

**CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY**  
**City Council Agenda**  
**February 10, 2025 at 5:00 PM**  
City Hall Council Chambers  
1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, Nebraska

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**OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

*Mayor Rod Koch, Jasper Kriens, Dan Bousquet, Jason Bowman, Ben Schultz, Jim Gunsolley, Monty Peters, Mahamud Osman and Randy Meyer*

**EXCUSE ABSENCE:**

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

1.a. MINUTES:

Council - January 27th, 2025

[Council Minutes - 01.27.2025.pdf](#)

Public Works – February 3rd, 2025

[Public Works Minutes - February 3rd, 2025.pdf](#)

Finance – February 5th, 2025

[Finance Minutes - February 5th, 2025.pdf](#)

1.b. PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS: March 10th, 2025 –

*This is a detailed list of bills for the various suppliers to the City for goods and services.*

[Council Claims - 02.10.2025.pdf](#)

1.c. Treasurer’s Report ending January 31, 2025

[Treasurer's Report Ending January 31st 2025.pdf](#)

1.d. Howitzers located at Avenue of Flags at the Park – the US Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command is asking who will take over the care for two M114A2 howitzers located at the park - Avenue of Flags at 6th Street and Dakota Avenue, (deeded to the American Legion 307 Soth Sioux City NE) serial numbers 1674 & 2468.

*(Comes with favorable recommendation from Public Works)*

[flags.pdf](#)

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- 1.e. Oppose LB526 - Provide an excise tax on cryptocurrency mining and allow public power districts to require payments or letters of credit from cryptocurrency mining operations for certain infrastructure upgrades  
*(Comes with Favorable recommendation from Finance)*

1.f. INVOICES:

JEO

- \$630.00, Well No. 10 Relining. Invoice 157843  
[JEO - Well No. 10.pdf](#)
- \$12,860.00, 2024 Flood Repair and Mitigation Strategies. Invoice: 158308  
[JEO - Flood Repair.pdf](#)

HDR

- \$14,436.90, WWTF Operations Advisory Services. Invoice: 1200693335  
[HDR - Wastewater Operations Advisory.pdf](#)

Olsson

- \$5,000.00, Scenic Park NEMA Storm Safe Room. Invoice 526215  
[Olsson - Scenic Park.pdf](#)
- \$13,025.00, NE Timberline Lift Station Replacement. Invoice 526276  
[Olsson- Timberline.pdf](#)

**2. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATION**

2.a. Engineer Report

[JEO Weekly.pdf](#)  
[Olsson Weekly.pdf](#)

2.b. Community Pride Award – Larry and Linda Brostad

**3. GRANT APPROVAL**

3.a. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Relating to the 22ED004 project funded by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This grant is available to local governments for community/economic development activities.

On January 9, 2023, the city of South Sioux City, located in Dakota County, Nebraska (“City”) held a public hearing upon application for a \$710,000 Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (“Department”) for direct assistance to Sioux City Tarp, Inc. (“Business”) to assist with equipment purchases and provide working capital to expand operations at the Business facility located at 100 Futures Drive, South

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Sioux City, Dakota County, Nebraska 68776 (the “Project”). The Business manufactures lock down electric tarp kits for grain trailers, end dumps, quick-release walking floors and side dumps. The Business created twenty new full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs, primarily benefiting Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) people with an hourly rate of at least \$20.00 with benefits. The CDBG funded activities did not displace any residences, businesses, or farms. The city used \$6,546 for administrative expenses and conditionally granted \$700,000 to the Siouxland Economic Development Corporation, a non-profit development organization (“NDO”). The NDO utilized such conditionally granted CDBG funds to loan \$700,000 to the Business. Fifty percent (50%) of the loan to the Business or \$350,000 was a performance-based loan and forgiven after the business achieves job creation and other requirements. The remaining \$350,000 repaid to the NDO over seven years with zero percent interest and will be “de-federalized” after the project job requirements are met and subject only to the NDO Re-Use Plan to use for future regional economic development purposes. The total Project cost estimated to be \$1,400,000 with funding from the \$700,000 in CDBG funds matched by \$700,000 funds provided by Business equity.

Not included in the Project was the renovation costs of the acquired building. A portion of the renovation was funded by a \$200,000 LB840 performance-based grant and the remainder from a participating lender and from the Business.

- 3.b. Approval to submit to the NE Crime Commission on behalf of the Police Department for the SFY 2026 JAG funds to purchase 20- ballistic helmet range protective gear for \$26,525. No matching funds are required. Approval to sign contract and complete all necessary documentation upon approval *(comes with favorable recommendation from Public Works to submit application and approve Grant Writer to sign and complete all necessary documentation once Grant is approved)*
  
- 3.c. Approval to submit to the US Department of Interior, Office of Wildland Fire to purchase one Slip-On Tanker Unit with a 400-gallon water tank for \$25,000 to equip another vehicle that can be quickly converted to be operated as a fire engine. No match required. This addresses the Profile of Wildfire Risk for the area of 87 wildfire likelihood compared to 76 score nationwide as noted by the USDA Forest Service, Wildfire Risk to Communities. Approval to sign contract and complete all necessary documentation upon approval. *(comes with favorable recommendation from Public Works to submit application and approve Grant Writer to sign and complete all necessary documentation once Grant is approved)*
  
- 3.d. Approval to resubmit U. S. Homeland Security FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) application for three FTE Firefighters/EMTs for three years. The previous request was \$936,930. Approval of signing the contract and complete all necessary documentation upon approval. *(comes with favorable recommendation from Public Works to submit application and approve Grant Writer to sign and complete all necessary documentation once Grant is approved)*

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3.e. Approval for Trees

NRD grant – (31 trees in all)  
Great Plains - \$3, 871.75.pdf  
[Great Plains - \\$3,871.75.pdf](#)

IRA grant - \$19,170.00 (131 trees in all)  
Grant Trees - \$19, 170.00.pdf  
[Grant Tree - \\$19,170.00.pdf](#)

**4. MISCELLANEOUS AND OLD BUSINESS**

4.a. Appoint John Laughhunn to Parks and Rec

4.b. Change March 10th Council meeting to Tuesday March 11th due to Joint City / County / School Meeting being held on March 10th.

4.c. Approval of Car and Truck Show and agreement – September 12th – 14th, 2025. *(This event is being requested to be held at the soccer field parking lot.) (Comes with recommendation from Public Works subject to Police Chief review of security and approval)*

4.d. Approval for Dakota Avenue Corridor Enhancement Plan – Letter of Agreement for Professional Services with Olsson. Cost for services from Olsson - \$72,750.00  
*(comes with recommendation from Finance to move forward to Council approval of plan – with more discussion at Council)*

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**6. DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES**

**7. POTENTIAL / PENDING LITIGATION**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**