

CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY

COUNCIL MINUTES

September 22nd, 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 22nd day of September 2025, at 5:00 P.M.

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

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.

B. Schultz motioned, seconded by Meyer, to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

MINUTES: Council – September 8th, 2025, Public Works – September 15th, 2025, Finance – September 17th, 2025

CLAIMS: September 22nd, 2025

Treasurer's Report ending August 31st, 2025

Approval to purchase a vac wagon at an estimate quote of \$109,123.10.

Approval to purchase and install slip line in 18" Pipe on A Street from East 21st to East 22nd Street

Approval for 1 year prepaid to NetSys+ - \$7,654.46

INVOICES:

✚ Hydro Optimization and Automation Solutions, Inc

- \$47,599.60 – SCADA Computer Upgrade and Contract.

✚ Todd Masters Rock Crushing

- \$22,544.55 – billing for parks and soccer fields, Covington, Klasey, G Street.

✚ Barkley Asphalt

- \$377,356.00 – Overlay work for E. 12th, Colonial Drive, Fairview Drive, Wedgewood Drive, West 31st and 3rd Avenue, 2nd Avenue, 32nd to Colonial Drive and alley 31st to 32nd.

✚ Terracon - \$13,620.25 – South Sioux City Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Voting Aye: Kriens, Peters, Bousquet, Y. Schultz, Gunsolley, Meyer, B. Schultz and Osman. 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 Officer Chad Cleveland for 25years of service with the City of South Sioux City Police Department!!

Park and Rec Director Gene Maffit introduced members of the Tree Board, Bill Huser, Ron Macomber, Carol Larvick and Marian Cain. Tree City USA was given to South Sioux City again for the 33rd time. There are 95 communities in the State of Nebraska that got that award, 69% of people in the state live in a Tree City USA community, 10,908 volunteer hours, over 17 million spent on trees and tree care, 6,811 trees were planted. Growth awards there were 32 given out in the state out of those 95 communities. South Sioux City planted 592 trees this year, \$234,145 spent on buying trees, tree management and expenses, almost \$30,000 for tree maintenance this year. The tree board meets quarterly, a lot of the volunteer hours got done were from the tree board. Thanks for all you do to help keep South Sioux city Beautiful!!

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Sheryl Hiatt, Director of Field Operations for the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, presented South Sioux City with the 4th certification of the Nebraska Economic Development Certified Community award.

At 5:11 p.m. Mayor Koch opened the PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING alley vacation of block 118 Covington Addition – 817 8th Avenue. There was no one present requesting special services or to speak in favor of or in opposition to the alley vacation of block 118 Covington addition – 817 8th Avenue. At 5:12 p.m. Mayor Koch declared the hearing closed.

The City Attorney read the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2025 – 04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA, ALLEY VACATE THAT PORTION OF BLOCK 118 COVINGTON ADDITION – 817 8TH AVENUE, SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA; CLOSING SAID VACATED ALLEY TO THE PUBLIC; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PRESCRIBING A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT

Kriens motioned to approve Ordinance 2025-04 on its first reading, motion seconded by Bousquet. Voting Aye: Kriens, Peters, Bousquet, Y. Schultz, Gunsolley, Meyer, B. Schultz and Osman. Voting No: none

Kriens motioned, seconded by Peters to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2025-21

Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of the Program Compliance 2025

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

Meyer motioned, seconded by Peters to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2025-22

Adoption of Amendment and Restatement to the City of South Sioux City,
Nebraska Firefighters' Pension Plan

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

Gunsolley motioned, seconded by B. Schultz to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2025-23

Adoption of Amendment and Restatement to the City of South Sioux City,
Nebraska Police' Pension Plan

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

Bousquet motioned to accept resignation (retirement) of Police Chief Edward Mahon, seconded by Y. Schultz. Voting Aye: Kriens, Peters, Bousquet, Y. Schultz, Gunsolley, Meyer, B. Schultz and Osman. Voting No: none

Meyer motioned to deny Bligh request for street vacation on 149th Street and purchase of city parcel, seconded by Gunsolley. Voting Aye on denial motion: Gunsolley, Bousquet, peters, Meyer and Osman. Voting no against denial motion: Kriens, B. Schultz and Y. Schultz.

Kriens motioned approval of North Ridge Excavating with a bid of \$168,024.40 pending FEMA approval for - Flood Repairs Storm Sewer Outfall Repairs (*SPLIT - 75% FEMA, 12 ½% State – 12 ½% Local*). Second by Meyer. Voting Aye: Kriens, Peters, Bousquet, Y. Schultz, Gunsolley, Meyer, B. Schultz and Osman. Voting No: none

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B. Schultz motioned approval of Steve Harris Construction with a bid of \$2,152,688.22, pending FEMA approval for – Flood Repairs Soccer and Baseball Fields (*SPLIT - 75% FEMA, 12 ½% State – 12 ½% Local*). Second by Meyer. Voting Aye: Kriens, Peters, Bousquet, Y. Schultz, Gunsolley, Meyer, B. Schultz and Osman. Voting No: none

Bousquet motioned denial for the request for chickens in city limits at 900 ½ West 3rd Street, second by Meyer. Voting Aye to denial of chickens at 900 ½ West 3rd Street motion: Kriens, Peters, Bousquet, Gunsolley, Meyer, B. Schultz and Osman. Voting No against denial motion: Y. Schultz

Information - Street projects through 2050 and City and County's Road and Bridge Projects 2026-2029. SIMPCO is asking the city to look at long range transportation plans for the city. In terms of roads and trails. Plans are to draw up a map of existing roads and trails and let Council add or subtract from that map on what the city feels needed. Federal requirements to have a long-range plan, which we have but are going to see if this needs to be modified.

Peters motioned approve of Police Union agreement for a 1-year pending agreement with Officers and a 60-day period to work on the 2nd year of the agreement, second by Meyer. Voting Aye: Kriens, Peters, Bousquet, Y. Schultz, Gunsolley, Meyer, B. Schultz and Osman. Voting No: none

Department Head / Citizen Information - Questions:

Mike Carnes (Dakota County Star) asked when the pink postcards went out for the citizens of Dakota County.

Fire Chief Doug Koopman - upgraded 2 firefighters to firefighter/paramedics; graduated 5 out of the volunteer academy; 6 firefighters upgraded to firefighter instructor 1.

Councilman Jim Gunsolley on Freedom Park – on 9-11 about 3,000 flags were burned, on 9.16.2025 new airplane for display was lifted in and landed on the street then pulled over to where it will permanently be displayed on a slab.

No further business at 5:47 p.m., Kriens motioned, seconded by Y. Schultz to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Kriens, Peters, Bousquet, Y. Schultz, Gunsolley, Meyer, B. Schultz and Osman. Voting No: none

These minutes are subject to city council approval.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

I, the undersigned City Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting kept continuously current and available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting, that at least one copy of all reproducible materials discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

CITY CLERK