

The City Council for the City of Sisseton met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Members present were Mayor Terry Jaspers, Alderwoman Appel, Aldermen German, Just, Solberg, Stapleton and Wegleitner.

Others Present: Erin Cameron, Amber Kemnitz, Ellen Lekness, Jim Croymans, Myron Doud, Gary Spencer, Jason Deutsch, Leif Redinger, Terry Sutton, Rick Oien, David Staub, Chad Stroschein, Rachel Holler, John & Mary Christopherson

**Call to Order:** Mayor Jaspers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Agenda:** Just moved and Solberg seconded to approve agenda as presented. All voted aye.

**Minutes:** Stapleton moved and Wegleitner seconded to approve the March 8 & March 16, 2021 minutes. All voted aye.

**Bills Payable:** Stapleton moved and Just seconded to approve the bills payable as presented. All voted aye.

Liquor: Lekness presented the March 2021 liquor report.

Police: Croymans reported on police department. PD has been working on removal of unlicensed and other vehicles. Chief Croymans is looking into starting a neighborhood watch program as well as security camera in areas of town.

Street/Safety: Doud reported for street department. Council was in agreement to purchase boom truck from Oien Electric. Council agreed to include leaves and branches to be picked up during City Wide Cleanup. Alderwoman Appel encouraged Council to participate in neighborhood cleanup on April 18, 2021.

Water/Sewer: Spencer reported for the water and sewer department. Hydrant flushing started this week, users may notice some discoloration in water. Chad Stroschein with Takakwitha Living Center is requesting assistance to replace shut off for facility. Council will consider at the special meeting on April 15, 2021.

**Building Permits:** Solberg moved and German seconded to approve building permits 2021-5 D.Staub, 2021-6 S.Gardner, 2021-7 T.Tran, 2021-8 C.Martinez, 2021-9 Wheaton Dumont Coop. All voted aye.

**Finance Report:** Just moved and Wegleitner seconded to approve the March 2021 finance report. All voted aye.

**Malt Beverage License Public Hearing:** At 7:00 p.m. a public hearing was held for the remainder of the 2020-2021 licensing period for a retail on-off sale malt beverage license submitted by John Christopherson. Just moved and German seconded to approve malt beverage

license submitted by John Christopherson. Discussion took place regarding concerns of the combination of the activities planned in conjunction with consumption of alcohol and adequate insurance coverage. Upon roll call vote, voting nay were Appel, Stapleton, Solberg, Wegleitner and German. Just voted aye. Motion failed.

**Surplus Property Bid:** Bid was received from John Christopherson for the E 70' of lots 5-7 in block 58 in the amount of \$300.00. Solberg moved and Just seconded to accept bid from John Christopherson for \$300.00 for the E 70' of lots 5-7 in block 58. All voted aye.

Public Comment: None

**Travel:** German moved and Appel seconded to approve travel for Fire Members to attend Fire School in Pierre, SD on June 10-12, 2021. All voted aye.

**Water Storage Recoating Project Bids:** Bids were received for the Water Storage Recoating Project as follows:

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| Maguire Iron, Inc.       | \$264,500.00 |
| Osseo Construction Co.   | \$277,100.00 |
| Utility Service Co. Inc. | \$372,300.00 |
| Viking Painting, LLC     | \$444,500.00 |
| TMI Coatings, Inc.       | \$494,000.00 |

Stapleton moved and Wegleitner seconded to accept low bid from Maguire Iron, Inc. in the amount of \$264,500.00 for the Water Storage Recoating Project. All voted aye.

**Shop Steel Siding Project:** No bids were received for the Shop Steel Siding Project.

**Contract for Purchase of Art:** Solberg moved and Appel seconded to authorize Mayor Jaspers to sign Contract for Purchase of Art between the City of Sisseton, Sisseton Area Chamber of Commerce and Nicholas Blaske. All voted aye.

**Ordinance 671:** Solberg moved and Appel seconded to approve the second reading and adoption of ordinance 671 amending ordinance 18.16.025 Littering or dumping garbage within city – Illegal use of garbage facilities – Penalty. Upon roll call vote, voting aye were Appel, Just, Stapleton, Solberg, Wegleitner and German. Motion carried.

Information & Discussion: The 2020 Library Annual Report has been received and is available at the Library and City Hall for public viewing. Mayor Jaspers reported on status of Roberts County Dispatch Contract. Sheriff Appel has been contacting other towns to get contributions for dispatch service. Council will act on contract when we have more information on what other towns are willing to contribute. Council discussed possibility of enacting an ordinance to regulate rental housing in order to require a certain standard of upkeep to rental properties. Council will look into options for a code enforcement officer and ordinances in other areas of SD. Council discussed nuisance properties. A special City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. to canvass election results. Mayor Jaspers reported on attending a Tribal Council meeting regarding a request for a letter from SWO Tribe authorizing

potential funding through the IHS Sanitation Facilities Program for the Water Treatment Plant Project and Sanitary Sewer Improvements. The funding request would be submitted by IHS engineers for the benefit of Tribal members residing within the City of Sisseton. The City of Sisseton would be funding the majority of the cost of these projects.

Countryside Inn Assisted Living in Rosholt is requesting a donation for a community event featuring bestselling Author and International Happiness Expert, Amy Dix, as she talks about navigating the new normal through greatness and happiness. No action by Council.

**Adjourn:** Appel moved and Stapleton seconded to adjourn. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Amber Kemnitz, Finance Officer