

**CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY
COUNCIL MINUTES**

January 12th, 2026

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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 12th day of January 2026, 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 on December 18th and 19th, 2025. 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.

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

B. Schultz motioned to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

MINUTES: Council – December 22nd, 2026, Public Works – January 5th, 2026 and Finance – January 7th, 2026

Presentation of Claims

Tri State Truck & Car Show. Organizer name: Orlando Jimenez, proposed date of September 12th, 2026.

Location: Soccer Field parking area

Celebrate Siouxland 2026 – September 18th – 20th, 2026

Approval of going out for bids on mowing

Approval to advertise the sale of surplus tire changer

Approval of Animal Control report

Approval to pay Big Ox property taxes.

INVOICES:

Olsson

- o \$14,235.25 – Interconnect Water Main.
- o \$17,023.00 – New Water Treatment Plant.
- o \$25,462.50 – Dakota Avenue Corridor Enhancement Plan.

JEO - \$31,443.75 - 2024 Flood Repair and Mitigation Strategies.

HDR - \$5,156.06 – WWTF Operations Advisory Services.

RP Constructors - \$138,044.71. WWTF Expansion Project.

Motion seconded by Bousquet. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schultz, Peters, Kriens, Bousquet, B. 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.

Kriens motioned, seconded by Y. Schultz to approve Proclamation for Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schultz, Peters, Kriens, Bousquet, B. Schultz. Voting No: none

Peter motioned to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Firefighters Local Association 644 International Association of Firefighter in the City of South Sioux City, NE for the period of January 2026 through December 31, 2029. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schultz, Peters, Kriens, Bousquet, B. Schultz. Voting No: none

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

RESOLUTION 2026.01

RESOLUTION CREATING AND ESTABLISHING RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE FURNISHED BY THE CITY; REPEALING ALL OTHER RATES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PRESCRIBING A TIME WHEN THESE RATES SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

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

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Meyer motioned, seconded by Y. Schultz to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2026-02 WATER

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE

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

The City Attorney read the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2026.01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AMENDING SECTION 90-40 OF THE SOUTH SIOUX CITY MUNICIPAL CODE AS IT RELATES TO FEES FOR REMOVAL OF TRASH CONTAINERS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Meyer motioned approval of Ordinance 2026.01 on its first reading and moved that the statutory rule requiring three different readings be suspended. Motion was seconded by Peters to suspend the rules. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schultz, Peters, Kriens, Bousquet, B. Schultz. Voting No: none

Kriens motioned for final passage of Ordinance 2026.01 which motion was seconded by Meyer. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schultz, Peters, Kriens, Bousquet, B. Schultz. Voting No: none

The City Attorney read the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2026-02

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 82-24 PERTAINING TO THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS REQUIRED FOR A QUORUM FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Peters motioned approval of Ordinance 2026.02 on its first reading, seconded by Y. Schultz. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schultz, Peters, Kriens, Bousquet, B. Schultz. Voting No: none

The City Attorney read the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2026.03

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A COMBINED ELECTRIC, WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BOND, 2026 SERIES, OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA, IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THIRTY-NINE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$39,500,000), IN THE FORM OF A SINGLE BOND ISSUED TO EVIDENCE INDEBTEDNESS TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY; APPROVING THE FORM OF SAID BOND AND RELATED LOAN AGREEMENT; PLEDGING AND HYPOTHECATING THE REVENUES AND EARNINGS OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, THE WATERWORKS PLANT AND WATER SYSTEM AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OWNED OR TO BE OWNED BY THE CITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SAID BOND; AUTHORIZING THE DELIVERY OF SAID BOND TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY; DETERMINING THAT INTEREST ON SAID BOND SHALL NOT BE EXCLUDABLE FROM GROSS INCOME FOR PURPOSES OF FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SAID BOND AND ORDERING THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Kreins motioned approval of Ordinance 2026.03 on its first reading and moved that the statutory rule requiring three different readings be suspended. Motion was seconded by Meyer to suspend the rules. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schultz, Peters, Kriens, Bousquet, B. Schultz. Voting No: none

B. Schultz motioned for final passage of Ordinance 2026.03 which motion was seconded by Bousquet. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schultz, Peters, Kriens, Bousquet, B. Schultz. Voting No: none

Councilman Ben Schultz left the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

Peters motioned to approve WIFIA loan agreement subject to attorney review, seconded by Meyer. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schultz, Peters, Kriens, Bousquet. Voting No: none

Meyer motioned to approve the WIFIA term sheet subject to attorney review, seconded by Osman. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schultz, Peters, Kriens, Bousquet. Voting No: none

Kriens motioned, seconded by Bousquet to approve the WAPA – South Sioux City REC Export Contract and FES Amendment. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schultz, Peters, Kriens, Bousquet. Voting No: none

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Peters motioned to appoint Deanna Hagberg and Heidi Gonzalez to the South Sioux City Library Advisory Board and Deanna Hagberg to the Library Foundation. Motion seconded by Y. Schultz. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schultz, Peters, Kriens, Bousquet. Voting No: none

City Administrator Lance Hedquist stated that the following Ordinance is information only asking Council members to look at the Ordinance and what their thoughts are on the Ordinance.

Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA, AMENDING SECTION 2-96 OF THE SOUTH SIOUX CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (C) PROVIDING FOR REMOVAL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR UNEXCUSED ABSENCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Meyer motioned that the stub street on phase 3 of Dale Hans development must be paved as required by statute, seconded by Osman. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schultz, Peters, Kriens, Bousquet. Voting No: none

Meyer motioned to deny changing the street name of DeeDee Lane to Boskay, seconded by Kriens. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schultz, Peters, Kriens, Bousquet. Voting No: none

There being no further business at 5:42 p.m. Kriens motioned, seconded by Y. Schultz to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schultz, Peters, Kriens, Bousquet. 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