

## FINANCE/LEISURE/LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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**Members physically present: Bruce Davis. Members present via telephone conference: Carol Schuldt, Jim Gunsolley. Absent: Jose Gonzalez. Media in attendance: None.**

Bruce Davis 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. A sign-in sheet is available at the entrance to the Council Chambers and it is strictly voluntary to complete the sign-in sheet.

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### 1. **FINANCE – Chairman Bruce Davis**

- a. **Utility Appeals.** Schuldt moved, seconded by Gunsolley, to approve staff's recommendations. Voting Aye: Schuldt, Gunsolley, Davis. Voting No: None.
- b. **Treasurer's Report Ending 4/30/20.** Schuldt moved, seconded by Gunsolley to send to council favorably. Voting Aye: Schuldt, Gunsolley, Davis. Voting No: None.
- c. **Sewer and Water Rates.** Josiah Bonechans stated that staff recommendations would be to increase the base water rates \$1.00 for in town and \$1.75 for out of town; 10% flow rate increase this year and then 8.5% each of the next – the same as what Sioux City is charging us; keep electric rates the same and to allocate another \$500,000 to set aside for the next 3 years for combined utilities to keep us more stable. Gunsolley moved, seconded by Schuldt to send to City Attorney to prepare the Ordinance and Resolution with and effective date of July 1, 2020. Voting Aye: Davis, Schuldt, Gunsolley. Voting No: None.
- d. **Realtor for City Property.** Oscar Gomez, Assistant City Administrator, gave an explanation. Schuldt moved, seconded by Gunsolley, to send to council.
- e. **Electricity rate reduction.** Chairman Davis requested staff do another article in the city newsletter to update the citizens on what we've done.
- f. **CU Bonds for Substation.** Gunsolley moved, seconded by Schuldt, to move to council. Voting Aye: Gunsolley, Schuldt, Davis. Voting No: None.

### 2. **LEISURE – Chairman Jim Gunsolley**

- a. **Naming of New Park.** Where the old tree farm used to be. Parks Board is recommending it to be named Pete Baumer Park. Davis moved, to concur with the Parks Board recommendation, Schuldt seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Schuldt, Davis, Gunsolley. Voting No: None.

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- b. **Condition of Police Department fleet.** Police Chief Ed Mahon, stated that the current fleet is the best that they have ever had and he told the committee how much they police department appreciated it. Information only. No action taken.

### 3. **LEGISLATIVE – Chairwoman Carol Schuldt**

- a. **Legislative Bills.** Carol Schuldt stated that the legislature will be back in session July 20<sup>th</sup>. Information only. No action taken.

### 4. **MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. **Corona Virus Update.** Police Chief Mahon gave an update on this. Information only. No action taken.
- b. **Potential/Pending Litigation.** There was nothing to discuss here.

There being no further business to discuss, at 12:20 p.m. Gunsolley moved, seconded by Schuldt, to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Gunsolley, Schuldt, Davis. Voting No: None.