

The City Council for the City of Sisseton met in special session on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Terry Jaspers, Alderwoman Appel, Aldermen Just, Solberg, Stapleton and Wegleitner. Alderman German was absent.

Others Present: Amber Kemnitz, Ellen Lekness, Jason Deutsch

Other Present via Zoom: Erin Cameron

Call to Order: Mayor Jaspers called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Agenda:** Solberg moved and Appel seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. All voted aye.

Natural Gas Joint Powers Authority Ordinance: Council discussed the possibility of enacting an ordinance to create a Joint Powers Authority for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study to determine if natural gas would be viable within the community. Attorney Cameron and Mayor Jaspers have been in communication with other communities involved in the process. A zoom meeting will be scheduled with communities to include some City Attorneys to get legal advice on how to proceed.

**Bills Payable:** Solberg moved and Stapleton seconded to approve the following bills payable as presented: Donna Cordie \$224.00, Yvonne Hippen \$224.00 and Dianne Lehrke \$224.00 for election professional services. All voted aye.

**Part Time Liquor Clerk:** Solberg moved and Just seconded to approve hiring Dustin Opsal as part time liquor store clerk at a beginning wage of \$13.97/hr. All voted aye.

**Surplus Property:** Appel moved and Wegleitner seconded to declare the 1989 Ford F476 as surplus property to bid to the public and to appoint Solberg, Stapleton and Just as an appraisal board. All voted aye.

**Tekakwitha Living Center Water Service Repair:** Stapleton moved and Wegleitner seconded to approve reimbursement to Tekakwitha Living Center for repair of two water shut offs to the property. Council will request estimate from contractor prior to completion of work. All voted aye.

Rec Center Feasibility Study: Council agreed at the February 2021 meeting to contribute up to \$10,000 in matching funds for a rec center feasibility study. There was an inquiry made by a rec center committee member if the City would fund the full cost of the study if it were less than \$10,000 total. Council will consider at the regular May 2021 City Council meeting.

Information & Discussion: Mayor Jaspers informed Council of the SD Association of Code Enforcement training in Ft. Pierre on May 12-13, 2021. Council was in agreement to approve travel for any Council member interested in attending. Official action by Council will be at the

regular May 2021 Council meeting. Alderwoman Appel updated Council on plans for the upcoming neighborhood cleanup on April 18, 2021.

**Canvass of April 13, 2021 election:** The results of the April 13, 2021 election are as follows: Ward 1 Alderman, 2 year term: Rochelle Schultz 39 votes and Lee Solberg 103 votes. Appel moved and Just seconded to accept the election results of Ward 1 with Lee Solberg winning the seat as Ward 1 Alderman. Solberg abstained from vote, all other members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ward 2 Alderman, 2 year term: Connie Randolph 38 votes and Herman Wegleitner 31 votes. Stapleton moved and Solberg seconded to accept the election results of Ward 2 with Connie Randolph winning the seat as Ward 2 Alderman. Wegleitner abstained from vote, all other members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Just moved and Appel seconded to adjourn. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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Amber Kemnitz, Finance Officer