

PUBLIC WORKS, PUBLIC SAFETY
HOUSING and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MINUTES
City of South Sioux City



Meeting Date: March 16th, 2026

Members Present: Monty Peters, Mahamud Osman, Randy Meyer and Yahaira Schultz

Absent:

Media in attendance: None.

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Public Works:

Engineer's Report.

Nothing to add from JEO or Olsson.

South Sioux City Drainage Improvements - approval of bidder.

Meyer motioned, seconded by Osman to move forward to Council with recommendation low bidder Steve Harris Construction, submitting a total price of \$1,284,299.14 for Groups A, B, C & D, with a bid of \$126,080.26 for Alternate 1. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schuldt and Peters. Voting No: none

Public Safety:

Discussion / approval of request for local government approval - Emergency Shelter Funding

Meyer motioned to move forward with approval to Council the request for local government approval - Emergency Shelter Funding, seconded by Y. Schultz. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schuldt and Peters. Voting No: none

Speed check on Old Highway 20 - Rick Bousquet

Doing speed checks will bring results back for discussion.

Approval of adopting public street parking design guidelines by resolution

Ethan Joy from JEO talked about parking and will meet with two people from the Public Works committee an hour before the next meeting for more discussion and ideas to bring back to the full committee.

- Discussion centered on confusion and lack of clarity regarding parallel parking rules on Dakota Avenue and adjacent residential areas.
- Uncertainty about proper parking guidelines and requested further collaboration with Ethan to develop a comprehensive approach.
- Concerns were raised about parking in front of garages and the need for clear, enforceable guidelines.
- The committee agreed to schedule a focused meeting before the next public works session to address these issues.
- Emphasis was placed on the importance of proactive planning, especially near entertainment districts, to avoid future parking conflicts.

Housing and Community Development:

Follow up on Dakota Avenue and Flag Park plans *(brought back from last Public Works meeting when final plans are ready)*

Meyer motioned to move forward to Council approval of set concept, seconded by Osman. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schuldt and Peters. Voting No: none

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Rezoning request submitted by LUX Brothers to rezone the portion of the property from AGT, Agricultural Transitional District to C1, and the northern portion of the property to M1. The property is commonly known as: The 500 Block of Old Sawmill Road
Meyer motioned to move forward to Council approval of rezoning request from AGT to C1 and a portion of property to M1, seconded by Y. Schultz. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schuldt and Peters. Voting No: none

Conditional Use Permit listing

Code Enforcement Department Head Kent Zimmerman gave each of the committee members a list of all the conditional use permits from 2004. City Attorney Mike Schmiedt stated that conditional use permits have started being a resolution. No action taken

HOME Consortium Agreement *(Every three years we process a HOME Investment Partnership Intergovernmental Agreement between Sioux City, Iowa, South Sioux City, Nebraska, and Dakota City. This allows for federal HOME funding to be directly allocated by HUD to our tri-state area)*

Meyer motioned to move forward with recommendation to Council the HOME Consortium agreement, seconded by Y. Schultz. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schuldt and Peters. Voting No: none

Approval of TIF policy update

Meyer motioned, seconded by Y. Schultz to bring back to Public Works after City Attorney has looked at policy. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schuldt and Peters. Voting No: none

Dr. Rony Ortega - School Update

Information only - no action taken

- A presentation outlined a revised, tax-neutral school facilities plan, responding to community feedback for a phased, affordable approach.
- Key elements include building a new K-4 elementary school and intermediate school, addressing aging facilities and capacity issues.
- The plan reduces overall costs from \$127 million to \$95 million and leverages a special building fund to avoid tax increases.
- Enrollment growth, including unexpected increases due to local plant closures, was highlighted as a pressing concern.
- Ongoing community engagement will continue through May to gather further input and support

Miscellaneous / Unfinished Business:

250 Committee Update and Consideration of dog sculpture

Lori Warner from South Sioux City Chamber was present to discuss two items with the committee:

- Preparations for the America 250 event on July 3rd include live entertainment, family activities, and free public access, with city budget support and community fundraising.
- A proposal was introduced for installing public dog sculptures to celebrate the city's reputation for national dog shows and boost tourism.
- Potential locations for the sculptures include parks and public spaces, with the idea of creating a trail or passport system for visitors.
- Council members expressed support and requested a detailed plan for locations and logistics.
- Discussions included leveraging the city's history with dog shows and economic impact studies.

Discussion on 734 East 7th Street - Luis Marquez - motion at Council was for him to only get a trailer license and he got a trailer license and is selling car at this location

Meyer motioned, seconded by Peters to postpone further action for 30 days to see if owner Luis Marquez changes his license to a trailer only license. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer and Peters. Voting No: Y. Schuldt

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Review and move forward to Council with recommendation mowing bid. *Staff recommends lowest bidder: River Bottom Ringnecks (per mowing - \$5,946.13; total times 30 mowing - \$163,735.20)*

Peter motioned moving forward to Council with favorable recommendation on lowest bidder for mowing River Bottom Ringnecks - per mowing - \$5,946.13; total times 30 mowing - \$163,735.20, seconded by Y. Schultz. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schuldt and Peters. Voting No: none

Approval of spraying bid for the city - Apex at \$10,646.60

Meyer motioned to move forward to Council with recommendation Apex at \$10,646.60 for spraying in the city, seconded by Osman. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schuldt and Peters. Voting No: none

Parks and Recreation request for new mower. City Staff recommend lowest quote and best warranty from Robertson IMP. *(All the mowers quoted are equipped with Baggers, power lift 72"decks and minimum 35 hp motors.)*

- o John Deere Z970R Z Trak 72 inch with a 4-year warranty or 1500 hrs. \$24,366.00 (AgriVision Equipment)
- o Kubota F3710 72 inch with 36 months or 2000 hrs. \$33,999.99 (Midwest Honda Suzuki Kubota)
- o Gravley 2026 PT672 EFI 72 inch with a 5-year warranty \$19,726.00 (Robertson IMP)

Peter motioned to move forward to Council with recommendation the purchase of a new mower from Robertson IMP. a Gravley 2026 with a 5-year warranty at \$19,726.00, seconded by Meyer. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schuldt and Peters. Voting No: none

Meyer motioned approval for the following grants, seconded by Osman.

Approval to submit a grant application to the Nebraska Resources District (NRD) for Pour-in-Place surfacing at Raymond Park. Total estimated project cost: \$100,000. Funding sources include \$50,000 NRD reimbursement and a tentative \$25,000 NDEE grant, with the remaining cost share anticipated to be \$25,000.

Approval to submit a grant application to the Nebraska Resources District (NRD) for Pour-in-Place surfacing at Scenic Park. Total estimated project cost: \$100,000. Funding sources include \$50,000 NRD reimbursement and a tentative \$25,000 NDEE grant, with the remaining cost share anticipated to be \$25,000.

Approval to submit a grant application to the Nebraska Resources District (NRD) for Baseball Infields and Scoreboard Replacements in partnership with South Sioux City Cardinal Little League. Total estimated project cost: \$44,967. NRD reimbursement request of \$22,483.50, with the remaining cost shared 50/50 between the City and Cardinal Little League.

Approval to submit a grant application to the Nebraska Resources District (NRD) for city trail repairs. Total project request: \$50,000, including \$25,000 NRD funding and \$25,000 City cost share.

Approval to submit a grant application to Plant Nebraska requesting \$300,000 in funding with no match required to support citywide tree removal efforts, including removal of dead, dying, diseased, and ash trees.

Approval to submit an application to the Small, Rural, and Tribal (SRT) Body-Worn Camera Grant Program for the purchase of three police department body cameras, with an estimated total cost of \$6,000 (\$3,000 grant request and \$3,000 cost share).

Approval to submit an application to the Missouri River Historic Development (MRHD) Target Grant Program to support the purchase of protective equipment for the Police Department Special Response Team, including replacement of expired vests and helmets. Total estimated project cost: \$32,000, with a \$25,000 MRHD request and \$7,000 City cost share.

Approval to submit a Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) request to U.S. Senator Deb Fischer for \$1,000,000 to support a joint project with the City/County Law Enforcement Center to replace end-of-life dispatch radios, dispatch furniture, and 911 system infrastructure, with manufacturer end-of-life anticipated in 2029.

Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schuldt and Peters. Voting No: none

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business at 6:17 p.m. Meyer motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Osman. Voting Aye: Osman, Meyer, Y. Schuldt and Peters. Voting No: none