

MINUTES OF THE SULLY CITY COUNCIL

SULLY, IOWA

MAY 12, 2025

The Sully City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., on May 12, 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 LeCompte, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes for April 14, 2025; payment of claims list; treasurer's report; expense by function report; equipment fund report; RLF fund report and retail tobacco license for Casey's General Store. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

SULLY RETIREMENT HOMES – LMI PROJECT: Motion made by Cross, Seconded by Van Soelen, to approve LMI Projects for a storage shed and replacement door given by Sully Retirement Homes. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN OFFER TO BUY REAL PROPERTY – MOES PROPERTY: Motion made by Van Wyk, Seconded by LeCompte to adopt Resolution 2025-16 to approve an offer to buy real property known locally as Moes Acreage. Roll Call Vote: 3-2 Motion carried (Yes – Van Soelen, LeCompte and Van Wyk and No – Cross and Stouthammer)

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SALE OF REAL PROPERTY – NORTHRIDGE LOTS 1 AND 18: As published a public hearing was held to consider the proposed sale of Northridge Estates Lot 1 to Vande Krol for \$4,000 and Lot 18 to Eily Vande Krol for \$4,000.

One comment from the public about the size of Lot 18 and his concern that a house could not be constructed due to the number of easements on the property. No other objections or comments were made, and Mayor Ahrens closed the hearing.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY – NORTHRIDGE LOT 1 AND NORTHRIDGE LOT 18: Motion made by Cross, Seconded by LeCompte, to adopt Resolution 2025-17 to sell Northridge Estates Lot 1 to Eily Vande Krol by warranty deed for \$4,000. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

Motion made by Van Wyk, Seconded by Stouthammer, to table the sale of Northridge Estates Lot 18 until it is known that a house could be constructed on the property. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT: As published a public hearing was held to consider the proposed amendment to Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. No objections or comments were made, and Mayor Ahrens closed the hearing.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FY2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by Stouthammer, to adopt Resolution 2025-18 to approve the budget amendment for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A WATER REVENUE LOAN AND DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT: As published a public hearing was held to consider the proposal to enter into a Water Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement. No objections or comments were made, and Mayor Ahrens closed the hearing.

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RESOLUTION TAKING ADDITIONAL ACTION ON PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A WATER REVENUE LOAN AND DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT: Motion made by LeCompte, Seconded by Cross, to adopt Resolution 2025-19 to take additional action on proposal to enter into a Water Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement for the Water Distribution System Improvements Project. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS: Motion made by Van Wyk, Seconded by Van Soelen, to adopt Resolution 2025-20 to approve Contract Change Order No. 1 for Water Distribution System Improvements – Alternate Bid. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH MARION COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES: Motion made by Cross, Seconded by LeCompte, to adopt Resolution 2025-21 to authorize and approve an agreement with Marion County Humane Society to provide animal control services. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 151.04 PROHIBITED TREES: Motion made by Van Wyk, Seconded by Cross, to pass the second reading of ordinance amendment on prohibited trees to remove the prohibition of fruit-bearing trees. Roll Call Vote: 4-1 Motion carried (Stouthammer voted no)

Motion made by Van Wyk, Seconded by LeCompte, to suspend statutory requirement for a third reading and adopt the ordinance amendment on prohibited trees. Roll Call Vote: 3-2 Motion failed (Yes – Van Soelen, LeCompte and Van Wyk and No – Stouthammer and Cross)

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF BACKHOE WITH TRADE-IN OF TRACTOR: Council requested further information from the public works director on the cost benefits of replacing the tractor with a backhoe. Further discussion was postponed until the June meeting.

APPROVE AS NEEDED PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANT: Motion made by Cross, Seconded by Van Soelen, to approve John Holdsworth for as needed public works assistant for wage of \$15.00 per hour. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

APPROVE CITY CLERK REPLACEMENT: Motion made Van Wyk, Seconded by Van Soelen, to approve Crystal Montgomery at a wage of \$18.50 per hour for city clerk position when Barbra Maasdam retires. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

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

REPORTS/COMMENTS:

1. Trees around pickleball court have been removed
2. Sully Construction plans to start removal of sand pit at ball park
3. New emergency siren to be installed by the end of the week
4. IT Services contract with JD's PCs has been suggested
5. Tent – tables – chairs ordered for July 4 celebration

The council meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm