

The City Council for the City of Sisseton met in regular session on Monday, March 8, 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, Rick Oien, Terry Sutton, Bob Babcock, Leif Redinger, Corey Helms, Joe Deters, Wayne Fonder, SWO Secretary Myrna Thompson, Dustina Gill, Michael Sutton, Bill Stickland, Deb Jonnassen

Others Present Via Zoom: Dennis Jensen

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

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

Minutes: Stapleton moved and Wegleitner seconded to approve the February 8, 2021 minutes. All voted aye.

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

Liquor: Lekness presented the February 2021 liquor report.

Police: Croymans reported on police department.

Travel: German moved and Appel seconded to approve travel expense for Chief Croymans to attend SD Police Chiefs Conference in Deadwood, SD on April 20-22, 2021. All voted aye.

Street/Safety: Doud reported for street department.

Water/Sewer: Spencer reported for the water and sewer department.

Building Permits: Stapleton moved and Wegleitner seconded to approve building permit 2021-04 J.Rousseau. All voted aye.

Lakes Gas: Joe Deters with Lakes Gas addressed Council regarding building in floodplain. Options have been explored regarding compliance with regulations. Due to the change in mapping that is currently preliminary clarification is needed from FEMA to determine what is required. A special meeting will be held on March 16, 2021 to revisit this issue.

Finance Report: Wegleitner moved and Solberg seconded to approve the February 2021 finance report. All voted aye.

Public Comment: Rick Oien inquired if City would be interested in purchasing bucket truck from Oien Electric. Aldermen Stapleton and Solberg will look at truck.

Conditional Use Public Hearing: At 7:00 p.m. a public hearing was held for a conditional use submitted by the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate to amend Condition Use Permit 2019-35. The conditional use permit would allow an extension of the current operating hours of the homeless shelter from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. to 24 hours per day during the operating season of November 1 – April 30. SWO Secretary Myrna Thompson was present to represent the Homeless Shelter. Adjoining property owners addressed concerns with litter and loitering. Secretary Thompson will inform staff of issue and make sure more monitoring is in place.

Wegleitner moved and Just seconded to approve Conditional Use Permit 2021-2 amending Permit 2019-35 to allow an extension of operating hours to 24 hours per day during the operating season of November 1 – April 30.

Voting aye were, Appel, Just, Stapleton, Solberg, Wegleitner, German and Jaspers. Motion carried.

Malt Beverage License Public Hearing: At 7:15 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. Council heard concerns from neighboring property regarding youth in area. John Christopherson was not in attendance for hearing. No action by Council.

Water Treatment Plant Project: Helms & Associates presented information regarding new water treatment plant.

Water Treatment Plant Agreement with Helms & Associates: Stapleton moved and Solberg seconded to authorize Mayor Jaspers to sign agreement with Helms & Associates to provide engineering services for the Water Treatment Plant Project. All voted aye.

Special Event Application: Appel moved and Solberg seconded to approve Special Event Permit submitted by FAN Club for Carnival Days in Anderson Park June 2-5, 2021. All voted aye.

Verizon Wireless Contract: Just moved and Wegleitner seconded to authorize approval of Master Agreement # MA152, Contract 17410 with Verizon Wireless. All voted aye.

2021 Election Workers: German moved and Stapleton seconded to approve the following as election workers at a wage of \$14.00/hr: Yvonne Hippen, Diane Lehrke and Donna Cordie. All voted aye.

Ordinance 671: Just moved and German seconded to approve the first reading 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: Council agreed that Park bathrooms will be open for special events only. A special City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. with the SDML District Meeting to follow via zoom at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn: Stapleton moved and Just seconded to adjourn. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Amber Kemnitz, Finance Officer