

MINUTES OF THE SULLY CITY COUNCIL

SULLY, IOWA

July 13, 2026

The Sully City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., on July 13, 2026, in the Council Chambers with Mayor Brent Vander Molen presiding. Council Members present were Arnold Alt, Mary Carol Cross, Justin Van Soelen, 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 Van Wyk, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes for June 8, 2026 meeting, payment of claims list, treasurer's report; expense by function summary; equipment fund summary and RLF Summary. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

PUBLIC FORUM: No discussion or comments.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by Cross to table clerk appointment so council can review if it needs to be done yearly, or if once at hire date is sufficient based on code wording.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ANNUAL DESIGNATION FOR POSTING PUBLIC MEETING NOTICES: Motion made by LeCompte, Seconded by Cross to approve and adopt Resolution 2026-14. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CLEANING POSITION: Personnel committee held interviews with applicants, deciding on one primary position offered to Bruce Smith, with a backup/fill in role offered to Jordyn Johnson, both at a rate of \$17.30/hour. Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by Cross to approve both hires on Resolution 2026-15. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO BANK DEPOSITORIES, OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER & MAYOR PRO-TEM: Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by Van Wyk to approve First State Bank & First Interstate Bank as depositories, Hometown Press as the official newspaper of publication and Mayoral appointment of Justin Van Soelen Mayor Pro-tem until elected term is over, all items on Resolution 2026-16. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND APPROVE COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES: Motion made by Van Wyk, Seconded by Van Soelen to table the resolution due to not reviewing the item in the council packet. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried.

REVIEW & APPROVE SMOKE EATER CAR SHOW PERMIT: Motion made by LeCompte, Seconded by Cross for council to approve provided permit that includes better detail to truck route and what roads will be closed for the event. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

REVIEW SULLY ELECTRIC QUOTE – COUNCIL ROOM LIGHTS: As a continued project to update the lighting to LED fixtures, Van Soelen made a motion, seconded by LeCompte to move forward with quote for \$847 for the lights only, which includes a current rebate, quote does not include labor/install. (Per guest, C.Maasdam, suggestions were made for specific color rating and a direct wire option.) Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

REVIEW DOG PARK DISCUSSION: Van Wyk provided council with multiple quotes, urging council to move forward with the lowest quote from GQ Fence Specialists at \$9,115 and they would be able to start the project within two weeks. Discussion was held on where the funds would come from. Montgomery stated there are budget line items that need to be amended in the September meeting, including a large final payment for street repairs and there are sewer projects that may need to take precedence. Alt asked if the community has given input on wanting a dog park, or if it's only something that only Van Wyk wants. Input from C.Maasdam asking if there matching funds coming from somewhere for the project. And guests and council members advised they've heard chatter from community members that there's not a need for a dog park. Vander Molen advised that the fencing quote is simply a starting point for the expense, but the total cost of requirements for the dog park would total more than \$9,000. Van Wyk advised council as long as he is a community member of Sully that he would personally purchase and provide the waste bags for the park. After further discussion, council felt that this isn't the time for a dog park project to take place. Van Wyk made a motion for the parks and rec committee to take lead and review the project for the FY28 budget year, LeCompte seconded. Roll call vote 5-0.

ACTION LIST: Sidewalks on the action list for review. Council discussed reviewing existing ordinance and making changes if necessary prior to reviewing sidewalk needs in town. If the ordinance needs to be amended that can happen first, and then implement changes to sidewalk needs if required. Alt and Van Wyk will meet and review. Lions Club rental agreement is still in the works, Van Soelen to review. Behun was supposed to hear from the sewer camera company this week to get that project started.

REPORTS/COMMENTS:

1. Public Works Director Jeremy Behun advised that the sewer valve at the plant has been ordered, the part was around \$870 and Earthworks will install, but there will be extensive labor to replace the valve and make it a t-handle manual operation. Initial quote for only the part was \$20,000 so the repair will be significantly less than expected.
2. City Clerk Crystal Montgomery was excited to report that the Prairie Meadows Community Betterment grant that had been applied for months ago with MIPA assistance has been approved, and the city of Sully was awarded \$10,093 to purchase 10 new picnic tables and pickleball court nets. Money not used must be paid back, so the city may have to spend a little towards divider nets for the courts to use the funds in full. Montgomery also questioned who's responsible for placing the flags at half staff upon Governor Reynolds instruction. Council advised Behun would be best fit to do that, Montgomery will forward the notifications to Behun for him to take care of.
3. Council Member Justin Van Soelen thanked Montgomery for grant efforts. Van Soelen received a call regarding a culvert repair by the school that needs to be done. Behun advised that one call has been called in to mark again because the flags had been removed since it had been a while from the first locate.
4. Mayor Brent Vander Molen thanked all the council and extended volunteers that did so much for the July 4th celebration because it is a huge job. Vander Molen reported that he's received a draining complaint at Connor Fraker's home, Behun will investigate it.

The council meeting adjourned at 8:02pm

Crystal Montgomery – City Clerk