

PUBLIC WORKS, PUBLIC SAFETY
HOUSING and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MINUTES
City of South Sioux City



Meeting Date: July 7th, 2025

Members Present: Monty Peters, Mahamud Osman, Randy Meyer and Yahaira Schultz

Absent:

Media in attendance: None.

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PUBLIC WORKS:

Engineer's Report.

Engineers had nothing to add. Councilmen Monty Peters asked Baylor Beston from JEO about the NDOT Westside Connecting Trail, where the process is at, does it have to come back to the committee, is it too late to change location or to not have the path. Mayor Koch stated that he thought they were entering a dangerous path, the city has 22 miles of pathways in the city, and the number one thing that tracks people to a community is paths and bike trails. Got to look at big picture, you may not like it where placed, the State decides where it is going to go, the city has never turned down a grant for something like this, if we turn it down, we are done. At the end of the day, we have to decide whether we are done with paths or are we going to continue. Councilman Peters stated that this issue is what got him involved in the government part of the community

Gerkin Drainage Update

Baylor Beston from JEO showed a map on what JEO was suggesting to possibly fix the issue. No action discussion only.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Safe Streets – Complete Streets Advisory Panel (this item is a reoccurring agenda items the first meeting in July) **Annual Report on this per Ordinance 2011-15.** *City Administrator stated that the Public Works Committee is the advisory committee for complete streets passed on 2011.*

The committee stays on top of things throughout the City, this is an annual review. Information only

1. A new Bicycle path is to be constructed in 2026 connecting the existing trail system
2. Additional bike paths are being considered
3. Bicycle counters provide data on the numbers of users conducted by SIMPCO.
4. Electric vehicle chargers have been placed in convenient locations for motorists.
5. An expanded street with an ordinance has passed by the city council improving safety for motorists and bicycle users.
6. The city has again received recognition as the first dog friendly community in the state.
7. Traffic accidents in the last 3 years are as follows
8. Pedestrian accident the past three years

City Administrator Lance Hedquist stated that our city is one of the 1st Cities that have this program that look the things listed. Hedquist went through the list and gave a brief description of each of the items.

Cameras around the City

Information only: IT Director Matt Anderson stated that they do have quote to replace cameras at Freedom Park for the parking lot – looking at the funding for that. Did have a few more cameras but they did not like them on the light poles so they took them down. If the Council have other ideas where they want cameras please let them know, cameras run about \$15,000 apiece.

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Taco Don Cheke is requesting an Amendment to Liquor License. Amendment in liquor license – Class C 155005 – Beer, Wine, Spirits On and Off Sale. Addition of Outdoor area approximately 26 x 37 NEW DESCRIPTION: One story building approximately 96 x 43 with outdoor area approximately 26 x 37. There is a PUBLIC HEARING scheduled for this on July 14th, 2025 Council.

Meyer motioned to approve and move forward to Council with recommendation Taco Don Chekes request to amend liquor license for outdoor area. Seconded by Y. Schultz. Voting Aye: Osman, Peters, Meyer and Y. Schultz. Voting No: none

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Cicely study status

Postponed as Library Director was not in attendance.

Old Dakota Avenue Road closure and possible landscaping – discussion / action on possibly implementing

City Administrator Lance Hedquist stated that we are taking action to have public hearings on the closure of this street. Do plan on blocking off that areas and landscaping that areas so vehicles cannot go in there and will be landscaping

Siouxland Shredding LLC – interested in starting a Clean Tire Recycling Operations on G Street. A conditional Use Permit will be coming to Planning and Zoning, Public Works and Council in July

City Administrator Lance Hedquist stated Siouxland Shredding has asked to go right by the railroad track on G Street, the old DA Davis site. A person has asked for a conditional use permit, he will be grinding up old tires from one semi to another semi. Concerns are: 1. Noise, 2. Appearance of it

MISCELLANEOUS / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Quote: Subsurface Solutions - \$38,322.90. These items would replace the underground utility locators for water, sewer and fiber

Peters motioned to move to Council with recommendation the quote from Subsurface - \$38,322.90 to replace the underground locators for water, sewer and fiber, seconded by Meyer. Voting Aye: Osman, Peters, Meyer and Y. Schultz. Voting No: none

Public Comment Policy - Mike O'Brien

Citizen Mike O'Brien started out with the Joy Ride discussion. He was asked if he had called SIMPCO to find out what programs they had and the item had been taken off the agenda as thought it had been taken care of.

Mr. O'Brien then stated he would like the Public Comments to go back to the way they used to be when Citizens could get up and make a statement or ask a question about anything in the city. He continued to state that the change happened so fast it gave no time for anyone to make comments on it or protest. City Attorney Mike Schmidt stated that this had came down from the State and they were still waiting on exactly what it was going to be, but for now what the City is doing is exactly what the State had implemented for now.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. being no further business, seconded by Y. Schultz. Voting Aye: Osman, Peters, Meyer and Y. Schultz. Voting No: none