

MINUTES OF THE SULLY CITY COUNCIL

SULLY, IOWA

OCTOBER 14, 2024

The Sully City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., on October 14, 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, Tim LeCompte and Jon Van Wyk. Also present were City Clerk Barbra Maasdam and Public Works Director Jeremy Behun.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Van Wyk, Seconded by LeCompte, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes for September 9, 2024; payment of claims list; treasurer's report; expense by function report; equipment fund report; and RLF fund report. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO SELL REAL PROPERTY 201 N 8TH AVENUE: As published a public hearing was held to consider the sale of real estate at 201 N 8th Avenue. No objections were made, and Mayor Ahrens closed the hearing.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY 201 N 8TH AVENUE: Motion made by Van Wyk, Seconded by Van Soelen, to adopt Resolution 2024-19 to approve the sale of real property at 201 N 8th Avenue to Jeffrey Paul Homes LLC for \$35,000. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO SELL REAL PROPERTY 203 N 8TH AVENUE: As published a public hearing was held to consider the sale of real estate at 203 N 8th Avenue. No objections were made, and Mayor Ahrens closed the hearing.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY 203 N 8TH AVENUE: Motion made by Van Wyk, Seconded by Van Soelen, to adopt Resolution 2024-20 to approve the sale of real property at 203 N 8th Avenue to Jeffrey Paul Homes LLC for \$40,000. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

JESSICA MALDONADO AND MCKINLEY FISK ON BEHALF OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY IN IOWA: A presentation was made by Maldonado and Fisk about the work done with The Nature Conservancy in Iowa to bring free educational opportunities to communities to help citizens make informed decisions about going solar.

DISCUSSION OF ELECTING AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: Mayor Ahrens gave information about the city's 28E Agreement with Jasper County for animal control services and the difference between the County's ordinance and the City's ordinance. The city ordinance calls for an Animal Control officer to be named to enforce the provisions of the animal control ordinance. Mayor Ahrens will investigate further and report back to the Council.

CONSIDER DRAINAGE PIPE PERMIT FOR 303 5TH STREET: Motion made by Stouthammer, Seconded by Van Wyk, to approve the drainage pipe permit for 303 5th Street based on the Public Works Director's assessment that it meets all the permit requirements. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CITY CODE CHAPTER 69.05. The Council decided that Chapter 69.05 should remain as it is currently but will review the city code Chapter 69.11 Snow Removal for any changes that may enhance the ordinance based on examples from other communities.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS FOR 2024 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES – THIRD READING: Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by Van Wyk, to pass the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1156 amending provisions of the city municipal code relating to operating budget preparation. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

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Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by Van Wyk, to pass the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1157 amending provisions of the city municipal code that relate to pedestrians in the right-of-way. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by Van Wyk, to pass the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1158 amending provisions of the city municipal code relating to publication of minutes of a city council meeting. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by Van Wyk, to pass the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1159 amending provisions of the city municipal code relating to regulations for a city to declare adult establishments as nuisances. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by Van Wyk, to pass the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1160 amending provisions of the city municipal code relating to changes in bond requirements for city officials. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by Van Wyk, to pass the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1161 amending provisions of the city municipal code relating to the process and conditions of holding electronic meetings. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

CONSIDER CONCESSION STAND QUOTES FOR WINDOWS: Motion made by Van Wyk; Seconded by Van Soelen, to approve the bid given by Key Cooperative for rolling counter windows for the concessions stand at the ballpark. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

CONSIDER PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSIT: Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by Van Wyk, to integrate payroll direct deposit module into the Banyon payroll software. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

CONSIDER A CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING DUE TO VETERANS DAY: Council consensus was to keep the November council meeting on the second Monday of the month and allow city employees to take the paid holiday on Friday.

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

REPORTS/COMMENTS:

1. PWD has ordered roll-on epoxy to cover graffiti on 10th Avenue
2. Comprehensive Plan stakeholders meeting will be November 18
3. Judy Zegers, Library Director, was commended for the preschool story hours being held
4. Mayor Ahrens said he should be informed of any proposed legal action
5. The Smoke Eaters car show was a great event
6. Several calls for and against the closing of 5th Street to agricultural equipment were received
7. Pet owners were reminded to keep pets from running at large
8. Calls were received about the speed of grain haulers coming into and out of town from the north
9. City code states "jake breaks" are not to be used within city limits

The council meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.