:

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Wallinga to appoint Jill Jurgensen, Elizabeth Peters, Rebecca Webster, Johanna Homan and Edward Johannsen to the R. L. Johannsen Board. All in favor. Motion carried.

Engelke and Nelson were appointed as members to the NWIA Solid Waste Agency.

December 21, 2020 and January 18, 2021 were set as dates for the Budget Workshops both will start at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Homan to approve Resolution 2020-38: Resolution Directing Sale & Authorizing the City of Sutherland to Enter into a Contract and Convey Real Estate Owned by the City of Sutherland. Roll call: Ayes – Wallinga, Homan, Engelke, Nelson, and Cox. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Wallinga to approve Resolution 2020-39: Resolution Approving Executed Contract. Roll call: Ayes – Wallinga, Homan, Engelke, Nelson, and Cox. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Homan seconded by Cox to approve Resolution 2020-40: Resolution Approving Special Warranty Deed. Roll call: Ayes – Wallinga, Homan, Engelke, Nelson, and Cox. Motion carried..

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Homan to approve the route for Snowtrackers. All in favor. Motion carried.

Wallinga read the bids for the Industrial Park. 1st bid was from Jordan Bird for \$325.00 an acre and the 2nd bid was from Greg Swanson for \$5880.00 a year. A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Cox to approve the bid from Jordan Bird for \$325.00 an acre or \$6,337.50 a year. Roll call: Ayes – Wallinga, Homan, Engelke, Nelson, and Cox. Motion carried.

Nelson was appointed to represent the City of Sutherland at the O'Brien County EMS Commission and 911 Service Board Meeting. The Clerk will send him the information.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water: 2,116,000 gallons into the tower. Tony has finished flushing the hydrants. There is one hydrant on Oak Street that is not working. Council would like Tony to get the hydrant fixed.

Street: Tony will be getting bids for High, North Waterman, and Main Street for the spring,

Sewer: 2,889,000 gallons into the ponds.

Town Property and Park: Clerk will get ahold of Mark Shriver to see if he is still able to bring to bales to the Park for the bus stop.

Weed and Debris: Councilmember Jack Wallinga and Mayor Gifford will get together about properties in town that need letters.

Lights: The Clerk will get ahold of MidAmerican about a possible light out on Waterman.

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

Mayor Kay Gifford

Amanda Vanderhoff, City Clerk