1. The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held on January 12, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. The following Council Members were present on call of the roll: Berenstein, Bertrand, Rayford, Schoenherr, and Scott. Absent: None.

Staff members present: Michael Collett, Interim City Manager, Nicole M. DuBois, City Attorney, and Danielle Bock, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Scott, on behalf of the City Council, read a proclamation proclaiming January 2026, as "Human Trafficking Prevention Month", Kristi Nathaniel, Siouxland Coalition Vice Chairperson, accepted the proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, to adopt the Consent Agenda, all voting aye. Items 2 through 10B are approved unanimously unless specifically noted after the item.

2. Reading of the City Council Minutes of January 2 and 5, 2026.

Reading of the minutes of January 2 and 5, 2026, was waived and as part of the consent agenda the minutes were approved as presented.

3. MARINA FEES - Resolution approving and adopting a Schedule of Fees for slips and lifts at the Sioux City Marina for calendar year 2026. (1100 Larsen Park Road) **2026-0024**

Matt Salvatore, Parks and Recreation Director, provided information on the item.

4. PARKS & REC FEES - Resolution fixing fees for services provided by the Parks and Recreation Department and rescinding Resolution No. 2024-0875. **2026-0025**

5. BUILDING AND HOUSING - Motion reappointing Todd Hagaman to the Building and Housing Code Board for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028. **2026-0026**

6. LEC AUTHORITY - Resolution appointing Michael Wingert to Woodbury County Law Enforcement Center Authority's Board of Commissioners subject to the concurrence of Woodbury County, Iowa. **2026-0027**

Mark Nelson, Woodbury County Board of Supervisors, spoke on the item.

Scott abstained on the item due to a conflict of interest.

7. ACTIONS ADOPTING CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

   A. FIBER OPTIC - Resolution adopting plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the construction of the FY 2026 Fiber Optic Project. (Project No. 7516-859-043) **2026-0028**

   B. PULASKI PARK - Resolution adopting plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the proposed construction of the Pulaski Park Drainage Improvement Project. (Project No. 549-196) **2026-0029**

8. ACTIONS RELATING TO AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS

A. L&S ELECTRIC - Resolution awarding a Service Provider Agreement to L&S Electric, Inc. of Schofield, Wisconsin, in an amount not to exceed $67,200 for the Floyd PLC Upgrade Project. (RFB No. 290797) **2026-0030**

B. THOMPSON SOLUTIONS - Resolution awarding and approving a contract to Thompson Solutions Group in the amount of $721,848 for the Art Center HVAC Replacement Project Phase II. (Project No. 7518-339-003) **2026-0031**

Scott abstained on the item due to a conflict of interest.

C. OSHKOSH PURCHASE ORDER - Resolution awarding a purchase order to Oshkosh Aero Tech, LLC of Roy, Utah, in the amount of $46,625 for the purchase of a Jetpower Ground Power Unit (GPU) for the Gate 1 Passenger Boarding Bridge at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field. (RFB No. 291515) **2026-0032**

D. OSHKOSH AGREEMENT - Resolution awarding a Service Provider Agreement to Oshkosh Aero Tech, LLC of Roy, Utah, in the amount of $16,520 for the removal and installation of the new Jetpower Ground Power Unit (GPU) for the Gate No. 1 Passenger Boarding Bridge at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field pending Legal approval of Insurance Certificate. (RFB No. 291515) **2026-0033**

9. APPLICATIONS FOR ALCOHOL LICENSES

A. ON-PREMISE SALES

1. CLASS C RETAIL ALCOHOL LICENSE (liquor/wine/beer/carry-out)
   a. Chipotle Mexican Grill, 5001 Sergeant Road (Renewal)
   b. Monterrey Mexican Restaurant, 1754 Hamilton Boulevard (Renewal)
   c. Orpheum Theatre, 520-528 Pierce Street (Renewal)
   d. Seaboard Triumph Foods Expo Center, 550 Expo Center Drive (Renewal)

B. OFF-PREMISE SALES

1. CLASS B RETAIL ALCOHOL LICENSE (wine/beer)
   a. Dollar General No. 5857, 4401 Gordon Drive (Renewal)
2. CLASS E RETAIL ALCOHOL LICENSE (liquor/wine/beer)
   a. Brew No. 4, 2501 Floyd Boulevard (New)
   b. Walgreens No. 15647, 1900 Hamilton Boulevard (Renewal)

10. BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

A. Library Board of Trustees – December 17, 2025
B. Yamanashi City Sister City Committee – October 16, 2025

- End of Consent Agenda -

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

11. Motion appointing one of the following two applicants to the Civil Service Commission to complete the balance of a four-year term expiring April 2, 2029, replacing Ike Rayford. Applicants: Andrea Buckley and Jacob Wanderscheid. **2026-0034**

Motion by Rayford, seconded by Berenstein, to appoint Andrea Buckley to the Civil Service Commission, all voting aye.

HEARINGS

12. Hearing and Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for construction of the Police Department Storage Facility Project. (Project No. 7541-195-051) **2026-0035**

Motion by Scott, seconded by Schoenherr, to open the hearing and adopt the proposed resolution, citizen comments were not offered, and the hearing was closed, all voting aye.

13. Hearing and Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for construction of the FY 2026 Utility Lining Project. (Project No. 7477-539-217) **2026-0036**

Motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, to open the hearing and adopt the proposed resolution, citizen comments were not offered, and the hearing was closed, all voting aye.

14. Hearing and Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the South Apron Reconstruction Phase 2 Project at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field. (City Project No. 7546-749-156/IDOT No. 91260SUX100) **2026-0037**

Motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, to open the hearing and adopt the proposed resolution, citizen comments were not offered, and the hearing was closed, all voting aye.

DISCUSSION

15. Resolution amending the Authorized Personnel Complement, the Position Classification Manual adopted by Resolution No. 91/T-9972 and the Salary Schedule adopted by Resolution No. 2024-0333 by adding thereto the positions, titles and job descriptions of EMS Training Officer, Class Code IV-5420, and EMS Lead Medic, Class Code IV-5416 and reclassifying one (1) full-time position of Emergency Medical Technician/Lead Medic/Training Officer, Class Code IV-5415, to EMS Training Officer Class Code IV-5420 and reclassifying three (3) full-time positions of Emergency Medical Technician/Lead Medic/Training Officer, Class Code IV-5415, to EMS Lead Medic, Class Code IV-5416, and authorizing said positions in the Fire Department.

Chief Ryan Collins, Fire Department, Teresa Fitch, Finance Director, and Janelle Bertrand, Human Resources Director provided information on the item.

Todd Copley, AFSCME President, and Neil Paulsen, Sioux City Professional Firefighters Association Local No. 7 President, spoke on the item.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Rayford, to adopt the proposed resolution, motion and second withdrawn.

Motion by Berenstein, seconded by Rayford, to defer the item to January 26, 2026, Berenstein, Rayford, and Schoenherr voting aye, Bertrand and Scott voting nay.

PRESENTATIONS

16. Property Taxes

Teresa Fitch, Finance Director, provided information on the item.

Scott exited the meeting at 4:44 p.m. and returned at 4:46 p.m.

17. Building Permits

Marty Dougherty, Economic and Community Development Director, Henry Henchal, Plans Examiner, Bryan Geisler, Plans Examiner, and Darrel Bullock, Code Enforcement Manager, provided information on the item.

18. Homeless Task Force

Scott exited the meeting at 5:20 p.m. and returned at 5:24 p.m.

Chief Rex Mueller, Police Department, Captain Chris Groves, Police Department, and Jill Wanderscheid, Neighborhood Services Manager, provided information on the item.

19. Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan Improvements Project

Tom Pingel, Public Works Director, and Vicki Baker, Assistant Public Works Director, provided information on the item.

20. CITIZEN CONCERNS

Brett Watchorn requested the City Council consider changing the City Council meeting start time and allowing comments on the YouTube livestream.

21. COUNCIL CONCERNS

Bertrand requested that the Public Works Department and the Tyson Events Center provide a report for the January 26, 2026, City Council agenda. Bertrand asked Matt Salvatore, Parks and Recreation Director, to present an overview of the Parks and Recreation Department. Salvatore outlined current departmental responsibilities. Bertrand requested consideration of contracting maintenance services to a third party and evaluating parks for potential revitalization or alternative use.

Scott exited the meeting at 6:24 p.m. and returned at 6:29 p.m.

Berenstein requested Marty Dougherty, Economic and Community Development Director, and Renae Billings, Economic Development Manager, to set up a health care task force. Berenstein requested Teresa Fitch, Finance Director, provide a report showing the revenue stream from parking meters, what it supports, and alternatives.

22. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m., on motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, all voting aye.

ATTEST: _____ _____

Heidi Farrens, City Clerk Robert E. Scott, Mayor