

CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY  
FINANCE / LEISURE / LEGISLATIVE MINUTES



Meeting Date: January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Members Present: Dan Bousquet, Jasper Kriens and Ben Schultz

Absent: Jim Gunsolley

Media in attendance: None.

Jasper Kriens 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 all citizens in attendance.

The agenda of all meetings is kept continuously current and available for public inspection at City Hall during normal business hours (NE 84-1411). 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 or go into closed session on any of the items listed (NE 84-1410).

Bousquet motioned, seconded by B. Schultz to excuse Jim Gunsolley. Voting Aye: Bouquet, Kriens and B. Schultz. Voting No: none

## **FINANCE**

### **Utility Appeals**

B. Schultz motioned, seconded by Bousquet to approve staff recommended appeals. Voting Aye: Bouquet, Kriens and B. Schultz. Voting No: none

### **Water rates**

B. Schultz motioned, seconded by Bousquet to move forward with recommendation to Council water rates suggested increase. Voting Aye: Bouquet, Kriens and B. Schultz. Voting No: none

### **Electric rate changes – Dave Peterson from JEO**

Bousquet motioned, seconded by B. Schultz, move forward with recommendation to Council suggested electric rate changes. Voting Aye: Bouquet, Kriens and B. Schultz. Voting No: none

### **Garbage rates**

B. Schultz motioned, seconded by Bousquet, to move forward with recommendation to Council suggested garbage rates. Voting Aye: Bouquet, Kriens and B. Schultz. Voting No: none

### **Authorization to go out for bids on mowing**

Bousquet motioned, seconded by B. Schultz move forward with recommendation to Council authorization to go out for bids on mowing in the city. Voting Aye: Bouquet, Kriens and B. Schultz. Voting No: none

## **LEISURE**

### **Wind turbine for park swings**

City Administrator Lance Hedquist stated that a company is taking the old wind turbines and making them into swings and benches. Some companies that supply power may be willing to donate these turbines. Mr. Hedquist will investigate it and bring back to committee options, pricings and so forth.

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**LEGISLATIVE**

**Legislative Bills.**

City Administrator Lance Hedquist stated that they will be starting session soon, and a list of the bills will be coming out.

**MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Surplus tire changer**

Bousquet motioned, seconded by B. Schultz move forward with recommendation to Council motion to advertise sale of surplus tire changer. Voting Aye: Bouquet, Kriens and B. Schultz. Voting No: none

**Source for Siouxland – January Data Feature and Community Feedback Survey**

City Administrator Lance Hedquist stated that this is information only. Source for Siouxland do a lot of statistics as far as crime and kids. This important information data to look at to see what we could be doing as a community.

**INFORMATION - vacancy due to unexcused absences – other cities**

City Administrator Lance Hedquist will put together a number for excused absences, and the City Attorney will draw up an amendment to the Ordinance.

**Annual report – idea that South Sioux City is working on**

City Administrator Lance Hedquist stated this is something that we are looking at doing, we will be asking for Council input from 2025 and what they want to see in 2026. Will also be working with Department Heads on items from 2025.

**2025 Animal Control Report**

B. Schultz motioned, seconded by Bousquet, to move forward with recommendation to Council 2025 Animal Control Report. Voting Aye: Bouquet, Kriens and B. Schultz. Voting No: none

**Firefighters collective bargaining agreement**

Bousquet motioned at 12:23 p.m., seconded by B. Schultz to go into closed session on the Firefighter collective bargaining agreement. Voting Aye: Bouquet, Kriens and B. Schultz. Voting No: none

B. Schultz motioned at 12:37 p.m., seconded by Bousquet to come out of closed session on the Firefighter collective bargaining agreement. Voting Aye: Bouquet, Kriens and B. Schultz. Voting No: none

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business at 12:38 p.m. Bousquet motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by B. Schultz. Voting Aye: Bouquet, Kriens and B. Schultz. Voting No: none