

The City Council for the City of Sisseton met in regular session on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Others Present:** Erin Cameron, Amber Kemnitz, Ellen Lekness, Jim Croymans, Myron Doud, Gary Spencer, Jason Deutsch, Gordon Nielsen, Colin Thompson, Justin Arbach, Daniel Nickolauson

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

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

**Minutes:** Stapleton moved and German seconded to approve the June 12, 2023 minutes. All voted aye.

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

**Liquor:** Lekness presented the June 2023 liquor report. Additional security cameras are needed on the property. Lekness will reach out to security companies to get a proposal to upgrade the current security system with additional cameras outside. Lekness will continue to look into options for outdoor signage. The applicant approved for hire did not accept the position so we'll continue to advertise.

**Part Time Liquor Clerk:** Just moved and Stapleton seconded to authorize Lekness to hire a part time liquor clerk prior to the August meeting with approval from the liquor committee of an acceptable applicant. All voted aye.

**Police:** Croymans reported on police department.

**Street/Safety:** Doud reported for street department. Council discussed hiring an additional street laborer before the winter season and will discuss further at the August meeting. Doud discussed necessary repairs to the storm sewer on Cherry St. near the City Shop and presented a proposal with options from Serocki Excavating.

**Storm Sewer Repair:** Just moved and German seconded to accept proposal from Serocki Excavating to repair storm sewer at a cost of \$69,958.38. All voted aye.

**Authorize Purchase of New Chevy Silverado:** Appel moved and Solberg seconded to authorize purchase of new ¾ Ton Chevy Silverado from Lamb Chevrolet utilizing State Bid Contract # 17618. All voted aye.

**Airport Courtesy Car:** Council discussed utilizing the 2013 Chevy Impala no longer in use by the Police Dept as a Courtesy Car at the Airport. Council agreed that a use policy should be

implemented and users should sign agreement for use of the vehicle. German moved and Stapleton seconded authorization to use 2013 Chevy Impala as an Airport Courtesy Car. Voting aye were Appel, Just, Stapleton and German. Solberg voted nay. Randolph was absent. Motion carried.

Water/Sewer: Spencer reported for the water and sewer department and provided updates on the Water Treatment Plant Project and the Water Storage Painting Project. Council discussed implementing an ordinance regulating who is allowed to repair underground private utility services. City Attorney will work on drafting an ordinance for consideration at the August meeting.

Building Permits: Council received a list of the following building permits that have been approved: 2023-9 L.Crooks, 2023-10 Tri State Building, 2023-11 J.Tolentino, 2023-13 D.Tasa, 2023-14 M.Welnitz, 2023-15 K.Thompson, 2023-16 G.Canku.

**Finance Report:** Stapleton moved and German seconded to approve the June 2023 finance report. All voted aye.

Public Comment: None

Administrative Hearing: Colin Thompson requested approval to return a dog that has been declared vicious by law enforcement back to his home in city limits. Council heard from Attorney Gordon Nielsen and Colin Thompson regarding measures that have been taken to ensure that the dog will remain on the property. Council will discuss with Attorney Cameron in executive session later in the meeting and take any action after the conclusion of the executive session.

Visitors:

Daniel Nickolauson addressed Council regarding sewer service repair at his property with request for City to pay providing Council with picture of repair work. Since the damage occurred within only a couple years of completion of the Hwy 10 project Council felt it was likely that the damage was caused during the project.

**Sewer Repair Reimbursement:** Solberg moved and German seconded to pay the full cost of sewer repairs for Daniel Nickolauson paid directly to contractors as follows: \$633.68 to Elite Drain & Sewer Cleaning, \$401.39 to Hamm Plumbing and \$3,775.00 to Whaley Excavating & Concrete. All voted aye.

**Stanek Constructors Pay Request #8:** German moved and Stapleton seconded to approve pay request #8 submitted by Stanek Constructors in the amount of \$187,976.00 for the Water Treatment Plant Project. All voted aye.

**Ordinance 688:** Solberg moved and Just seconded to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 688: an ordinance to amend certain provisions of its zoning ordinance, specifically Section 2.08.04 – Central Commercial District Conditional Uses and Section 2.09.04 Highway Commercial District Conditional Uses in order to add shipping containers as permitted storage

units under the conditional use provisions. The City hereby adopts the following ordinance to amend and supersede Section 2.08.04 – Central Commercial District Conditional Uses and Section 2.09.04 Highway Commercial District Conditional Uses.

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

**Ordinance 689:** Just moved and German seconded to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 689: Amending Chapter 10.40 – Off-Road Vehicles.

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

**Executive Session:** Just moved and Stapleton seconded to enter into executive session at 8:05 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) legal. All voted aye. Mayor Jaspers declared the meeting back into regular session at 8:40 p.m.

**Vicious Dog:** Solberg moved and German seconded to deny request from Colin Thompson to return dog to city limits. All voted aye.

Information/Discussion: Council discussed the possibility of purchasing fuel tanks for city equipment. Council was in agreement to continue to look into the cost of installing tanks and purchasing bulk fuel. Elected Official Code of Conduct – there has not been a committee meeting since last month.

City Attorney Report: None

Mayor/Council Report: Alderman German reported on SWO working on plans to install fence at warming shelter. Solberg inquired about plans for the ice skating rink. Mayor Jaspers discussed City Hall roof repair/replacement. Just inquired about sanitation shop siding.

**Adjourn:** German moved and Just seconded to adjourn. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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Amber Kemnitz, Finance Officer