

MINUTES OF THE SULLY CITY COUNCIL

SULLY, IOWA

August 10, 2026

The Sully City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., on August 10, 2026, in the Council Chambers with Mayor Brent Vander Molen presiding. Council Members present were Mary Carol Cross, Justin Van Soelen, Jon Van Wyk and Tim LeCompte, council member Arnold Alt was absent. Also present were Public Works Director Jeremy Behun and City Clerk Crystal Montgomery.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by LeCompte, Seconded by Cross, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes for July 13, 2026 meeting, payment of claims list, treasurer's report; expense by function summary; equipment fund summary, CD Investment Report, and RLF Summary. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

PUBLIC FORUM: Guest Judy Zegers, Sully Community Library director suggested the city implement a policy regarding the security cameras because of the state library privacy practice. Guest Henry Lemons voiced concern of golf carts being illegally operated in town.

PUBLIC HEARING ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Council member Cross asked MIPA representative Zhi Chen how many people attended the open house. Chen advised 15 people came to the open house on August 3rd providing some good feedback and some changes were made to the plan that included library expansion, supporting more economic development and the need for senior housing. Guest Craig Maasdam advised it would be nice if the Moes property would be split into smaller lots for more affordable housing to be built when the time comes. Lemons voiced his concern of the yard size to house size requirement per city code. Chen advised part of the comprehensive plan does suggest updating the code to allow for more flexibility with housing requirements.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE & ADOPT SULLY 2050 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Per recommendation of the Planning and Zoning commission on Resolution PZ2026-001, motion made by Van Wyk, Seconded by Van Soelen to approve and adopt Resolution 2026-17. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

SULLY HOMETOWN PRIDE GRANT REVIEW: Sully Hometown Pride received a \$10,000 grant from Prairie Meadows and a \$5,000 from Jasper County Foundation. Julie Van Wyk presented council with plans to move forward with Phase 2 of the playground updates and a cost of approximately \$49,000 with construction and playground equipment. Council advised Van Wyk to come with written quotes detailing the steps of the plan for a resolution to be passed at the September meeting. Motion made by LeCompte to approve Hometown Prides tentative plan for Phase 2 pending detailed steps to be provided, Seconded by Cross. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FIRST READING FOR SECTION 47.14; ANIMAL CONTROL: Van Wyk suggested edits to the ordinance to include an off leash allowance. LeCompte pointed out that there is nowhere in the current ordinance that allows an area for dogs to be off leash and does not feel like there's enough information to move forward with making ordinance changes. Van Wyk indicated that council could designate the ball fields as an area when it is not ball season and advised that council be proactive for the time when the dog park is built. LeCompte advised that if an area is designated it needs to be expanded more to explain who is liable for what, and said it's much bigger than just adding a generic suggestion of "areas allowed". Van Wyk made the motion to approve the first reading, seconded by Van Soelen. Roll Call Vote 2-2 (Cross and Le Compte voted NO) Motion Failed. Guest Maasdam advised if it's just an issue of needing somewhere to run your dog, he welcomes anyone to use his farm outside of town free of charge.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FIRST READING FOR SECTION 55.03; ANIMAL CONTROL: Similar discussion with the requested changes being the same. Motion made by Van Soelen, Seconded by Cross to approve the first reading. Roll Call Vote 2-2 (Cross and Le Compte voted NO) Motion Failed.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FIRST READING FOR SECTION 55.05; ANIMAL CONTROL: Requested changes for off leash area same as the previous two. No motion was made.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT COUNCIL POLICY & PROCEDURES CHAPTER 1: Van Wyk provided council with an extensive list of changes/edits to the policy Iowa League of Cities had provided to Montgomery. Council reviewed the edits remaining undecided. Van Wyk made a motion for the city attorney to review and provide guidance, seconded by Cross. Roll call vote 4-0. Policy will be reviewed by the attorney and brought to the September meeting for decision.

REVIEW PURCHASES FOR PRAIRIE MEADOWS GRANT: Prairie Meadows awarded \$10,093 to the city for the purchase of (10) picnic tables, (2) pickleball surface mounted nets, and (2) court dividers. The total exceeds the grant amount by \$118.20, requiring city funds cover the difference. The grant must be used in full, or the remaining funds not spent need to be paid back to Prairie Meadows. Motion made by Cross, seconded by LeCompte to move forward with the purchases as

Montgomery presented, with the exception of changing the table color from blue to green per previous color purchases. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried

REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE: Suggested edits to remove Cub Scouts and Jasper County Volunteer groups as no one is aware of the groups existence. Motion made by Van Soelen for changes, seconded by LeCompte. Roll Call Vote: 4-0: Motion carried.

REVIEW SULLY ELECTRIC QUOTE – COUNCIL ROOM LIGHTS LABOR: Council reviewed labor quote provided. Motion made by LeCompte, Seconded by Cross to table the light project until the next budget year. Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Motion carried

ACTION LIST: Council reviewed. No changes or progress to action items. Behun reported that the sewer camera project is still in the works, but the company has fallen behind due to the weather.

REPORTS/COMMENTS:

1. City Clerk Crystal Montgomery advised council that the residences who received letters regarding property code violations have been mostly taken care of per Behuns review. There are a couple that still need some work but have made progress, so for now it will be monitored.
2. Council member Cross is working with area carpet cleaners to get quotes for cleaning the back room and asked Montgomery to provide a rental schedule to be able to coordinate the cleaning. Cross will review quotes with council at the September meeting.
3. Council member Van Wyk advised council that he will be unable to fulfill his elected term as he and his family have purchased land outside of city limits and he will be moving. He advised that he was unsure of the timeline but indicated if there was someone available and willing, he could provide his resignation sooner.

The council meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.