2020-2021 BUDGET
The South Sioux City Mayor, Council and Finance Committee are proposing the 2020-2021 levy rate be set at .424270 per $100 valuation, which is the current levy rate. The valuation increased by two (2) percent to $740,520,310 and the property tax asking increased by $58,236 (2%). The budget for 2020-21 is $82,530,070.

Highlights of the 2020-21 budget:

- The end of the SAFER grant that paid a portion of the 5 additional firefighters that were added to the department in 2018.
- Delayed replacement of some personnel
- No replacement of some personnel
- No new personnel with the exception of a grant funded police officer
- Voluntary pay freeze by police
- Reduction/Elimination of equipment purchases for budget year
- Use of Grant Funds for many projects including:
  - Water Storage Tank, Waste Water Treatment Plant
  - Splash Pad, Connecting Schools Trail
  - Soccer field Accessibility Project,
  - Additional Large Recycling Bins
  - Street Sales Tax Projects
  - Quiet Zone, E 25th Street Extension, Panel Replacements

Each year at this time police officers around the country enjoy some good coffee and casual conversations with members of their community. This is the fourth year that officers of the SSCP are done this as well. This is a chance for folks to engage officers in friendly conversation in a comfortable environment in order to reduce the social barriers that can exist between the police and the people they serve. This year, on October 7th, we will be meeting with folks at Dakota Perks, 3900 Dakota Ave, the new Starbucks addition in the South Sioux City HyVee grocery store as well as The Koffee Knechtion, 419 Golf Road. We hope to add another location if possible. Please check our Police Departments Face Book page for updated locations and times! So if you see an officer at your coffee stop, feel free to approach and say “Hi!”

OCTOBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

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*Meetings are Broadcast Live on Sparklight (Cable One) Channel 57 Long Lines Channel 3 and live video streamed on city website www.southsiouxcity.org
Reminder!!!
South Sioux City Fall Cleanup October 5-9 2020
Tree debris pickup will be Oct. 12-16 2020

It’s City Fall Cleanup time! South Sioux City Fall Cleanup week is October 5-9, 2020! Tree debris pickup will be Oct. 12-16, 2020. Please wait to set out tree debris until this week.

Crews only make one pass for the clean-up each week. If items are set out after that, it is the resident’s responsibility to remove it. If you have questions please call South Sioux City Public Works 494-8166

South Sioux City Public Works

South Sioux City Oil Recycle Center

If you change your car’s oil, don’t dump it on the ground or in the storm drain; dispose of it properly at the oil recycling center.
(only clean used oil accepted)
The center is located at:

Public Works, 125 E 26th St., South Sioux City.
Hours  Monday – Friday  7:30 am -3:30 pm

Prohibited pollutants include:

- Trash
- Yard waste
- Lawn chemicals
- Pet waste
- Wastewater
- Petroleum products
- Cleaning products
- Paint products
- Hazardous waste
- Sediment from exposed ground

PET WASTE is a major source of bacteria in our river! Pick up after your pet and dispose of waste properly!

THE DRAIN IS JUST FOR RAIN

Leaves in the street

In May 2010 South Sioux City was given the Tree City USA award; we have been a member of Tree City USA for 23 years. Along with all the beautiful trees come the fallen leaves. Leaves in the fall can make quite a mess for all the citizens in our beautiful town. Leaves are the second leading problem for our storm sewers, because they can clog the storm pipes and catch basins. If we could have the help of citizens to clean the curb line, the grate of the intakes of the leaves and debris by their homes, the storm water system will work much better. We appreciate your help!!

This City tip is bought to you South Sioux City Public Works
Volunteer of the Month Nominations

The City of South Sioux City is asking you to help locate individuals that have made South Sioux City a better place to live, work and play through their dedicated volunteerism in our community. The City would like to recognize those special individuals who do so much, unnoticed in helping others or groups in need, and to show our appreciation for their support of the community.

Especially in these uncertain times, has someone taken the extra time to help the South Sioux City Community / Citizens during this pandemic? Please help us in recognizing those individuals that are so valuable to our community. You can find the form online. Please go to https://www.southsiouxcity.org/egov/apps/document/center.egov?view=item;id=4085

If you know someone who makes a difference in South Sioux City, and would like to nominate them, you can mail or email back the form to:
Community Pride Nomination
1615 1st Ave.
South Sioux City, NE 68776; or
Email: rnelsen@southsiouxcity.org

Hydrant flushing will be Monday October 12th at 12:00AM to Wednesday October 14th at 12:00pm

The South Sioux City Water Department will be flushing city fire hydrants to ensure a continued high quality supply of water. Persons are advised not to wash clothes, etc. during these times. If your water is colored, please let it run for a few minutes until it clears up. If the water hasn’t cleared after a sufficient time, please call 494-7548 and someone will be dispatched to check the problem.

How to Plant Trees to Conserve Energy for Summer Shade

Planting the right trees in the right places conserves energy and reduces your energy bills, while helping to fight climate change. See how properly placed trees save energy by providing summer shade, winter warmth, and winter windbreaks.

- Use less energy for yourself and your utility company.
- Less fossil fuel is consumed by the utility to create the energy, which means less carbon dioxide emissions. Trees shade patios, sidewalks, and driveways, cool the concrete, the entire yard, and even the neighborhood.

https://www.arborday.org/trees/climatechange/summerShade.cfm
How to Attract Songbirds and Wildlife

The presence of wildlife can make a backyard or woodlot a special place for your family. As urban and suburban development displaces many birds and animals from their natural habitat, it becomes increasingly important for landowners to provide mini-sanctuaries for wild birds and other wildlife. Working with the principles on these pages can help you provide habitat that will attract birds and wildlife to your home.

Provide Space for Living

Just a bush or two and a few trees won’t do. Birds and wildlife need room to move about and enough variety in plant species to provide year-round food. This plan shows wildlife-friendly plantings in a larger lot.

- Arborvitae hedge provides good cover and food
- Rock garden with phlox, sedum, perennials and annuals
- Goldfish pond and/or birdbath for water
- Dwarf conifers
- Stone walls and rock piles
- Fruit trees provide food
- Native grasses
- Ground cover

Provide Cover

Birds and small animals need concealed places for nesting and hiding, protected from the eyes of predators. In a backyard setting, such places can be provided by...

- Planting conifers (evergreens), preferably in a group.
- Growing hedges with low branches.
- Planting ground cover instead of lawn in several areas.
- Planting shrubs and plants with overhanging branches.
- Using prickly or thorny plants in a few areas.

Provide Water

No matter what their individual food preferences may be, all birds and animals need a dependable source of water close by. This can be supplied in your yard by creating a small pool or birdbath in a protected place. Even a dripping tap will help.

Provide Food

Having a wide variety of trees with high food value is the single best way to increase your pleasure from viewing wildlife. Champion wildlife feeders include:

- Summer Fruit
  - Cherries
  - Dogwoods
  - Plums
  - Apricots
- Fall & Winter Fruit
  - Butternut
  - Black Walnut
  - Chestnuts
  - Hazels
  - Hickories
  - Oaks
  - Pecans

- Seeds
  - Ashes
  - Birches
  - Firs
  - Hemlock
  - Maples
  - Spruces
  - Sweetgum

Create Variety

Good natural habitat features variety—in plant species, in slopes and terrain, in plant height, and in transition between plant communities.

Build sloping, rock-faced mounds where birds can probe for food in rock crevasses or forage on the sheltered slopes.
A Haunting at the Old Library

This is a true story about the haunting of the old South Sioux City Public Library building.

It was October 30th. I was excited to prepare a glorious children’s Halloween party in the basement.

The basement was dark and gloomy, each room lit by a single bulb. The library was closed and I was alone. As I hung up the last of the decorations I heard the sound of footsteps. I sucked in my breath and I turned around. With my back against the wall I looked toward the doorway and saw a man in a khaki suit, white shirt, and brown tie. Tall, thin, and very, very old.

He leaned into the room, arms resting on the door frame, and just stared at me. He stayed for a moment, silent, then disappeared into the next room.

Perhaps it was nothing. There was actually nothing there, right? It was just a figment of my imagination, right? Perhaps that sick feeling in my stomach was just due to the excitement! After all, we did end up having a great party the next day.

Maybe he was just looking for candy.

Best of Horror Movies

Check out some of our DVDS and enjoy a good score.

1. Friday the 13th: 8-movie collection (DVD HOR FRI)
2. The Purge 4 movie collection (DVD HOR PUR)
3. Chucky: complete 7-movie collection (DVD HOR CHU)
4. Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse (DVD HOR SCO)
5. Sinister 2 (DVD HOR SIN)
6. Halloween (DVD HOR HAL)
7. The Ring (DVD HOR RIN)
8. Doctor Who: Matt Smith (DVD TV DOC)
9. Nightmare on Elm Street: Collection (DVD HOR NIG)
10. George A. Romero’s The Night of the Living Dead 19 bonus movies (DVD HOR NIG)
IN AN EMERGENCY
WHEN YOU HEAR IT. DO IT.

LOCKOUT! Get inside. Lock outside doors.
STUDENTS
Return inside
Business as usual

TEACHER
Bring everyone indoors
Lock outside doors
Increase situational awareness
Business as usual
Take attendance

LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.
STUDENTS
Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door

TEACHER
Lock interior doors
Turn out the lights
Move away from sight
Do not open the door
Maintain silence
Take attendance

EVACUATE! To the announced location.
STUDENTS
Bring your phone
Leave your stuff behind
Follow instructions

TEACHER
Lead evacuation to location
Take attendance
Notify if missing, extra or injured students

SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.
STUDENTS
Hazard
Tornado
Hazmat
Earthquake
Tsunami

Safety Strategy
Evacuate to shelter area
Seal the room
Drop, cover and hold
Get to high ground

TEACHER
Lead safety strategy
Take attendance

HOLD! In your classroom. Clear the halls.
STUDENTS
Remain in the classroom until the “All Clear” is announced

TEACHER
Close and lock classroom door
Business as usual
Take attendance

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HTTP://WWW.SSCCCARDINALS.ORG