

The City Council for the City of Sisseton met in regular session on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Terry Jaspers, Aldermen Just, Solberg and Stapleton.

Members Present via Zoom: Alderwoman Appel

Alderwoman Randolph and Alderman German were absent.

Others Present: Amber Kemnitz, Ellen Lekness, Jim Croymans, Myron Doud, Gary Spencer, Jason Deutsch, Cory Deutsch, Jeff Pageler, Terry Sutton

Others Present Via Zoom: Leif Redinger & Corey Helms

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

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

Minutes: Stapleton moved and Solberg seconded to approve the January 10 & 31, 2022 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 January 2022 liquor report.

Police: Croymans reported on police department.

Alderman German arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Travel: Stapleton moved and Solberg seconded to authorize Sgt. Stauss to attend De-Escalation Training in Brookings, SD on March 15-17, 2022. All voted aye.

Police Department Contract for Server Access with RIEM Program: Solberg moved and Just seconded to approve authorization for Mayor to sign contract with Watertown Police Department to provide server access in conjunction with the Northeast South Dakota Rural Information Exchange Model for a period of one year beginning January 1, 2022 for \$500.00. All voted aye.

Street/Safety: Doud reported for street department.

Sanitation Dept. Chassis Bid: Bids on a Chassis for a Sanitation Truck were received as follows:

Fargo Freightliner: \$95,828.00 (as specified)

Northern Truck Equipment Corp.: \$179,750.00 (complete chassis and rear load body)

Solberg moved and Just seconded to accept bid from Fargo Freightliner for a 2024 Freightliner M2-106 Chassis in the amount of \$95,828.00. All voted aye.

Street Dept Resignation: Stapleton moved and German seconded to accept resignation from Keith Griffin. All voted aye.

Building Permits: None

Finance Report: Just moved and Stapleton seconded to approve the January 2022 finance report. All voted aye.

City Attorney: Cameron reported on ongoing issues with nuisance property on N. Main. Solberg moved and Appel seconded to authorize Attorney Cameron to take legal action on property to abate nuisance. All voted aye.

Visitors: Cory Deutsch addressed Council regarding plans to develop residential lots in Cory's Court and requested participation from the City to install watermain.

Watermain Installation: Solberg moved and German seconded to contribute up to \$15,000.00 toward the cost to install watermain, 4 curb stops and 1 fire hydrant in Cory's Court. All voted aye.

Ordinance 680: Solberg moved and Appel seconded to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 680: An Ordinance to amend Title 15.04 to add 15.04.100 International Property Maintenance Code.

Upon roll call vote voting aye were Appel, Solberg and German. Voting nay were Just and Stapleton. Randolph was absent. Motion carried.

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

Helms & Associates: Leif Redinger updated Council on the South Drainage Channel project as well as new estimated cost of water treatment plant. Estimate has increased due to the increased cost of filtering system. Bid opening date for the Water Treatment Plant has been scheduled for March 10, 2022.

South Drainage Channel Pre-Construction Notification: German moved and Just seconded to authorize Mayor Jaspers to sign the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit Pre-Construction Notification and for Leif Redinger with Helms & Associates to act as agent in processing the Pre-Construction Notification. All voted aye.

Alderwoman Appel left meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Property Tax Abatement Application: Council received a revised property tax abatement request for Parcel # 8691. Don Carlson, Roberts County Commissioner joined the meeting via phone call to inform Council on County action. Carlson indicated that County has granted property tax exemption status for 2021 but denied request to abate prior year taxes. Just moved and Stapleton seconded to approve partial property tax abatement based on an assessment of

\$50,000.00 for Greater Sisseton Initiative Inc. for Parcel # 8691 for tax years 2017, 2018 and 2020. Upon roll call vote, voting aye were Just, Stapleton, Solberg and German. Appel and Randolph were absent. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Jason Deutsch requested that the Council consider changing the date of their regular monthly meetings. Mayor Jaspers indicated that it will be included on the agenda for the regular March Council meeting.

Travel: Stapleton moved and German seconded to authorize travel for elected officials, employees and spouses to attend the SDML District 1 annual meeting in Webster, SD on March 17, 2022. All voted aye.

Special Event: Jeff Pageler, Friends and Neighbors Club Member addressed Council regarding plans for a carnival this summer. FAN Club and Carnival will work with local law enforcement to possibly have security at carnival. Stapleton moved and Solberg seconded to approve the special event application submitted by the FAN Club for a Carnival in Anderson Park on June 1-4, 2022. All voted aye.

Information & Discussion: Solberg questioned the status of a nuisance property. Just inquired about re-siding the sanitation shop and painting the quonset building. Mayor Jaspers reported on attending the SDML Municipal Government Day at the Legislature with Alderman Just in Pierre.

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

Amber Kemnitz, Finance Officer