

MINUTES OF THE SULLY CITY COUNCIL

SULLY, IOWA

AUGUST 10, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency which included a suspension of Iowa laws that would prevent use of electronic meetings or the limitation on the number of people present at an in-person meeting site. To help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the meeting of the Sully City Council was available to the public through electronic means.

The Sully City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., on August 10, 2020, in the Council Chambers with Mayor Gordon Yarrington presiding. The following Council Members were present: Jeff Burkett, Josh Foster, Jon Van Wyk, Wes Van Wyk and Teryl Ver Ploeg.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Foster, Second made by Ver Ploeg, to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes for July 13, 2020; payment of claims list; monthly treasurer's report; equipment fund summary and revolving loan fund summary. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

TREE REMOVAL – 709 10TH AVENUE: Motion made by Foster, Second made by W. Van Wyk, to approve quote submitted by Rozendaal Tree Service for \$1,500 to remove two trees at 709 10th Avenue in conjunction with application for Obstruction Mitigation program for the airport which covers 85% of cost with the city covering remaining 15%. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

YARD WASTE DUMPSTER AND TREE LIMB BUNKER USE: Council discussion included what is accepted in each area; citizen confusion as to the definition of sticks; items that can be raked should be deposited in the dumpster; only items that can be chipped should be deposited in the bunker. Grass clippings are not accepted. Signs for each area will be modified to clarify acceptable items. No formal action taken.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FIRE HYDRANT USE AND MAINTENANCE POLICY: Motion made by Ver Ploeg, Second made by J. Van Wyk, to adopt Resolution 2020-32 setting policy for fire hydrant use and maintenance. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

As no one had signed into the Zoom link; use of Zoom ended at 7:15 pm.

DISCUSS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDING OF DITCH CLEANING WORK: City code states property owner is responsible for any needed culvert maintenance or repairs. Council discussion included possible costs to clean and repair ditches and culverts; whether costs would be covered by the city first time and home owner cost in the future; the need to establish a policy with property owner notification; enforcement of culvert ordinance moving forward. Street Committee will contact Garden & Associates for estimated costs and information for a ditch/storm sewer project.

REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE: Motion made by Ver Ploeg, Second made by Burkett, to add golf cart permit fee to current fee schedule. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

CITY WEB PAGE UPDATE: Council Member Ver Ploeg gave an overview of items discussed at first Website Committee meeting. Committee members are Teryl Ver Ploeg, Jeff Burkett, Barbra Maasdam, Brooke Bryan, Cathryn Dunsbergen and Margaret Vander Weerd.

APPOINT LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEES: Motion made by Foster, Second made by W. Van Wyk, to appoint Sharon Renaud and Beth Vander Molen as new members of the Sully Library Board. Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

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USE OF ZOOM FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS: Council Members agreed that use of Zoom for electronic access to council meetings should continue through the end of the year. Council Members Burkett and Foster will research costs of a camera and speaker for Zoom use in the council room.

KEY COOPERATIVE OFFER TO PURCHASE: No information was available, and this issue was not discussed.

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS ON ACTION SHEET: Council Members reviewed and discussed items on council action list.

REPORTS/COMMENTS:

1. Division 2 of Sanitary Sewer Improvements project scheduled to begin Monday, August 17
2. Field work for State Annual Examination has been completed
3. New split door for city office has been installed
4. Thermoplastic crosswalks installed
5. Street Committee will research cost estimates for street paving
6. Jr. Ver Ploeg would like to install ditch inlet to address water pooling by his driveway; Public Works Director will re-grade ditch
7. Council Member Ver Ploeg thanked everyone involved with Cruizin' the Square for successful event
8. Appreciation letter from city to businesses employing Fire Dept/EMT volunteers was suggested
9. Fire Department is allowing construction company to get bulk water for construction projects
10. Requested Public Works Director clean storm sewer catch basins

Council meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.