

Sutherland, Iowa City Council Meeting – July 5, 2022 – 7:00 PM – 110 Ash Street – Meeting Room

Mayor Kay Gifford called the council meeting to order. Roll call showed Councilmembers present were: Johanna Homan, Patrick Nelson, Tyler Draper, and Bruce Engelke. Chase Cox was absent. Others present were: Richard Mulder, Dennis Fogelman, Elijah Helton, Mari Radtke, Adam McQueen and Amanda Vanderhoff.

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

Guests: Richard Mulder was present to ask council about purchasing the strip of land north of his lot that borders the Williams Property. Council discussed the purchase and decided to consult with Economic Development and the attorney before making a decision.

Chase Cox arrived at 7:11 pm.

There were no public comments.

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

No one was present for the Economic Development report. The clerk presented council with the review draft of the Williams Addition from DGR Engineering. The council would like the clerk to contact the attorney at Ahlers Law, referred by city attorney Thor Klinker, about the urban revitalization plan and tax abatements.

Library board member Dennis Fogelman presented the Director's Report for June. He pointed out the amount of different community groups that utilize the library for their meetings. The Summer Reading program in June was well attended. Nancy acquired the state accreditation again, this accreditation is good for 3 years. Nancy is also planning to get into contact with the caretakers of the Gen NB Baker Monument to see if they would lend out one of the canons at the monument for the 100 year celebration. A motion was made Homan seconded by Nelson to approve the \$1.00 an hour wage increase for Library Director, Nancy Hill. Roll call: Ayes - Homan, Nelson, Draper, Engelke and Cox. Motion carried.

Chief Mark Shriver was not present for the meeting. The clerk informed council the department had 10 ambulance calls and 2 fire calls. The ladder truck that was inspected did not pass certification. There is a possibility the truck can be repaired but there was no quote of the repairs by the time of the meeting. Council would like the department to obtain a quote for the repairs and to continue to look for other options.

Officer Adam McQueen presented the Police Report. He has completed the testing and exams for the ILEA and is waiting on the results of the FBI, DCI clearance and the hearing exam. The camera system in the squad car is now functioning and he gave council a new quote for a body cam. He has completed some trainings and doing ride alongs with Paullina Police Department. Officer McQueen discussed the current side arm with council. He would like to trade it for a .40 cal which is what most surrounding departments use.

Communications and topics for discussion:

A motion was made by Homan seconded by Engelke to approve the liquor license for the R. L. Johannsen Center. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Homan to approve Rachelle K. Thompson, CPA for the FY22 audit. Roll call: Ayes - Homan, Nelson, Draper, Engelke and Cox. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cox seconded by Draper to approve Resolution 2022-25: Resolution Approving Wages for City Employees for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Roll Call: Engelke, Nelson, Cox, Draper, and Homan. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Homan seconded by Engelke to approve Resolution 2022-26: Resolution Approving New Contract with Town & Country Disposal. Roll Call: Engelke, Nelson, Cox, Draper, and Homan. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Homan seconded by Cox to approve Resolution 2022-27: A Resolution of the City Council of Sutherland, Iowa, Authorizing Support and Endorsing Preparation and Submittal of the TSIP Grant Application and Assuring Maintenance of the Funded Improvements. Roll Call: Engelke, Nelson, Cox, Draper, and Homan. Motion carried.

The clerk presented council with information on the DNR National Flood Insurance Program. The clerk asked council to read through the information and if they are interested she will have a resolution to pass at the next meeting.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water – 2,007,000 gallons in at the tower.

Streets – According to the new State law, cities are no longer allowed to charge fees for ATV's/UTV's. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

Sanitation (sewer) – 2,376,000 gallons at the ponds.

Town Property – Still working on getting information for the sign.

Park – The board has contacted Concrete Guys on the starting date and they are going to discuss the trees and Labor Day at their next meeting.

Weeds and Debris – The clerk has been contacted about a few trees around the city. She asked the committee if they could read through the ordinance provided and inspect the trees.

Lights – No report.

Sanitary Landfill – No report.

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

_____ Mayor Kay Gifford

_____ Amanda Vanderhoff, City Clerk