

## **FINANCE/LEISURE/LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

**December 6, 2017 @ 12:00 p.m.**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

**1615 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, South Sioux City, Nebraska**

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**Members: Bruce Davis, Oscar Gomez, Carol Schuldt, Jack Ehrich.**

***A current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall in the rear of the Council Chambers and is available for review by all citizens in attendance. A sign-in sheet is available at the entrance to the Council Chambers. We ask your assistance by signing in as this is a Federal Grant requirement. It is strictly voluntary to complete the sign-in sheet.***

***The City of South Sioux City reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary and may elect to take action on any of the items listed.***

- 1. FINANCE – Chairman Bruce Davis**
  - a. Utility Appeals.
  - b. Electric Rates.
  - c. Phone System Change
  - d. Library Policies. [Hyperlink](#).
- 2. LEISURE – Chairman Jack Ehrich**
- 3. LEGISLATIVE – Chairwoman Carol Schuldt**
  - a. Legislative Bills.
- 4. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - a. Veteran's Drive Update
  - b. E 29<sup>th</sup> Street Mitigation- Army Corp Update
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
  - i. Every citizen speaking at the meeting shall begin his or her remarks by stating his or her name and postal address.
  - ii. All citizens' remarks shall be directed to the Chairperson, who shall determine by whom any appropriate response shall be made.
  - iii. Individuals wishing to address the Committee are asked to limit their comments to five minutes.
- 6. UPCOMING EVENTS**

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### **Library Policies**

#### **Advocacy Policy**

##### **South Sioux City Public Library**

(Approved the City Council of the City of South Sioux City )

##### **Purpose**

This policy defines when, why, how, and who would engage in advocacy activities on behalf of the South Sioux City Library.

##### **Policy**

Advocacy is an ongoing activity which lays the foundation for specific awareness and understanding of the importance of the Library. This policy applies to the Library Advisory Board, the Library Director, or designee, and any other staff members who are authorized by the Library Director to advocate on behalf of the South Sioux City Public Library. This assures communication in one voice, in an informed manner, the unique benefits of the Library in the community. This will ensure communication be positive and consistent.

##### **GUIDELINES**

##### **Advocacy Role**

The Library Advisory Board:

- Participates in advocacy planning.
- Ensures that advocacy remains a planned and sustainable ongoing process at the Library.
- Fulfills its advocacy responsibilities by identifying and responding to issues, concerns, and government policies that may directly or indirectly affect the Library.
- Encourages Board members, staff, volunteers, concerned individuals, and other community organizations to bring advocacy issues to the Board's attention.
- May communicate, cooperate, and coordinate with other libraries, organizations, agencies, and institutions in order to support the advocacy initiatives of the Library

##### **Issue Response**

After discussion of the advocacy issue(s), the Library Board:

- Shall advise the Library Director to convey its concerns, in person or in writing, to the appropriate person, organization, or government agency, and possibly to the media.
- May convey its decision to the general public and to the Library membership and customers.
- Shall advise government officials on the impact of proposed policies.
- May, at its discretion and by duly approved motion, undertake lobbying activities in support or opposition to these policies.

##### **Library Spokesperson**

Either the Library Director (or designee) will:

- Be the official spokesperson for the Library on advocacy issues, depending upon availability and the nature of the issue.
- Speak to the transformative impacts on the Library.

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**Coordination with Decision Makers**

The Library Board:

- Advocates carefully to build relationships and understandings with the people who make the decisions.
- Shall be an effective advocate for the provision of good Library service by ensuring that the community is aware of the importance of the Library and that the government decision-makers at all levels fully understand the pivotal role played by the Library in the community.
- Will work toward having a ‘voice at the table’ to be part of the process when problems are identified, solutions proposed, programs and funding for the community are discussed, and decisions made.
- Sees lobbying as a means of working to persuade the government to resolve a decision, policy, or law in favor of the Library.

(Approved by the Advisory Board, 7-5-2017)

**End Library Policies**