

MINUTES OF THE SULLY CITY COUNCIL

SULLY, IOWA

September 14, 2026

The Sully City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., on September 14, 2026, in the Council Chambers with Mayor Brent Vander Molen presiding. Council Members present were Arnold Alt, Justin Van Soelen, and Tim LeCompte, council members Jon Van Wyk and Mary Carol Cross were absent. Also present were Public Works Director Jeremy Behun and City Clerk Crystal Montgomery.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by LeCompte, Seconded by Van Soelen, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes for August 10, 2026 meeting, payment of claims list, treasurer's report; expense by function summary; equipment fund summary, RLF Summary and Street Finance Report. Roll Call Vote: 3-0 Motion carried

PUBLIC FORUM: No Comments/Discussion

PUBLIC HEARING ON FY27 BUDGET AMENDMENT: No Comments/Discussion

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FY27 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Motion made by Van Soelen, seconded by Alt to approve and adopt Resolution 2026-18. Roll Call Vote: 3-0 Motion carried

GARDEN THYME CLUB: Pam Vander Beek, Lisa Dunsbergen, & Susan Beyer presented concerns over some liabilities and finances including benches that need repainting, trees needing trimmed and gravel that needs to be replaced near the stage. Additional concerns included their membership numbers are down and they are uncertain of the clubs future. Members do not have to live in Sully. Garden Club advised they are also responsible for the large Christmas Tree placement on the stage each year and with the dwindling number of members, this task is becoming more difficult. Park committee to meet with Garden Club and present some options to council at the October meeting.

CONSIDER PLAYGROUND PHASE QUOTES: Julie Van Wyk presented council with a final quote from Landscape structures which included the playground equipment, full installation and the finishing work as well as a quote from Sully Construction for the excavating and concrete work, totaling just shy of \$53,000 for both quotes. Van Wyk would like the city to contribute the full \$50,000 that was budgeted for in the parks fund. Council's concerns of moving forward with playground expenses are due to the unknown expense totals for repairs that are needed from the recent camera sewer line inspection. Van Soelen made a motion to table until next month, seconded by Alt. Parks Committee to meet with Hometown Pride and present council with some options at the October meeting. Roll Call Vote: 3-0 Motion carried.

CONSIDER CARPET CLEANING QUOTES: Country Carpet cleaners; \$872, Integrity Cleaning; \$2280, and Service Master; \$945 submitted quotes. Council reviewed, deciding that Montgomery will look into renting a carpet cleaner, reviewing options with janitor for him to do the work.

CONSIDER TRICK OR TREAT DAY/TIME: Motion made Alt, seconded by Van Soelen to set Trick or Treating for Saturday October 31 from 5-8pm. Roll call vote 3-0. Motion carried

CONSIDER YARD WASTE DUMPSTERS: Midwest to start charging \$150/dump, per Behun dumpsters are emptied roughly 50 times a year. Discussion included the option that residents could bring leaves to Newton Landfill for free, concerns that if there is not a location in town that the burning will increase, but raising prices for the expense that is not budgeted for doesn't seem right since not all residents use the service. Motion to discontinue the dumpster service made by Alt, no second, motion Failed. Van Soelen motioned to keep the dumpsters until October 31 and then discontinue them, seconded by LeCompte. Roll Call Vote: 3-0: Motion carried.

CONSIDER L-S SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT; HOMECOMING: Council reviewed permit, motion made by Van Soelen to approve permit as they have submitted in the past with no road closures, seconded by LeCompte. Behun to review permit with A. Shipley. Roll call vote 3-0. Motion carried

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REVISED OFFICIAL NOTICE LOCATION: Clarification was received for the requirements of public notice information, requiring it to be visible to the public at all hours of the day without having to enter a locked building. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-19 made by LeCompte, seconded by Van Soelen. Roll Call Vote: 3-0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISIONS TO PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK; HOLIDAYS: No Motion was made to make changes to the handbook which included the removal of Veterans Day as a paid holiday, replacing it with an additional floating holiday.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE & ADOPT COUNCIL POLICY & PROCEDURES: Tabled from last months meeting pending attorney review of the original and Van Wyks edits. Council was presented with the policy that included both Van Wyks edits and original policy points, clarified by the attorney that either format was acceptable, the versions merely being semantic in nature. Van Soelen noted Van Wyk spent a lot of time on the edits and made a motion to approve the document revised by Van Wyk last month, seconded by LeCompte. Discussion per Alt that he would like to review further and understand the policy more. Council agreed to table once again. No vote, motion failed.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT SECURTIY CAMERA POLICY: Motion made by Van Soelen to approve and adopt camera policy presented, with bullet points in section 4 removed on Resolution 2026-20. Seconded by LeCompte. Roll Call Vote: 3-0 Motion carried

ACTION LIST: Council reviewed. No changes or progress to action items. Behun reported that the sewer camera project was completed and there are several issues that need to be repaired, currently waiting for quotes for lining/repairs to be done. And it will need to have the camera inspection done again after repairs are made.

REPORTS/COMMENTS:

1. City Clerk Crystal Montgomery advised that there has been interest expressed in the vacant council seat that will be available upon receiving Van Wyks resignation. No action can be taken by the city until the official resignation is received. Once resignation is received, there will need to be a notice made available, and an appointment made to fill the seat if that is the direction council wishes to take.
2. Mayor Vander Molen advised council that with the complaints made regarding golf carts and side by sides, there has been some law enforcement in town and recommends residents make a friendly phone call to Jasper County in the event they have a concern.

The council meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.