

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

Mayor Pro Tem Chase Cox called the Public Hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Levy to order. Roll call showed council members present were: Johanna Homan, Chase Cox, Tyler Draper, Bruce Engelke, and Patrick Nelson. Mayor Kay Gifford was absent. Others present were: Mari Radke, Nancy Hill, Cynthia Lindahl, Mark Shriver, Elijah Helton, Sharon and Mike Flinders, Officer Derek Nixon, Anthony Larsen, and Amanda Vanderhoff. There were no questions on Proposed Property Tax Levy. A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Homan to adjourn from the public hearing. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Chase Cox called the regular meeting to order. Roll call showed council members present were: Johanna Homan, Chase Cox, Tyler Draper, Bruce Engelke, and Patrick Nelson. Mayor Kay Gifford was absent. Others present were: Mari Radke, Nancy Hill, Cynthia Lindahl, Mark Shriver, Elijah Helton, Sharon and Mike Flinders, Officer Derek Nixon, Anthony Larsen, and Amanda Vanderhoff.

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

No Guests.

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

Economic Development report was given by Sharon Flinders. They did not have a quorum in January but held meeting to discuss DGR Engineering plotting the football field, Industrial Park, and William's property. They have 3 possible new members that will be approved at the next meeting. The Clerk gave Council the 28E agreement from O'Brien CO Economic Development.

Library report was given by Nancy Hill. Nancy read through her Director's report. Attendance was down in January due to the cold. Nancy, Rich Radtke, and Cindy Barnes submitted the grant forms and attended the budget workshop. Abbie Parker, Naturalist will be presenting her 2<sup>nd</sup> winter series on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. On February 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am Carolyn Rohrbaugh and Roger Stoner will present their books for a signing. A motion was made by Homan seconded by Engelke to approve Cynthia Lindahl and Kaleigh Larsen to the Library Board. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Fire and Ambulance report was given by Fire Chief Mark Shriver. They had 12 ambulance calls and 2 fire calls last month. The Department assisted the residents in moving back into the care center. They purchased 4 new fire extinguishers. The Department has found a ladder truck in Connecticut they would like to purchase for \$55,000.00, after an inspection has been completed

The Police Report was given by Officer Derek Nixon. Officer Nixon went over his monthly numbers with Council. He also asked Council for their thoughts on purchasing a new rifle instead of loaning one from DCI. Council will make a decision at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Engelke to approve Resolution 2022-12: A Resolution Approving the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Budget Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Roll call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Draper, Cox, and Homan. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Nelson to approve Resolution 2022-13: Resolution to Authorize the City of Sutherland to Enter into Contract and Convey Real Estate Owned by the City of Sutherland and Fixing a Date on the Hearing Thereof. Roll call: Ayes – Homan, Cox, Draper, Engelke, and Nelson. Motion carried. Council would like to add into the contract the buyer must use the property at 300 E Birch Street for a residential house and project must be complete in 24 months.

Resolution 2022-14: Resolution Entering into a 28E Agreement between the Cities of Sutherland, Iowa and Paullina, Iowa will be tabled until next meeting.

A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Draper to approve Resolution 2022-15: Resolution Setting a Time and Place for a Public Hearing on the City of Sutherland's Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. Roll call: Ayes – Engelke, Nelson, Draper, Cox, and Homan. Motion carried.

The Clerk gave Council information on Local Option Sales Tax from the Iowa League of Cities.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water – purchased 1,679,000 gallons.

Streets – No report.

Sanitation (sewer) – 1,295,000 gallons. Tony informed Council the creek at the lagoons needs to be cleaned out.

Town Property – No report.

Park – The Board held a meeting in January to talk about the skate park, working with the library on planters, and removing damaged/diseased trees at the park.

Weeds and Debris – Councilmember Homan brought up a property in town that needs to be addressed. The Clerk will send a letter.

Lights – A discussion was had on the new LED lights that MidAmerican is using. MidAmerican is working with the City to solve the issue.

Sanitary Service (garbage) – No report.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Kay Gifford

\_\_\_\_\_ Amanda Vanderhoff City Clerk