

Sutherland, Iowa City Council Meeting – May 2, 2022 – 7:00 PM – 110 Ash Street – Meeting Room

Mayor Kay Gifford called the public hearing for the amendment of the 2021-2022 budget to order. Roll call showed council members present were: Johanna Homan, Chase Cox, Tyler Draper, Bruce Engelke, and Patrick Nelson. Others present were: Rich Radtke, Mark Shriver, Dennis Fogelman, Mike and Sharon Flinders, Elijah Helton, Tony Larsen and Amanda Vanderhoff. The clerk explained the changes to the budget. There were no comments or questions. A motion was made by Homan seconded by Engelke to adjourn from the public hearing. Roll call: Ayes – Homan, Cox, Draper, Engelke, and Nelson. Motion carried.

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

There were no guests.

There were no public comments.

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

The Economic Development report was given by Sharon Flinders. They are waiting to purchase and plant the trees from their grant. 2 Store Front Loans were approved: Creations of Color and the coffee shop. The Spruce up Sutherland applications were approved: there were 10 painting, 1 siding, and 2 tear downs. Councilmember Nelson discussed property tax incentives they would like to offer for new residential construction. The clerk will contact the city attorney. The Community Fund Board was able to grant out \$3,000.00 this year. They received 6 applications: Gen NB Baker Library – landscape project, Willoway Complex – fitness center equipment, Sutherland Little League – concession and storage unit updates, Noah's Ark – equipment for new facility, Town and Country Saddle Club – arena upkeep and repair, and Sutherland City Park – planter box project. The Community Fund Board agreed to give each applicant \$500.00.

The Library Report was given by Board member Dennis Fogelman. Dennis went over Director Nancy Hill's report. The Library has started a book club. He recommended the Local History Group, which meets once a month, for anyone who is interested in learning or discussing the history of our community. The elevator passed the state and service company inspections but Dennis reminded Council that it will need to be updated within the next 10 years to be in compliance.

The Fire and Ambulance report was given by Chief Mark Shriver. They had 3 ambulance calls, 2 mutual aid fire calls, and a training exercise at South O'Brien. Chief Shriver thanked the community for their support of Fireman's Bingo and Security State Bank for the use of the trailer, tables, and chairs. The Department applied for the O'Brien County Community Foundation Grant to purchase 2 to 4 ice rescue suits. They are going to patch a leak in the tanker and there's no title for the ladder truck they wanted to purchase this fiscal year. Chief Shriver asked Council if the Department could have the light poles at the football field to use for a repelling training tower at the station. Council has no problem with them using the poles but needs more information on the construction, equipment, insurance etc.

Mayor Gifford stated that Officer Derek Nixon has resigned and the City has received a couple applications. Council looked over estimates for police vehicle.

Communications and topics for discussion:

Mayor Gifford appointed Engelke and Nelson to the wage committee.

A motion was made by Engelke seconded by Nelson to approve Resolution 2022-24: Amending the Current Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022. Roll call: Ayes –Engelke, Nelson, Draper, Cox and Homan. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Draper to approve Request for Proposal Process for Annual Examination from the Office of State Auditor. All in favor. Motion carried.

There was one bid for the pasture land. A motion was made Homan seconded by Engelke to approve Anne Hellman’s bid of \$150.00. Roll call: Ayes – Homan, Cox, Draper, Engelke, and Nelson. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water – purchased 1,774,000 gallons. Council went over the new quote from Ferguson and decided to continue with the meter project

Streets – Tony is patching streets.

Sanitation (sewer) – 1,872,000 gallons to the ponds.

Town Property – Sweeper is ordered. There were tires left at the tree dump.

Park – Discussed the Emerald Ash Borer report provided by Arborist, Craig Wilson. The Park Board will go over the information and report back at the next meeting. On Tuesday, students from Zion school will be at the park to help with clean up. This was provided by Colleen Johnson.

Weeds and Debris – no report.

Lights – no report.

Sanitary Service (garbage) – no report.

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

_____ Mayor Kay Gifford

_____ Amanda Vanderhoff, City Clerk