

MINUTES OF THE SULLY CITY COUNCIL

SULLY, IOWA

FEBRUARY 10, 2025

The Sully City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., on February 10, 2025, 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 Soelen, Seconded by Stouthammer, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes for January 13, 2025; minutes for January work session; payment of claims list; treasurer's report; expense by function report; equipment fund report; RLF fund report and Van Wijk Winery Class C Retail Alcohol license renewal. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR A NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND THE TAKING OF BIDS THEREFOR: Motion made by Cross, Seconded by LeCompte, to adopt Resolution 2025-01 to provide for a notice of hearing on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Water Distribution System Improvements Project, and the taking of bids therefor. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH NORTHLAND SECURITIES, INC: Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by Cross, to adopt Resolution 2025-02 to authorize and approve an agreement with Northland Securities, Inc for professional services. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

CONSIDER QUOTES PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PHASE I: Motion made by Cross, Seconded by Stouthammer, to accept \$17,720.00 quote given by Sully Construction, Inc for Ballfield Park Upgrades Playground Equipment Phase I. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

SULLY RETIREMENT HOMES - LMI. Motion made by Van Wyk, Seconded by LeCompte, to approve reimbursement to Sully Retirement Homes for 85% of improvement project costs given. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

CONSIDER PURCHASING MOES PROPERTY: Motion made by Van Wyk, Seconded by LeCompte, to hold a public hearing on the issue of the city buying 7 acres Moes property for future housing development. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

REVIEW FY2026 PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATES – SET PUBLIC HEARING: Council set public hearing on proposed FY2026 property tax levy rates for Monday, March 24, 2025, at 6:00 pm

APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO MIPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Council appointed City Clerk Barbra Maasdam as the city's 2025 representative to MIPA Board of Directors and appointed Mayor Ben Ahrens as the alternate representative.

DISCUSS JASPER COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICES: Jasper County has been providing animal control services but has made the decision to stop these services after July 1, 2025. Mayor Ahrens will research the possibility of working with other cities for animal control services in the future.

LIBRARY – STORY WALK PROPOSAL: Library Director Judy Zegers presented information and estimated costs for a permanent story walk along the walking path at the Ballfield Park. The Parks Committee will review with the Hometown Pride Committee and report back to the Council.

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CONSIDER QUOTE FOR COMMUNITY CENTER TABLES: Motion made by Cross, Seconded by Van Soelen, to approve purchase of tables for the community center. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

REVIEW GROW SOLAR TOPIC: Council reviewed information from The Nature Conservancy in Iowa to bring free information about going solar in hopes the city would join as a community partner with use of the city's logo which could be construed as an endorsement. The council declined to take part.

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

REPORTS/COMMENTS:

1. Rusty water issues at Inspirations Child Care Center
2. City should receive reimbursement for directional sign replacement after being hit by vehicle
3. WHKS & Company asked to be considered for engineering services on future city projects
4. Iowa League of Cities is hosting Local Leaders Day on March 4 at State Historical Building
5. Marv Van Dyke will be contacted about mowing Central Park for this season

The council meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm