

**CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue in said City on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022, at 5:00 P.M.

Present were: Mayor Rod Koch and Council Members Jason Bowman, Jasper Kriens, James Gunsolley, Dan Bousquet, Carol Schuldt, John Sanders, Rick Bousquet and Ben Schultz.

Absent: John Sanders and Ben Schultz

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.

Bowman motioned, seconded by Gunsolley to excuse John Sanders and Ben Schultz from the meeting. Voting Aye: Bowman, Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, and R. Bousquet. Voting No: none

Bowman motioned, seconded by R. Bousquet to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- Council Minutes – December 12, 2022 & Public Works Minutes – December 19, 2022
- Claims – December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Invoices:
  - John T Jones - \$1,228,319.93. Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement. Application No.: 19
  - Olsson - \$585.00, Railroad Quiet Zone Phase 2. Invoice no; 443079
  - Bligh Construction – \$11,465.00. OOR Rehab – 20HO35034
  - JEO - \$11,975.00 – Roundhouse Road Street Project. Invoice no.: R2211469
  - Midwest Right of Way - \$3,062.50. Services from 10.09.2022 to 11.25.2022. Invoice no.: 6165.
  - JK Energy Consulting - \$4,11.00. Consulting on energy. Invoice 1946

Voting Aye: Bowman, Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, and R. Bousquet. 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.

Police Chief recognized Officer Schmiedt for 25-years of service to the City of South Sioux City. Congratulations and Thank You for keeping our City Safe!

At 5:05 p.m. Mayor Koch opened the PUBLIC HEARING regarding an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The City of South Sioux City is requesting \$710,000 loan for direct assistance to Sioux City Tarps, Inc. (Company) to assist with the purchase of equipment and provision of working / operating capital to expand daily operations at an existing building located at 100 Futures Drive, South Sioux City, Dakota County, Nebraska.

There was no one present requesting special services or to speak in favor of or in opposition.

D. Bousquet motioned, seconded by R. Bousquet to continue the PUBLIC HEARING to the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Council meeting. Voting Aye: Bowman, Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, and R. Bousquet. Voting No: none

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At 5:06 p.m. Mayor Koch opened the PUBLIC HEARING Concerning an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV). This grant is available to local governments for community development activities impacted by COVID. The City of South Sioux City is requesting \$456,750 grant for direct assistance to the South Sioux City Senior Center a/k/a Northeast Nebraska Senior Center to assist with the purchase of equipment and supplies along with renovation to the kitchen area. These improvements will bring the kitchen up to standards and improve daily operations at the existing building located at 1501 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Street in South Sioux City, Dakota County, Nebraska.

There was no one present requesting special services or to speak in favor of or in opposition.

Kriens motioned, seconded by D. Bousquet to continue the PUBLIC HEARING to the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Council meeting. Voting Aye: Bowman, Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, and R. Bousquet. Voting No: none

Kriens motioned, seconded by Schuldt to approve the following Resolution

**RESOLUTION 2022-130**

YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT 2022

Voting Aye: Bowman, Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, and R. Bousquet. Voting No: none

Electrical Update – no discussion

Kriens motioned, seconded by Schuldt to approve the employee Health Insurance renewal. Voting Aye: Bowman, Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, and R. Bousquet. Voting No: none

R. Bousquet motioned, seconded by Schuldt to approve the memorandum of understanding between South Sioux City Senior Center and the City of South Sioux City subject to legal review and approval. Voting Aye: Bowman, Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, and R. Bousquet. Voting No: none

Kriens motioned, seconded by R. Bousquet to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford Truck from State of Nebraska bid. Voting Aye: Bowman, Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, and R. Bousquet. Voting No: none

Gunsolley motioned, seconded by D. Bousquet to approve purchase of snow plow lift tommy gate from Steffen Truck Equipment. Voting Aye: Bowman, Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, and R. Bousquet. Voting No: none

Assistant City Administrator Oscar Gomez stated that he and Kent Zimmerman (Code Official) are working on an Ordinance for a FOG Program for the City of South Sioux. This Ordinance and program details will be brought forward to Council once done.

Kriens motioned, seconded by R. Bousquet to approve the following appointments for 2023:

- **Electric Superintendent:** Tim Murphy
- **City Street Superintendent – Engineer:** Keith Gilmore, P.E. Gilmore & Associate
- **Public Works Director (Water/Sewer/Sanitation):** Oscar Gomez
- **Police Chief:** Ed Mahon
- **Fire Chief:** Terry Johnson
- **Physician Medical Director for the South Sioux City Rescue Squad:** Dr. Rick Colwell.
- **MFO Representative:** Nanci Walsh
- **Municipal Facilities Corporation:** Carol Schuldt

Appointment until December 31, 2026

- Lance Hedquist – **City Administrator**
- Nanci Walsh – **City Clerk**

Voting Aye: Bowman, Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, and R. Bousquet. Voting No: none

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D. Bousquet motioned, seconded by Gunsolley authorize the following for 2023:

- **Authorization for Mayor to Sign City's Document and Community Development Block Grant Documents for 2023.**
- **Authorization for Council President to Sign City's Documents and Community Development Block Grant Documents in the Mayor's Absence for 2023.**
- **Appoint Financial Institutions for 2023**
  - F & M Bank,
  - Siouxland Bank,
  - BankFirst,
  - Great Southern Bank,
  - Union Bank and Trust
  - Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust
  - Public Trust Advisors – Investment Management Services
- **Approve 2023 City Signers at Financial Institutions:**
  - Rod Koch, Mayor
  - Lance Hedquist, City Administrator
  - Nanci Walsh, City Clerk/Treasurer
  - Josiah Boneschans, Deputy Treasurer
  - Mary Wiltgen, Finance Officer Assistant
- **Declare Official Newspaper for 2023:** Dakota County Star
- **Authorize the following places as 2023 Official Posting Sites:**
  - SSC Chamber of Commerce
  - SSC Public Library
  - City Hall
- **Grant submission and online portal contract / grant activity requiring an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR):** Nanci Walsh, Pat Somsky, Audrey Renteria

Voting Aye: Bowman, Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, and R. Bousquet. Voting No: none

Kriens motioned, seconded by Gunsolley to approve the following committee appointment for 2023:

- **Public Works:** Jason Bowman, Ben Schultz, John Sanders and Rick Bousquet
- **Finance:** Carol Schuldt, Jasper Kriens, Dan Bousquet and Jim Gunsolley

**YEAR to YEAR Terms:**

- **South Sioux City Chamber Legislative:** Lance Hedquist and Carol Schuldt
- **SIMPCO:** Jim Gunsolley
- **SIMPCO Finance:** Dan Bousquet and Lance Hedquist
- **Nebraska League of Cities Leg. Reps.:** Lance Hedquist and Carol Schuldt
- **Keep Nebraska Beautiful:** Gene Maffitt
- **Keep Northeast Nebraska Beautiful:** Mary Wiltgen, Lance Hedquist and Gene Maffitt
- **SIMPCO MPO Representative:** Carol Schuldt
- **SIMPCO Tech Committee:** Lance Hedquist and Oscar Gomez and alternate
- **Nebraska Municipal Power Pool:** Lance Hedquist
- **LOESS Hills RC & D:** Lance Hedquist
- **Selection Committee:** Jim Gunsolley, Rod Koch and Rick Bousquet
- **Parking Committee:** Rod Koch, Mike Schmiedt, Ed Mahon, Ben Schultz, Oscar Gomez and Kent Zimmerman
- **LEC Board:** Jasper Kriens, Mike O'Brien and Ben Schultz
- **SEDC Representative:** Chance Bernstraugh and Lance Hedquist as ex-officio
- **Rental Inspection Board:** Randy Meyer, Monty Peters and Jeff Lantz
- **Tree Board:** Dick Leitschuck, Merlyn Kimball, Bill Huser, Ron Macomber, Carol Larvick and Brad Greer

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- **Parks and Rec Board:** Rick Brandes, Bill Huser, Rick Voss, Patrick Witgen, John Jager Jr., Toni-Ray Christensen, Rhonda Robson, Mary Macomber, **Trails Board:** Steve Shadle and Ardel Bengston
- **Citizen Advisory:** Kevin O'Dell, Chance Bernstraugh, Veronica Guzman, Pam Coenen.

**Longer Term Boards**

- **Civil Service Commission (4-year term):** Terry Muff, Jan Johansen and Mike O'Brien
- **CDA (4-year term):** Scott Manley
- **Planning and Zoning (3-year term):** Arlan Kuehn
- **Electric Licensing Board (2-year term):** Bill Anderson and Kevin O'Dell
- **Library Board (4-year term):** Sally Reinert, Ardel Bengston and Vicki Hirschert
- **Plumbing Licensing Board (2-year term):** Denny Moore, John Koskvich, Shawn Haggerty and Devon Bousquet.
- **Community Foundation (2-year term):** Bart Gotch, Gloria Oorlog, Arlan Kuehn, Todd Strom, Jim Gunsolley, Pat Wojcik, Pat Brandes, Marcia Mahon, Bill Garvey, Robert Rapp, Pam Coenen.

Voting Aye: Bowman, Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, and R. Bousquet. Voting No: none

Being no further business at 5:26 p.m. Bowman motioned, seconded by D. Bousquet to adjourn. Voting Aye: Bowman, Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schuldt, and R. Bousquet. Voting No: none

These minutes are subject to city council approval.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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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.

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