

**CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY
COUNCIL MINUTES
August 26th, 2024**

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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 26th day of August 2024, at 5:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Rod Koch and Council Members: Jasper Kriens, James Gunsolley, Dan Bousquet, Ben Schultz and Monty Peters.

Absent: Jason Bowman, Carol Schuldt, Rick Bousquet

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.

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

D. Bousquet motioned to approve the following items on the consent agenda, motion seconded by Schultz.

MINUTES: Council – August 12th, 2024; Public Works – August 19th, 2024; Finance – August 21st, 2024
CLAIMS – August 26th, 2024

Treasurer's Report ending – July 31st, 2024

INVOICES:

✚ Olsson –

- \$1,258.13 - All American Subdivision.
- \$3,213.40 – Hovey Development Phase III.
- \$6,547.09 – Cardinal Bike Trail Connection.
- \$11,200.00 – Interconnect Water Main.
- \$6,586.36 – Lead Service Inventory Assistance.
- \$10,290.00 – Scenic Park NEMA Storm Safe Room.
- \$4,037.26 – Empirical Traffic Study.
- \$739.00 - FRA Quiet Zone Support Services.

✚ Mark Albenesius - \$90,829.52. SSC Cardinal Bike Trail.

✚ Mark Albenesius - \$37,084.50. Dakota Avenue & Empirical Dr. Intersection Improvements.

✚ JMF Concrete - \$16,000.00. pour concrete – railroad track on street.

✚ BNSF Railway Invoice –\$2,249.83. Installation of new pedestrian crossing at C Street Trail

✚ JEO – \$7,740.00; Foundry Road.

✚ JEO - \$10,880.00; Drainage Improvements.

Change Order:

- Cardinal Bike Trail
 - Engineer: Olsson
 - Contractor: Mark Albenesius
 - Contract Price: \$77,754.00
- Increase this Change Order: \$13,075.52
Contract price incorporating this change order: \$90,829.52

Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none

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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.

At 5:04 p.m. Mayor Koch opened the PUBLIC HEARING regarding the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. There was no one present requesting special services or to speak in favor of or in opposition to the proposed One and Six Year Street Plan. At 5:05 p.m., Mayor Koch declared the hearing closed.

D. Bousquet motioned, seconded by Gunsolley to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2024-24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET
IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none

At 5:21 p.m. Mayor Koch opened the PUBLIC HEARING regarding the 29th and Hwy 77 Extreme Blight Designation. There was no one present requesting special services or to speak in favor of or in opposition to the proposed 29th and Hwy 77 Extreme Blight Designation. At 5:22 p.m., Mayor Koch declared the hearing closed.

Peters motioned, seconded by D. Bousquet to approve the following Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY,
NEBRASKA, DESIGNATING AN AREA OF THE CITY AS EXTREMELY BLIGHTED AND IN
NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO THE NEBRASKA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
LAW.

Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none

Kriens motioned to approve Subaward Agreement (*Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program*) Between the City of South Sioux City and Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy. (*Lights at ball park*). Motion seconded by Peters. Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none

Kriens motioned to approve the following items on ARPA items with CMBA Architects subject to legal review and approval for all additional contracts. Motion seconded by Schultz.

Network Switch Bid - *Netsys Plus* at \$43,356.30

Replacement of patron Computers at Library – *Marco* @ \$12,181.86

Parks Department – 2024 Ford Maverick - \$26,922 (*Nebraska State Contract*)

Fire Station printer/copier - *Century Link* – (*purchase option of \$7,131.94 or leasing option – \$145.56 for 60 months*)

Camera for Pickleball Courts and Scenic Park - *Thompson Solutions Group* - \$11,840.35

CMBA Architects – South Sioux City Library project overview and acceptance.

Replace pool deck lights – *Stateline Electric* at \$6,800.00

Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none

The City Attorney read the following Ordinance

ORDINANCE 2024 – 14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18-256 PERTAINING TO ADOPTED
BY REFERENCE REGARDING NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE; REPEALING ALL
ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND
PROVIDING A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND
EFFECT.

Kriens introduced Ordinance 2024-14 on its first reading and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Motion seconded by Peters. Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none

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The City Attorney read the following Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-13

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A COMBINED ELECTRIC, WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BOND, 2024A SERIES, OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF TWENTY-TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$22,500,000), IN THE FORM OF A PROMISSORY NOTE ISSUED TO EVIDENCE INDEBTEDNESS TO THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY; APPROVING THE FORM OF SAID BOND (ISSUED AS A SINGLE PROMISSORY NOTE) AND RELATED LOAN CONTRACT; 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 NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY; 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.

Peters motioned for approval of Ordinance 2024-13 on its 2nd reading. Motion seconded by Schultz. Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none

D. Bousquet motioned to approve using Dale Hans for Senior Citizen Center drainage repair in the amount of \$14,875.00. Motion seconded by Peters. Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none

Schultz motioned, seconded by Peters to go out for engineering bids on the Timberline Lift Station replacement. Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none

D. Bousquet motioned authorization to advertise for equipment procurement for the wastewater treatment facility hydrogen sulfide scrubber system. Motion seconded by Gunsolley. Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none

Schultz motioned approval of 10 x 28 sign for First Serve Tennis Center on east side of the building facing I-29. Motion seconded Gunsolley. Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none

Matt Andrews – I.T. Department showed a map of where ImOn Communications will be placing their equipment. Information only.

Economic Director Oscar Gomez was instructed to touch base with Michael Sands and set up a time to have TIF Attorney, Michael Sands give a presentation on TIFs after a Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Michael O'Brien from South Sioux City asked what is ARPA and why the Council approved them at once without discussion or explaining what they are. Mr. O'Brien was told that all of them have gone through both Public Works and Finance Committee's and they are both open to the public.

Being no further business at 6:01 p.m. Kriens motioned, seconded by Peters to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. 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 Ave., Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am-5:00 pm. and on the City's website at www.southsiouxcity.org

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