

The City Council for the City of Sisseton met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Jaspers, Alderwomen Appel & Randolph, Aldermen German, Just, Solberg and Stapleton.

Others Present: Erin Cameron, Amber Kemnitz, Ellen Lekness, Jim Croymans, Myron Doud, Gary Spencer, Jason Deutsch, Jeff Pageler, Terry Sutton, Jani No Heart, Candy Anderson, Megan LaFromboise, Garrett Renville, Curtis Bissonette, Lexie Franchier-Lincoln, Dawn Ryan, Anpao Buckanaga, Russell Eberhardt and others

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 German seconded to approve the December 12 & 29, 2022 and January 3, 2023 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 December 2022 liquor report. Council discussed liquor store operating during inclement weather and were in agreement to remain open as long as employees are able to get to work.

Street/Safety: Doud reported for street department.

MSHA Training: Appel moved and Stapleton seconded to authorize public works employees to attend MSHA Training at City Hall in Sisseton on February 28, 2023. All voted aye.

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

Building Permits: None

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

City Attorney: No Report

Public Comment: Jani No Heart and Candy Anderson addressed Council regarding feral cats.

Travel: Stapleton moved and Just seconded to authorize travel for Elected Officials to attend Municipal Government Day at the Legislature in Pierre, SD on February 7-8, 2023. All voted aye.

Fire Truck Bid Solicitation: German moved and Solberg seconded to authorize solicitation of bids for Fire Truck. All voted aye.

Police Department Contract for Server Access with RIEM Program: Solberg moved and Randolph 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, 2023 for \$500.00. All voted aye.

2023 Election: Stapleton moved and Randolph seconded to hold the 2023 municipal election on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. All voted aye.

Code Enforcement Agreement: Appel moved and German seconded to authorize Mayor Jaspers to sign Code Enforcement Agreement with Code Enforcement Specialists, LLC and to authorize 2023 retainer payment of \$1500.00. All voted aye.

Medical Marijuana Dispensary License Renewal: German moved and Just seconded to approve renewal application submitted by RG Ventures LLC for a Medical Marijuana Dispensary. All voted aye.

Utility Service Grant: Stapleton moved and Solberg seconded to grant 3 months of free utilities to new business, Core Athletic Club. Appel abstained, all other members voted aye. Motion carried.

SWO Warming Shelter: Megan LaFromboise, SWO Legal Counsel and SWO Tribal Executives addressed Council regarding the SWO Warming Shelter fire protection requirements. Council was in agreement to allow more time for Tribal Council to address the requirement. Tribal Executives indicated they would submit the request for sprinkler system waiver prior to the regular February City Council meeting.

Ordinance 686 with amendment: Solberg moved and Just seconded to pass the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 686 with amendment as recommended by the Planning Commission: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 556, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF SISSETON, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT, AND AMENDMENT THEREOF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTERS 11-4 AND 11-6, 1967 SDCL, AND AMENDMENTS THEREOF, AND FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AS AMENDED. Upon roll call vote, voting aye were Appel, Just, Stapleton, Solberg, Randolph and German. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Solberg moved and Just seconded to enter into executive session at 7:27 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) to discuss personnel. All voted aye. Mayor Jaspers declared the meeting back into regular session.

Patrol Officer Employment: Solberg moved and German seconded to hire Dylan Veen as part time patrol officer at a wage of \$24.00/hr. and placement on the longevity scale at 1 year effective immediately. All voted aye.

Patrol Officer Wage Adjustment: Appel moved and Randolph seconded to place Meagan Lively on the longevity scale at 1 year and adjust hourly wage to \$24.00/hr. effective immediately. All voted aye.

Information & Discussion: Appel reported on inquiries regarding ice skating rink. Attorney Cameron indicated that she responded to inquiries to inform people that the Council has been working with a contractor on the project.

Adjourn: Randolph moved and Appel seconded to adjourn. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Amber Kemnitz, Finance Officer