

**CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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A meeting of the City Council of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, was held at the South Sioux City Council Chambers, 1615 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue in said City on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023, at 5:00 P.M.

Present were: Mayor Rod Koch and Council Members Jason Bowman, Jasper Kriens, James Gunsolley, Dan Bousquet, Carol Schuldt, Rick Bousquet, Ben Schultz and Monty Peters.

Absent: none

Media in attendance: Dakota County Star. Notice of the proceeding was given in advance thereof by advertising in the Dakota County Star and Mundo Latino attached to these minutes. Notice of the proceedings was given to the Mayor and all members of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice to the Media, Mayor and Council of this proceeding and was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Koch, stated that 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 citizens in attendance. A sign-in sheet is available at the entrance to Council Chambers. We ask for your assistance by signing in as this is a Federal Grant requirement. It is strictly voluntary to complete the sign-in sheet.

Schultz motioned to approve the following items on the consent agenda. Peters seconded the motion.

Council Minutes – October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Public Works Minutes - November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

INVOICES:

- Concrete Plus - \$70,694.70. Panel replacement project.
- Concrete Plus - \$5,560.00. 1007 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.
- JEO - \$4,260.00. Electric Rate Study.
- Habitat for Humanity - \$23,356.39. New construction housing cost using HUD HOME funds.
- Bobcat - \$77,172.23. Skid loader for WWTP.
- Scratch and Peck, LLC., \$149,885.00. NE Department of Economic Development, Site and Building Fund cost reimbursement for Building rehabilitation.
- SmartWAVE Technologies, \$14,462.28 for library share of the technology upgrades that included network equipment and cabling through the ERATE program.
- Dale Hans Excavating and Utilities, LLC \$29,500.00; Tennis Complex – install 6" fire sprinkler line.
- HDR, \$18,776.23. Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.
- HDR, \$55,884.92. Wastewater Operations Advisory Services.
- HDR, \$224,841.66. Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion.
- Flock Safety, \$114,650.00. South Sioux City PD.

Wastewater SSC Expansion – Electrical phase 2 testing Scope and Cost for REPP.

Approval for Parks Department to solicit Request for Qualifications for Engineer services for the design and construction of the 31<sup>st</sup> Street Connection Bike Trail as funded by Papio Missouri Natural Resource District funding.

Backflow Software Update and pricing

Voting Aye: Bowman, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, Peters, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Kriens. Voting No: none

Engineers from JEO Consulting Group and Olsson were present to give updates and to answer any question on various projects in the city. No Action taken.

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Congratulations and Thank You Kevin O'Dell for all that you do for the Community! Kevin received the Community Pride Award for the month of November 2023.

Parks and Rec Director presented a Historical Marker sign that shows how high the flooding was in 2011.

Congratulations Kent Zimmerman and Thank You for 30 years with the City!

Fire Chief Doug Koopman presented Life Savers Awards to EMS and Police Officers who saved people during a cardiac arrest.

June 16<sup>th</sup>:

Sergeant Clint Nelson – SSCPD

Officer Dave Gerkin – SSCPD

Captain/EMT Zach Daniels

Captain/Paramedic Qwinn Wright

Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Kloster

July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Captain/EMT Zach Daniels

Firefighter/Paramedic Blake Bruns

Firefighter/Paramedic Bryan Reyes

Northeast Community College representatives Carol Rodenberg, Director of the Paramedic Program and Scott Crawford full time faculty.

Congratulations and Thank You for all you do for the Community.

At 5:21 p.m., Mayor Koch opened the PUBLIC HEARING regarding Riverview Drive Redevelopment Area #2. Blight and substandard study for an area located in the City, referred to therein as Riverview Drive Redevelopment Area #2, and to take possible action to designate such area as blighted, substandard and in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Community Development Law. There was no one present requesting special services or to speak in favor of or in opposition to the blight and substandard study. At 5:21 p.m., Mayor Koch declared the hearing closed.

D. Bousquet motioned, seconded Gunsolley to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-36

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH  
SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA, DESIGNATING AN AREA OF THE CITY AS BLIGHTED  
AND SUBSTANDARD AND IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO THE  
NEBRASKA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LAW.

Voting Aye: Bowman, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, Peters, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Kriens. Voting No: none

Peters motioned, seconded by R. Bousquet to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2023 – 38

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF ONE-WAY SIGNS  
AND DESIGNATION OF A ONE-WAY STREET AT EAST 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
IN FRONT OF THE MARRIOTT CONVENTION CENTER

Voting Aye: Bowman, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, Peters, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Kriens. Voting No: none

At 5:28 p.m., Mayor Koch opened the PUBLIC HEARING regarding Semi-annual report of the Citizen's Advisory Review Committee as provided by the local Option Municipal Economic Development Act R.R.S. 1943 (Ordinance 2022-01). There was no one present requesting special services or to speak in favor of or in opposition to the annual report. At 5:29 p.m., Mayor Koch declared the hearing closed.

Kriens motioned, seconded by D. Bousquet to approve the Semi-annual report of the Citizen's Advisory Review Committee. Voting Aye: Bowman, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, Peters, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Kriens. Voting No: none

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Schultz motioned, seconded by Gunsolley to approve the following Resolution  
RESOLUTION 2023-37

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION DINNER.

Voting Aye: Bowman, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, Peters, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Kriens. Voting No: none

Peters motioned, seconded by Schuldt to approve going out for RFQ's for a new street superintendent to replace retiring Keith Gilmore. Voting Aye: Bowman, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, Peters, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Kriens. Voting No: none

Schultz motioned seconded by Schuldt to approve the purchase of a fire truck replacement using ARPA funds. Voting Aye: Bowman, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, Peters, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Kriens. Voting No: none

Kriens motioned, seconded by Gunsolley to approve amendment # 1 with Olsson on the 39<sup>th</sup> Street Quiet Zone (additional design services railroad quiet zone). Voting Aye: Bowman, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, Peters, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Kriens. Voting No: none

R. Bousquet motioned, seconded by D. Bousquet to approve online library cards for non-residents with an annual charge. Voting Aye: Bowman, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, Peters, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Kriens. Voting No: none

R. Bousquet motioned, seconded by Schuldt to approve a 25 x 25 covered patio enclosure for Callahan's Liquor – 100 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Voting Aye: Bowman, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, Peters, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Kriens. Voting No: none

Kriens motioned, seconded by R. Bousquet to approve a generator upgrade with AT and T – South Sioux City Water Enron. Voting Aye: Bowman, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, Peters, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Kriens. Voting No: none

Kriens motioned, seconded by Schuldt to approve the TIF Policy/Guidelines. Voting Aye: Bowman, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, Peters, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Kriens. Voting No: none

Assistant City Administrator Oscar Gomez stated that Dale Hans bought 15 acres from CDA in the area Old Data Park, has the first right of refusal to buy another 12 acres. Mr. Hans plans to build around 70 homes and is asking for TIF funds. TIF funds will be used for lift station, water, sewer and fiber in that area. A blight and substandard study is being done by Hanna-Keelan. The City will have to put some money upfront. Information only.

Schultz motioned, seconded by D. Bousquet to approve agreement with Olsson on Empirical Traffic design. Voting Aye: Bowman, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, Peters, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Kriens. Voting No: none

Bowman motioned to approve the police request to purchase the police task force vehicles a 2020 Dodge Ram Pickup, 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee in the amount of \$41,797.20. Motion seconded by Schuldt. Voting Aye: Bowman, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, Peters, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Kriens. Voting No: none

Being no further business at 6:16 p.m. R. Bousquet motioned, seconded by peters to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Bowman, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, Peters, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Kriens. Voting No: none

These minutes are subject to city council approval.

A copy of the minutes in their entirety is available at City Hall, 1615 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am-5:00 pm. and on the City's website at [www.southsiouxcity.org](http://www.southsiouxcity.org)

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