

Sutherland, Iowa City Council Meeting – February 1, 2021 – 7:00 PM – 110 Ash Street – Meeting Room

Mayor Kay Gifford called the Public Hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Levy to order. Roll call showed council members present were: Johanna Homan, Jack Wallinga, Chase Cox, Bruce Engelke, and Patrick Nelson. Others present were: Mari Radke, Mark Shriver, Elijah Helton, Connie Cody, Sharon and Mike Flinders, Doug Sweeney, Joe Sweeney, Officer Jami Webster, Anthony Larsen, and Amanda Vanderhoff. There were no questions on Proposed Property Tax Levy. A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Cox to adjourn from the public hearing. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Kay Gifford called the regular council meeting to order. Roll call showed council members present were: Johanna Homan, Jack Wallinga, Chase Cox, Bruce Engelke, and Patrick Nelson. Others present were: Mari Radke, Mark Shriver, Elijah Helton, Connie Cody, Sharon and Mike Flinders, Doug Sweeney, Joe Sweeney, Officer Jami Webster, Anthony Larsen, and Amanda Vanderhoff.

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

No Guests.

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

Economic Development report was given by Sharon Flinders. She informed Council they are wanting to send Spruce up Sutherland information out in March. A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Cox to approve Andy Jacobs and Patrick Nelson to the Economic Development Board. They will be replacing Johanna Homan and Walter Kummerfeld. All in favor. Motion carried. Doug Sweeney presented Economic Development's plan to put 4 lots on the Williams Property for residential use. These lots will be up for sale to the public. The city clerk will work with council and Thor Klinker to come up with guidelines to sell these lots. The city clerk will present these at the next council meeting for approval.

Nancy Hill was absent. Mayor Gifford read through the Director's report. Attendance is starting to pick up at the library. Naturalist Abbie Parker is holding the Winter Series Jan 28th, Feb 11th, and March 25th @ 3 pm. Nancy is working on the Summer Reading Program. January donations have included 276 books and 58 DVD's.

The Fire and Ambulance report was given by Fire Chief Mark Shriver. They had 16 ambulance calls and 1 fire call last month. Calumet was present at the fire as a mutual aid. The Department purchased a sanitizing mister for the ambulance. The new pumper for FY21-22 has been pushed until FY22-23. Landon Lenhart is working on getting EMT bags together for the out of town volunteers. They will look into applying for the O'Brien County Grant to help with the cost. 10 volunteers were certified at the recent CPR training.

The Police Report was given by Officer Jami Webster. Officer Webster read through her report. Officer Webster will meet with Mayor Gifford before her last day to go over a checklist and to discuss any other questions she might have. Council asked Officer Webster what happens to her open cases, she informed them, she will be called in as a witness if any of her cases would go to court. Thanks was given to Officer Webster for her years of service to the Sutherland Community.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Cox to approve Resolution 2021-07: A Resolution Approving the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Budget Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Roll call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Wallinga, Cox, and Homan. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Wallinga seconded by Engelke to set the date and time for the Public Hearing for Budget FY2021-2022 as March 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Homan to approve Resolution 2021-08: Resolution Covering Street Lighting. Roll call: Ayes – Homan, Wallinga, Cox, Engelke, and Nelson. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water – purchased 2,156,000 gallons.

Streets – No report.

Sanitation (sewer) – 3,051,000 gallons. Sanitary Survey Report is available at City Hall.

Town Property – Mayor Gifford presented a citizen complaint about a tree in the right-of-way. The City will get bids for the tree.

Park – Park Board needs to look into the cost of fixing the slide.

Weeds and Debris – One of the nuisance issues the committee had has been resolved, still waiting on information on a municipal infraction issued.

Lights – No report.

Sanitary Service (garbage) – No report.

Zoning Board – The Board looked into a new zoning book updating the old one from 1955. The new one will cost \$5,000.00. Council would like to go forward with this purchase.

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

_____ Mayor Kay Gifford

_____ Amanda Vanderhoff City Clerk