

CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 10th, 2025

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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 1st Avenue in said City on the 10th day of February 2025, at 5:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Rod Koch and Council Members: Jasper Kriens, Dan Bousquet, Ben Schultz, Monty Peters, Randy Meyer, Mahamud Osman and Yahaira Schultz.

Absent: James Gunsolley,

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.

B. Schultz motioned to excuse Jim Gunsolley from the meeting. Motion seconded by Y. Schultz. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, B. Schultz, Kriens, Bousquet, Peters and Y. Schultz. Voting No: none

Kriens motioned to approve the following items on the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Meyer.

MINUTES: Council - January 27th, 25; Public Works – February 3rd, 25; Finance – February 5th, 25


PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS: March 10th, 2025

Treasurer's Report ending January 31, 2025

Howitzers located at Avenue of Flags at the Park – the US Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command is asking who will take over the care for two M114A2 howitzers located at the park - Avenue of Flags at 6th Street and Dakota Avenue, (deeded to the American Legion 307 Soth Sioux City NE) serial numbers 1674 & 2468.

Oppose LB526 - Provide an excise tax on cryptocurrency mining and allow public power districts to require payments or letters of credit from cryptocurrency mining operations for certain infrastructure upgrades

INVOICES:

 JEO

- \$630.00, Well No. 10 Relining.
- \$12,860.00, 2024 Flood Repair and Mitigation Strategies.

 HDR

- \$14,436.90, WWTF Operations Advisory Services.

 Olsson

- \$5,000.00, Scenic Park NEMA Storm Safe Room.
- \$13,025.00, NE Timberline Lift Station Replacement.

Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, B. Schultz, Kriens, Bousquet, Peters and Y. Schultz. 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.

Congratulations to Larry and Linda Brostad for receiving the Community Pride Award! Thanks for all that you have done for the city over the years.

At 5:26 p.m. Mayor Rod Koch opened the PUBLIC HEARING regarding the 22ED004 project funded by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Sioux City Tarp Inc. CDBG grant for \$710,000 close out. There was no one present requesting special services or to speak in favor of or in opposition to closing out the CDBG – Sioux City Tarp Nebraska Economic Development Grant. At 5:28 p.m., Mayor Koch declared the hearing closed

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B. Schultz motioned approval to submit to the NE Crime Commission on behalf of the Police Department for the SFY 2026 JAG funds to purchase 20- ballistic helmet range protective gear for \$26,525. No matching funds are required. Approval of signing the contract and completing all necessary documentation upon approval. Motion seconded by Meyer. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, B. Schultz, Kriens, Bousquet, Peters and Y. Schultz. Voting No: none

Meyer motioned approval to submit to the US Department of Interior, Office of Wildland Fire to purchase one Slip-On Tanker Unit with a 400-gallon water tank for \$25,000 to equip another vehicle that can be quickly converted to be operated as a fire engine. No match required. This addresses the Profile of Wildfire Risk for the area of 87 wildfire likelihood compared to 76 score nationwide as noted by the USDA Forest Service, Wildfire Risk to Communities. Approval of signing the contract and completing all necessary documentation upon approval. Motion seconded by Peters. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, B. Schultz, Kriens, Bousquet, Peters and Y. Schultz. Voting No: none

Kriens motioned approval to resubmit U. S. Homeland Security FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) application for three FTE Firefighters/EMTs for three years. The previous request was \$936,930. Approval of signing the contract and completing all necessary documentation upon approval. Motion seconded by Peters. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, B. Schultz, Kriens, Bousquet, Peters and Y. Schultz. Voting No: none

Peters motioned to approve two grants for trees:

- NRD grant for 31 trees
- IRA grant for 131 trees, this is a tree giveaway grant.

Seconded by Meyer. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, B. Schultz, Kriens, Bousquet, Peters and Y. Schultz. Voting No: none

Kriens motioned, seconded by Bousquet to appoint John Laughhunn to the Parks and Rec board. Motion seconded by Bousquet. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, B. Schultz, Kriens, Bousquet, Peters and Y. Schultz. Voting No: none

Peters motioned to move the Council meeting from Monday, March 10th to Tuesday, March 11th, 2025, due to the Annual Joint City/County/School Meeting. Motion seconded by Kriens. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, B. Schultz, Kriens, Bousquet, Peters and Y. Schultz. Voting No: none

Bousquet motioned approval of car and truck show agreement – September 12th – 14th, 2025. Motion seconded by Peters. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, B. Schultz, Kriens, Bousquet, Peters and Y. Schultz. Voting No: none

Meyer motioned to approve Letter of Agreement for Professional Services with Olsson on a Dakota Avenue Corridor Enhancement plan. Motion seconded by Bousquet. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, B. Schultz, Kriens, Bousquet, Peters and Y. Schultz. Voting No: none

Being no further business at 5:41 p.m. Kriens motioned to adjourn, seconded by B. Schultz. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, B. Schultz, Kriens, Bousquet, Peters and Y. Schultz. 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 1st Avenue., Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and the City's website at www.southsiouxcity.org

Nanci Walsh – City Clerk