

## MINUTES OF THE SULLY CITY COUNCIL

SULLY, IOWA

December 8, 2025

The Sully City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., on December 8, 2025, in the Council Chambers and through electronic means with Mayor Ben Ahrens presiding. Council Members present were Mary Carol Cross, Justin Van Soelen, Tim LeCompte and Jon Van Wyk. Also present were Public Works Director Jeremy Behun and City Clerk Crystal Montgomery. Council member Dan Stouthammer was absent.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion made by Cross, Seconded by Van Soelen, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes for November 10, 2025; payment of claims list; treasurer's report; expense by function report; equipment fund report; RLF fund report, approving Caseys Class E Retail Alcohol License, with it to auto renew each year. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

### **NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS, MAYOR OATH OF OFFICE**

**PUBLIC FORUM:** No comments

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BANK SIGNATURES FOR CITY ACCOUNTS:** Motion made by Cross, Seconded by Van Soelen, to adopt Resolution 2025-39 to approve signatures for checks, drafts or notes or orders on City of Sully bank accounts due to personnel changes. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT AGREEMENT WITH JASPER COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT:** Motion made by Van Wyk, Seconded by Cross to adopt Resolution 2025-40 for the proposed increases and contract with Jasper County. Roll Call Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AIRPORT COMPLIANCE PLANS:** Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by Cross to adopt Resolution 2025-41. Roll Call Vote: 4-0: Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE RLF SUNSET PROVISION:** Motion made by LeCompte, Seconded by Cross to adopt Resolution 2025-42 releasing documentation requirements. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE WATER RATE INCREASE DUE TO IRUA INCREASE:** Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by Cross to adopt Resolution 2025-43 approving 14% increase to water rates effective January 1, 2026. Roll Call Vote: 4-0: Motion carried

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT NO. 6, FINAL PAYMENT TO SHANE POE CONSTRUCTION:** Motion made by Van Wyk, Seconded by Van Soelen, to adopt Resolution 2025-44 to authorize the Payment No. 6 for \$60,555.72 to Shane Poe Construction for Water Distribution System Improvements Project. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO ARDENT LIGHTING:** Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by LeCompte, to adopt Resolution 2025-45 to authorize for final install of ballpark lighting. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) PROGRAM LOAN:** Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by LeCompte, to adopt Resolution 2023-46 to approve an RLF Program Loan for Nikkel Construction as recommended by the RLF Loan Committee. Council would like documentation with further loan explanation/payment plan moving forward. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

**CONSIDER DATE FOR BUDGET PLANNING WORKSHOP:** Council to meet Monday, February 2 at 6pm for FY2027 budget planning/review.

**CONSIDER PLAN FOR EXTRA CENTENNIAL ITEMS:** A table will be set up in hall of community building with items for sale at a very reduced price. Additionally, the curio display cabinet in the back needs to be sold for a reasonable donation.

**CONSIDER PLAN FOR DISPOSAL OF EAST BALLFIELD LIGHTS:** Van Soelen has looked into donating the lights to area ballparks and there is no interest. Van Soelen to research some more, Montgomery to post to ClerkNet emails to see if there is interest from another city. The plan is to donate the lights, but someone must take them all.

**CONSIDER PLAN FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHT INSTALL/REMOVAL:** Sully Electric volunteered their services to hang/install Christmas lighting this year. Removal and future installation will be discussed with Sully Electric and council will review.

**CONSIDER PURCHASE OF NEW GAS RANGES FOR KITCHEN:** Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by Van Wyk to approve the purchase of two new units for up to \$1200. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

**REPORTS/COMMENTS:**

1. Behun, Public works director reported that the tornado siren had not been working properly due to the power being shut off by the Lions club who uses the building with the breaker box as storage. It is clearly labeled to not open but this is the second time this has happened. Council will plan to meet with Lions club to review the building usage.
2. City Clerk Montgomery reported there were some complaints regarding the Sully Christmas event. One business felt they were not invited to participate, Montgomery advised the business to contact a member of the planning committee. A community member had some concerns regarding snow removal in the park. Snow has not been an issue in the past with the event, but moving forward snow removal plans will need to be made with the city prior to the event, or the committee holding their portion of the day in the park will need to be responsible for snow removal.
3. Council member Van Soelen stated that his family enjoyed the Christmas event and thanked those involved with the planning. Van Soelen also thanked Mayor Ahrens for his time served as Mayor on the council for the city.