

MINUTES OF THE SULLY CITY COUNCIL

SULLY, IOWA

April 13, 2026

The Sully City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., on April 13, 2026, in the Council Chambers with Mayor Brent Vander Molen presiding. Council Members present were Arnold Alt, Mary Carol Cross, Justin Van Soelen, and Jon Van Wyk. Council member Tim LeCompte was absent. Also present were Public Works Director Jeremy Behun and City Clerk Crystal Montgomery.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by Cross, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes for March 9, 2026, March 23 public hearing, and March 23 special session; payment of claims list, treasurer's report; expense by function summary; equipment fund summary; and RLF fund summary. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

PUBLIC FORUM: No discussion or comments.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY2027 BUDGET: No discussion or comments.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FY2027 BUDGET: Motion made by Van Wyk, Seconded by Van Soelen to approve and adopt FY27 budget, Resolution 2026-02. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried.

CONSIDER CONCESSION STAND BLOM DISCUSSION: Jeremy & Desiree Blom presented concerns with multiple people having the passcode for the concession stand to access the lights. After review, council agreed that the lights will be used for games only while the concession stand is open and the Bloms will be the only ones to know the code. The door at the concession stand also needs replaced. Behun will look into door replacement options. Bloms presented council with concerns of the hot water heater at Deep Rock, along with the door being very heavy and hard to use properly. Behun to look into a portable water heater option that can be removed for the off season and will check door options as well.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONCESSION STAND LEASE: Motion made by Van Wyk, Seconded by Van Soelen to approve the concession stand lease to Jeremy and Desiree Blom, Resolution 2026-03. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DEEP ROCK LEASE: Motion made by Van Wyk, Seconded by Van Soelen to approve the concession stand lease to Jeremy and Desiree Blom, Resolution 2026-04. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FUND TRANSFER TO EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND: Motion made by Cross, Seconded by Van Soelen to approve the fund transfers from various accounts into the Equipment Replacement fund, Resolution 2026-05. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried.

CONSIDER ANIMAL CONTROL LEASE: Discussion held regarding the current lease with Marion County Humane Society in Knoxville. Currently, the city pays \$221 a month for services not being used. Council agreed that the current lease is not worth continuing. Montgomery is looking into other options and may purchase a kennel for temporary animal holds to be placed at the public works building. Other options include looking at an as needed service with New Beginnings Rescue in Grinnell or with Marion County Humane Society. Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by Alt to terminate the current lease with Marion County at the end of May. Roll Call Vote 4-0 Motion Carried.

CONSIDER FY26 BUDGET AMENDMENT & SET PUBLIC HEARING: Council reviewed FY26 amendment, Motion made by Cross, Seconded by Van Soelen to set the FY26 Budget Amendment Public Hearing for May 11 at the regular meeting. Roll Call: vote 4-0 Motion carried.

CONSIDER JULY 4TH PLANS: Montgomery has started the process of getting quotes and securing things on the list from last year's plans. Vander Molen must work and will be unable to assist with street blocking/setting barricades so volunteers may be needed.

CONSIDER COUNCIL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAININGS: Jamey Robinson provided links to online trainings required by council members to have so in the event of an emergency, FEMA money could be distributed. Robinson is willing to provide training, but council agreed they could do the training on their own time with the links provided. Completion certificates will be given to Montgomery to file in employee files.

CONSIDER POSSIBLE TREE GRANT: Montgomery found a grant opportunity for tree planting; however, the grant deadline is April 16, with trees having to be placed by June, 2026. Council decided to hold off and look for grants available after the park renovations are completed.

REPORTS/COMMENTS:

1. Public Works Director Jeremy Behun advised that bathrooms are open at the park, he was researching options for the water heater prior to concerns from Bloms, the conveyor screen at the sewer plant broke and has created a lot more work over the past week with all the rain. Parts were ordered to hopefully repair, if a repair is not possible, the entire system will need to be trucked to the manufacturer. He is also working on ordering patch for the potholes that need filled, but weather must be cooperative for the work to be done.
2. City Clerk, Crystal Montgomery applied for Delta Dental grant for a new drinking fountain at the ballpark and was notified that a water bottle filling drinking station valued at just under \$3800 was awarded to the city, more centennial items were sold over the weekend with the garage sale held at the building, a memorial bench to remember Fred & Helen Schmidt was purchased and has been placed near the Freedom Rock, but needs to have the plaque installed yet. Two certified letters were not picked up regarding yard ordinances and will be hand delivered to homeowners.
3. Mayor Brent Vander Molen advised he had attended a county assessor meeting and voiced his concerns over the assessment process and upcoming budget. Vander Molen has also had residents questioning the dog leash ordinances. Montgomery to post ordinance and reminder on Facebook.
4. Council Member Arnold Alt provided some information on GETS/WPS systems that council can look into. In the event of an emergency, the systems allow calls to be placed with priority for emergency personnel.
5. Council Member Mary Carol Cross said she noticed that some of the residents who received letters have started to make improvements.
6. Council Member Justin Van Soelen reported that the ballpark lighting project is now completed. One of the contractors damaged a picnic table and will replace the table. Behun is working with the manufacturer and contractor to get it resolved.

The council meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm