

Sutherland, Iowa City Council Meeting – January 3, 2022 – 7:00 PM – 110 Ash Street – Meeting Room

Mayor Kay Gifford called the public hearing on the sale of property at 125 W 2nd Street to order. Roll call showed council members present were: Johanna Homan, Chase Cox, Patrick Nelson and Bruce Engelke. Tyler Draper was absent. Others present were: Mary Radtke, Dennis Fogelman, Elijah Helton, Derek Nixon, Anthony Larsen, and Amanda Vanderhoff. There were no questions or comments. A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Engelke to adjourn from the public hearing. Roll call: Ayes - Homan, Cox, Nelson and Engelke. Absent: Draper. Motion carried.

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

No Guests.

No Public Comments.

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

Economic Development did not meet in December. The Council decided to keep the O'Brien County Economic Development – 28E agreement payment at \$800.00 even though there was a loss in population. This payment will be approved with the February bills. They would also like a copy of the 28E agreement.

Nancy Hill was absent. Mayor Gifford and Council read through the library report provided.

Chief Mark Shriver gave the Fire and Ambulance report. There were no fire calls and 8 ambulance calls. The Fire and Ambulance Department was unable to hold the EMT or FF1 classes due to low attendance. The Department is researching ladder trucks to present to Council.

Officer Derek Nixon gave his police report. Officer Nixon participated in defensive tactics class through the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office.

Communications and topics for discussion:

A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Homan to approve Resolution 2022-01: "Resolution to Appoint City Clerk". Roll Call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Cox, and Homan. Absent: Draper. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Cox to approve Resolution 2022-02: "Resolution Naming City Depositories". Roll Call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Cox, and Homan. Absent: Draper. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Homan seconded by Cox to approve Resolution 2022-03: "Resolution Adopting Investment Policy". Roll Call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Cox, and Homan. Absent: Draper. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Homan to approve Resolution 2022-04: "Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk and Mayor to Pay Certain Claims Prior to Council Approval". Roll Call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Cox, and Homan. Absent: Draper. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Homan seconded by Engelke to approve Resolution 2022-05: “Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, Mayor Pro-tem, and City Clerk to Execute Certain Financial Institution Documents”. Roll Call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Cox, and Homan. Absent: Draper. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Homan to approve Resolution 2022-06: “Resolution to Appoint City Attorney. Roll Call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Cox, and Homan. Absent: Draper. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Nelson to approve Resolution 2022-07: “Resolution Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Considering the Maximum Tax Dollars from Certain Levies for the City’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget. Roll Call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Cox, and Homan. Absent: Draper. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Homan seconded by Nelson to approve Resolution 2022-08: “Resolution Approving the Bell-Times-Courier as the Official Publication for the City of Sutherland. Roll Call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Cox, and Homan. Absent: Draper. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Homan to approve Resolution 2022-09: “Resolution Directing the Sale & Authorizing the City of Sutherland to Enter into a Contract and Convey Real Estate Owned by the City of Sutherland”. Roll call: Ayes - Homan, Cox, Nelson and Engelke. Absent: Draper. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cox seconded by Homan to approve Resolution 2022-10: “Resolution Approving Executed Contract”. Roll call: Ayes - Homan, Cox, Nelson and Engelke. Absent: Draper. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Homan seconded by Nelson to approve Resolution 2022-11: “Resolution Approving Restrictive Warranty Deed”. Roll call: Ayes - Homan, Cox, Nelson and Engelke. Absent: Draper. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Engelke to approve the location of mailbox rack in front of 509 Pine Street. All in favor. Motion carried.

The City received 2 offers on the property located at 300 E. Birch Street. David Wheeler’s offer was for \$6,001.00 with a proposed plan of keeping the grass cut and a possible storage shed later. Doug Sweeney’s offer was for \$5,000.00 with a proposed plan of a spec home. A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Engelke to approve Doug Sweeney’s offer of \$5,000.00 with a proposed plan of a spec home. Roll call: Ayes - Homan, Cox, Nelson and Engelke. Absent: Draper. Motion carried.

Mayor Gifford appointed the new Standing Committees. These can be found on the City website.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water – 1,613,000 gallons. Water Committee will meet with the meter representatives.

Streets – No report.

Sanitation (sewer) – 1,775,000 gallons to the ponds.

Town Property - The City received 2 bids for the bus barn repairs. The bid from Mills’ Construction was for \$500.00 and the bid from Sweeney’s Construction was for \$550.00. A motion was made Engelke seconded by Cox to approve the bid from Mills’ Construction for \$500.00. Roll call: Ayes - Homan, Cox, Nelson and Engelke. Absent: Draper. Motion carried. The funds for the sign have been transferred to the City. Council is planning to repair the sign in FY22-23

Park – The Board will be present for the next Budget Workshop. Mayor Gifford asked Tony to get bids on removing some of the ash trees at the park.

Weeds and Debris – The City will send out warning letters to properties in town.

Lights – No Report.

Sanitary Service (garbage) – Tony will pick up Christmas trees and take them to the tree dump for residents.

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

_____ Mayor Kay Gifford

_____ Amanda Vanderhoff City Clerk