MINUTES OF THE SULLY CITY COUNCIL

SULLY, IOWA August 11, 2025

The Sully City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., on August 11, 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 Crystal Montgomery and Public Works Director Jeremy Behun.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Cross, Seconded by LeCompte, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes for July 14, 2025; payment of claims list; treasurer's report; expense by function report; equipment fund report; RLF fund report. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT NO. 3 TO SHANE POE CONSTRUCTION: Motion made by Stouthammer, Seconded by Van Soelen, to adopt Resolution 2025-30 to authorize Payment No. 3 for $316,146.70 to Shane Poe Construction for Water Distribution System Improvements Project. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT AND PAYMENT TO ARDENT LIGHTING: Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by Stouthammer, to adopt Resolution 2025-31 to authorize Ardent Lighting to install the used lighting system purchased by the city from Martensdale St. Marys. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

CONSIDER TWO OFFERS PROVIDED FOR NORTHRIDGE LOT 18: Jeff Davis presented council with a proposed plan to build a two-story home on lot 18, with an offer of $4,000. Ben VanHaaften presented council with a revised offer he had previously submitted in the amount of $7,000, with the plans to re-plat the lot with his property. Council feels it is in the best interest of the city to have a home built on the property, accepting Davis' offer.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OFFER TO PURCHASE NORTHRIDGE LOT 18: Motion made by Van Wyk, Seconded by Van Soelen, to adopt Resolution 2025-32 accepting Jeff Davis offer for $4,000, pending public hearing to be held September 8, 2025. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

CONSIDER VANDER MOLEN AG LEASE: Marty Vander Molen has an existing ag lease on the Moes property. Council will terminate the existing tenancy and issue a new cash rent lease. The terms of the lease will be rent of $1 and the understanding that planning of the parcel is still being decided and that all or none of the parcel may be removed from production during the term of the lease. 30 days written notice will be given before any part of the parcel is removed from production. Additional details to be worked out at time of lease renewal.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF BACKHOE: Council approved purchase of 2024 John Deer 320 P-Tier Backhoe loader with the trade in of the 2011 New Holland T6030. Trade for tractor is $64,000 leaving the balance on the backhoe at $75,000.00. Motion made by Cross, Seconded by Van Soelen to move forward with the purchase. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

REPORTS/COMMENTS:
1. Playground phase complete, Mayor Ahrens reported it looks great, and his kids are loving it.
2. Public Works Director reports: WWTP culvert repair is in process. Water main tie-ins are in process and things look to be on schedule.
3. City Clerk reports: 1) Montgomery plans to research a texting program where residents can sign up for alerts so things like water shut off notifications can be communicated beyond Facebook posts. 2) Moving forward, contents of the council packet will be posted to the website for public review. 3) A letter will be sent out to local businesses soon for a "What's Your Story" write up for Facebook and website postings. 4) Council members terms ending include Stouthammer, Van Soelen, and Van Wyk, as well as Mayor Ahrens.

The council meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm

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Crystal Montgomery – City Clerk