

## MINUTES OF THE SULLY CITY COUNCIL

SULLY, IOWA

JANUARY 8, 2024

The Sully City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., on January 8, 2024, in the Council Chambers and through electronic means with Mayor Ben Ahrens presiding. Council Members present were Dan Stouthammer, Mary Carol Cross, Justin Van Soelen, and Tim LeCompte. Council Member Jon Van Wyk was absent.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion made by Van Soelen, Second made by LeCompte, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes for December 11, 2023; payment of claims list; treasurer's report; expense by function report; equipment fund report; RLF fund report; and Class C retail alcohol license renewal for Van Wijk Winery. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR ZONING REGULATIONS:** Motion made by Van Soelen, Second made by Stouthammer, to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending city code pertaining to zoning chapter to modify accessory building regulations and add regulations for Solar Energy Systems. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

Motion made by Cross, Second made by Stouthammer, to suspend statutory requirement for a third reading and adopt Ordinance 1152 amending municipal code provisions for the zoning chapter to change accessory building regulations and add regulations for Solar Energy Systems. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Motion made by Van Soelen, Second made by LeCompte, to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending city code by repealing and replacing Chapter 21 for Library Board of Trustees. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CITY CLERK:** Motion made by Cross, Second by LeCompte, to adopt Resolution 2024-01 to appoint Barbra Maasdam as city clerk. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SIGNATURES ON SULLY BANK ACCOUNTS:** Motion made by LeCompte, Second made by Van Soelen, to adopt Resolution 2024-02 to approve signatures for checks, drafts or notes or orders on City of Sully bank accounts. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

**CONSIDER CALDWELL & BRIERLY EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT:** Motion made by Van Soelen, Second made by LeCompte, to adopt Resolution 2024-03 to approve an employment agreement with Caldwell & Brierly through June 30, 2024, while investigating options for legal representation. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

**CONSIDER CHANGE TO FEES RELATED TO NOTICES AND WATER SHUT OFFS:** Motion made by Van Soelen, Second made by Stouthammer, to approve recommendations related to notices and water shut-offs of \$40 charge for door hanger notice; \$40 charge for first shut-off in calendar year; \$100 charge for each subsequent shut-off in calendar year; shut-off schedule resets January 1 of each year and city clerk may use discretion for charges if financial hardship is discerned. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

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**CONSIDER IRUA NOTICE OF WATER RATE INCREASE:** Motion made by LeCompte, Second made by Cross, to make changes to water rates by implementing a 5% increase to usage rate due to increase from IRUA (Iowa Rural Utilities Association) and increase the base rate to \$15 per month in anticipation of upcoming large water main project. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

**REVIEW OF ITEMS ON ACTION SHEET:** Council Members reviewed and discussed items on council action list.

**REPORTS/COMMENTS:**

1. Budget work session is January 22 at 7:00 pm
2. Street pole banners were examined are still in good condition

The council meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.