

The City Council for the City of Sisseton met in regular session on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Terry Jaspers, Alderwoman Randolph, Aldermen Just, Solberg and Stapleton. Alderwoman Appel and Alderman German were absent.

**Others Present:** Erin Cameron, Amber Kemnitz, Ellen Lekness, Jim Croymans, Myron Doud, Gary Spencer, Jason Deutsch, Terry Sutton, Juan Carlos Jasso, Chris Huber, William La Roque, Amy Currence, Ashley Iliff, Samantha Stickland

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

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

**Minutes:** Stapleton moved and Randolph seconded to approve the May 9, 2022 minutes. All voted aye.

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

**Liquor:** Lekness presented the May 2022 liquor report and informed Council that Terry Weinkauff resigned his position as part time clerk. Council was in agreement to advertise for a part time position.

**Police:** Croymans reported on police department.  
German arrived at 6:35 p.m.

**Hire Patrol Officer:** Solberg moved and German seconded to authorize hiring Austin Searles as a Patrol Officer at a beginning wage of \$20.50/hr. All voted aye.

**Travel:** German moved and Stapleton seconded to authorize travel for Chief Croymans and Sergeant Stauss to attend a job fair at Alexandria Tech on June 22, 2022. All voted aye.

**Street/Safety:** Doud reported for street department.

**Street Dept. Resignation:** Solberg moved and Stapleton seconded to accept resignation from Delwin Williams. All voted aye. Council was in agreement to advertise for both a part time seasonal position and a full time position.

**Street Repair Bids:** Bids were received for the street repair project as follows:

Serocki Excavating Inc: \$79,640.37

Bituminous Paving Inc: \$144,540.00

Just moved and Stapleton seconded to accept low bid from Serocki Excavating in the amount of \$79,640.37 for the Street Repair Project. All voted aye.

**Chip Seal Bids:** Bids were received for the 2022 chip seal project as follows:

Bituminous Paving Inc: \$216,061.50 Bid Schedule A Chip Seal, \$50,838.00 Alternate Bid A Fog Seal

Solberg moved and Randolph seconded to accept Bid Schedule A from Bituminous Paving Inc. in the amount of \$216,061.50. All voted aye.

Stapleton inquired about sidewalk repairs needed on the walking trail on the west side of town. Solberg inquired about plans to develop ice skating pond.

**Building Permits:** Just moved and Randolph seconded to approve the following building permits: 2022-10 N.Heinecke, 2022-11 T.Syverson, 2022-12 L.Grajczyk, 2022-13 Indigo Signs, 2022-14 I.Carrington, 2022-15 K.Kalkes. All voted aye.

**Malt Beverage License Renewal Public Hearing:** At 7:00 p.m. a public hearing was held for 2022-2023 retail on-off sale malt beverage & SD farm wine licenses and special event licenses. There was no public input. German moved and Stapleton seconded to approve the 2022-2023 retail on-off sale malt beverage & SD farm wine applications as follows: Dollar General, Doubletree Gallery, Freddie's Casino, Holiday Service, Inc., Hwy 10 Casino, K&K Convenience Store, Stillson Oil Co., Buche Hardware, operating agreements for retail malt beverage & SD farm wine sales (on-off sale) for The End Zone and Hickory Street Kitchen & Cocktails and special event malt beverage & malt liquor applications for the Sisseton Volunteer Fire Department at the Fire Hall on July 9, 2022 and the Hills & Valley Riding Club at the Miles Nelson Arena on July 16, 2022 and date in August pending. All voted aye.

Water/Sewer: Spencer reported for the water and sewer department. Pre-construction meeting was held for the water treatment plant. Earthwork is scheduled to begin in July.

**Trimble YUMA 7 Tablet Meter Reader:** Just moved and German seconded to authorize purchase of the Trimble YUMA 7 Tablet from Metering and Technology Solutions for \$9,466.00 to include both reader and training. All voted aye.

**Finance Report:** Just moved and Randolph seconded to approve the May 2022 finance report. All voted aye.

**City Attorney:** No report

**Public Comment:** None

Visitors:

Amy Currence and Ashley Iliff with the Hills & Valley Riding Club addressed Council regarding installation of sewer system at the Miles Nelson Arena. They updated Council on the use of donated funds from 2021 for the purpose of purchasing a new lunch stand that will be coming later this summer or fall. They plan to install water and would also like to have a bathroom in the new building. No action by Council at this time.

Juan Carlos Jasso addressed Council regarding the keeping of homing racing-carrier pigeons in city limits. Mr. Jasso had received a letter from City Hall stating that he was in violation of the

nuisance ordinance relating to the keeping of wild animals. Jasso, along with Chris Huber and William La Roque, explained that Mr. Jasso is a member of the American Racing Pigeon Union and that each bird is registered with the organization and banded.

German moved and Randolph seconded to allow Mr. Jasso to keep his pigeons within city limits with the expectation that he will provide an annual certification that the pigeons meet the standards of the American Racing Pigeon Union. Upon roll call vote, voting aye were Just, Stapleton, Randolph and German. Voting nay was Solberg. Motion carried.

**2022 Recreation Employees and Wages:**

Stapleton moved and Randolph seconded to approve summer recreation employees and wages as set by the recreation board as follows:

Kellie Stickland \$5,000.00/season (director); Joni Bestland \$15.00/hr; Trent Bestland \$15.00/hr; Eric Dahl \$15.00/hr; Kaitlyn Fisher \$15.00/hr; Evelyn Fritz \$15.00/hr; Mason Gray \$15.00/hr; Sarah Groos \$15.00/hr; Eric Heath \$15.00/hr; Karla Karst \$15.00/hr; Dan Karst \$15.00/hr; Brittany Klapperich \$15.00/hr; Dean Lehrke \$15.00/hr; Neal Nelson \$15.00/hr; Brenda Oien \$15.00/hr; Carissa Oien \$15.00/hr; Josh Stickland \$15.00/hr; LJ Crooks \$11.00/hr; Jason Fisher \$11.00/hr; Reed Gray \$11.00/hr; Kelsey Heath \$11.00/hr; Karlie Karst \$11.00/hr; Kathryn Karst \$11.00/hr; Addison Kohl \$11.00/hr; Isabelle Metz \$11.00/hr; Kate Meyer \$11.00/hr; Tyler Monson \$11.00/hr; Charley Richards \$11.00/hr; Jessa Richards \$11.00/hr; Christian Shepherd \$11.00/hr; Colie Shultz \$11.00/hr; Konner Sieber \$11.00/hr; Carter Stickland \$11.00/hr.

All voted aye.

**Fire Department Members:** German moved and Just seconded to approve fire department members as follows:

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Tyler Brooks, Jonathan Bucklin, Brian Chase, Mark Dykstra, Gary Gaikowski, Joe Hamm, Ben Hanson, Brett Hanson, Sam Hanson, Nick Heinecke, Tyler Hellwig, Toby Martenson, Rick Oien, Jeff Pageler, Chris Pallesen, David Peterson, Larry Peterson, Travis Rinas, Jacob Schaunaman, Michael Schneider, Brian Steichen, Pat Stickland, Lyle Wolf

All voted aye.

**Airport Geotechnical Exploration Selection of Consultant:** Just moved and German seconded to accept Statement of Qualifications from Soil Technologies, Inc. to provide a subsurface geotechnical exploration for the Airport Hangar Taxilane Reconstruction Project. All voted aye.

**Sisseton Swimming Pool Contribution:** Stapleton moved and German seconded to authorize contribution in the amount of \$35,000.00 to the Sisseton Swimming Pool for the 2022 season. All voted aye.

**Utility Service Grant:** Randolph moved and Just seconded to grant 3 months of free utilities to new business, Posh Salon. All voted aye.

**Special Event Applications:** Stapleton moved and Randolph seconded to approve special event application submitted by Sisseton Area Chamber for Celebrate Sisseton Days in Anderson Park and other areas on July 8-10, 2022. All voted aye.

German moved and Randolph seconded to approve special event application submitted by Sisseton Area Chamber for a Farmer's Market in Drenttel Park every Thursday throughout the summer. All voted aye.

**Ordinance 682:** Stapleton moved and Just seconded to pass the first reading of Ordinance 682: Amending a provision in the City of Sisseton's personnel policy for residency requirements. Upon roll call vote, voting aye were Just, Stapleton, Solberg, Randolph and German. Appel was absent. Motion carried.

Information & Discussion: Council discussed use of baseball/softball complex by outside organizations/businesses/entities. Council was in agreement to require liability insurance coverage naming the City as an additional insured and an agreement for use of the facility.

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

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Amber Kemnitz, Finance Officer