

Sutherland, Iowa City Council Meeting – August 1, 2022 – 7:00 PM – 110 Ash Street – Meeting Room

Mayor Kay Gifford called the council meeting to order. Roll called showed Councilmembers present were Johanna Homan, Patrick Nelson, Tyler Draper, and Chase Cox. Bruce Engelke was absent. Others present were: Elijah Helton, Mike Hockey and family, Robert Mulders, Sharon Flinders, Richard Radtke, Dani Rehder, Kaleigh Larsen, Garry Lange, Bomber and Amy Fuller, Devon Jones, Adam McQueen, Anthony Larsen, and Amanda Vanderhoff.

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

Mike Hockey was present to ask council who was responsible for the care of the Arboretum. The overgrowth from the fence line is impeding onto his yard. Councilmembers will check out the property and decide how to further proceed.

Garry Lange was present to ask council, although he no longer has horses, if he could keep the ability to have horses on his property in the future. According to ordinance 55.05 LIVESTOCK. It is unlawful for a person to keep livestock within the City except by written consent of the Council or except in compliance with the City's zoning regulations. Council would like the clerk to compose a letter of consent stating Garry has the ability to have horses on his property and they will approve it at the September meeting.

Robert Mulder was present to continue the conversation with council about purchasing the property north of his property. Economic Development discussed the sale at their July meeting and decided at this time they would like the City to maintain ownership of the property for future development of the Williams Property. The clerk informed Robert that if the City would ever decide to sell, the property would need to be surveyed, given a new legal description, and would have to vacate the property if the abstract showed an alley or a road through it. According to the City attorney this could cost up to \$2,000.00 and all costs would be the responsibility of the buyer.

Dani Rehder was present to inform council that she will be holding a car seat safety and family fun night along with O'Brien County Health at the fire station. This event will be held from 5-7pm on September 13, 2022. Along with the car seat safety training, there will be food and inflatables. Dani told council she has insurance coverage for the event.

No public comments.

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

Economic Development report was given by Sharon Flinders. At their meeting they reviewed the Williams Addition draft and decided to not add any easements. They discussed selling the remaining acres of the Williams Property and use the money for future housing development. This was discussed by council and the clerk will contact the attorney. They reviewed the draft of the football field and decided on the recommendations from DGR and attorney to plat the south 10.15' of Peck's Addition as W Washington Street so it will match the existing street and sidewalk to the east and to vacate the alley in lot 3. The name of the new football field subdivision will be the Tiger Addition. A discussion was had on the new Urban Revitalization Plan. It was decided that the City would contact Simmering-Cory to try to get a blight designation. This will give the City more flexibility with the Urban Revitalization Plan.

Library Report was given by Library Board President Rich Radtke. Amy Fuller has been heading up the library landscape project. Council commented on how nice it looks. They are purchasing the lettering for the sign from NCC so it won't be available until school starts. Mike O'Mahony has volunteered to take care of the grounds at the library. The library board has decided to separate with the Friends of the Library citing Friends wasn't upholding the terms in the Memorandum of Understanding adopted January 27, 2022. The library board is working on new fundraising ideas for Labor Day and future projects.

Fire and Ambulance Report was given by Assistant Chief Bomber Fuller. They had 6 ambulance calls, 2 fire calls, and 1 controlled burn with Calumet. Assistant Chief Fuller and Devon Jones presented council with information on a ladder truck the Department would like to purchase. The clerk informed them that the truck was not in the FY23 budget. A special meeting will be held on August 15, 2022 to officially approve the ladder truck purchase and set the date for a public hearing to amend the FY23 budget. The Department is planning some events at the park for Labor Day. More information will be available at the special meeting.

Police Report was given by Police Officer Adam McQueen. Due to a delay on the DCI/FBI background report Officer McQueen won't be able to attend the academy until January. All the steps have been completed for Officer McQueen to start taking calls. He is also taking certification classes through the Sheriff's Department.

Communication and topics for discussion:

A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Draper to approve the Outstanding Debt Report. Roll call: Ayes - Homan, Nelson, Draper, and Cox. Engelke was absent. Motion carried.

There were 2 bids for the Industrial Park farm ground. First bid was from Jordan Bird for \$6,400.00 and the second bid was from Greg Swanson for \$ 4,830.00. A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Cox to approve Jordan Bird's bid for \$6,400.00 per year for the '23/'24 crop years. Roll call: Ayes - Homan, Nelson, Draper, and Cox. Engelke was absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Homan to approve Labor Day: closing of streets, streetlight shut offs, and the temporary liquor licenses for Sweeney's Clubhouse and Rumors. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made Homan seconded by Draper to set the date of the September council meeting to Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the ordinances for the ATV's and Golf Cart's and decided to only remove the section pertaining to the \$25.00 per year permit fee. The clerk will have the new ordinances at the next meeting.

Council would like to move forward on the DNR Floodplain ordinance for the National Flood Insurance Program. The clerk will have the new ordinance at the next meeting.

The Council discussed the requests from Zach Bedsaul and asked the clerk to ask him to be present at the special meeting on August 15, 2022 to answer some questions.

A motion was made by Nelson seconded by Cox to approve the Engagement Agreement with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. Attorneys at Law for the Urban Revitalization Plan. Roll call: Ayes - Homan, Nelson, Draper, and Cox. Engelke was absent. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Water: 2,030,000 gallons in at the tower.

Streets: Tony has been patching and sweeping the streets.

Sanitation (sewer): 1,330,000 gallons to the ponds. There is not enough grass for the sheep to go down below at the lagoons.

Town Property: No report.

Park: The concrete project is underway. Council will approve the tree bid at the special meeting on September 15, 2022

Weeds and Debris: There are a couple properties in town that need to be addressed and the city is planning to take down some dead trees on city-owned property.

Lights: No report.

Sanitary Landfill: no report.

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



