1. The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held on March 2, 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, Steven Postolka, Assistant City Attorney, and Danielle Bock, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Scott, on behalf of the City Council, read a proclamation acknowledging March 2026 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" and encouraging citizens to support the National Council on Problem Gambling and Rosecrance Jackson Center, Shannon Runger, Hard Rock Compliance Manager, accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Scott read a commendation for Dick Lindblom, Volunteer Santa Claus, for his volunteered time and the legacy left through treasured memories and the enduring spirit of the season, Lindblom accepting.

2. The Council interviewed Kathryn Pfaffle for the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, to adopt the Consent Agenda, all voting aye. Items 3 through 12H are approved unanimously unless specifically noted after the item.

3. Reading of the City Council Minutes of February 23, 2026.

Vicki Baker, Assistant Public Works Director, provided information the item.

Reading of the minutes of February 23, 2026, was waived and as part of the consent agenda the minutes were approved as presented. Scott abstained on the item.

4. YAMANASHI - Motion appointing Mika Henderson to the Yamanashi City Sister City Committee for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028, replacing Suzuka Simpson. **2026-0182**

5. IFA - Resolution accepting State Housing Trust Fund Grant Agreement Number 26-LHTF-13 between the Sioux City Housing Trust Fund, Inc. and the Iowa Finance Authority in the amount of $306,884. **2026-0183**

6. LANDSCAPE TECHNICIAN - Resolution amending the Authorized Personnel Complement, the Position Classification Manual adopted by Resolution No. S-31050 and the Salary Schedule adopted by Resolution No. 2024-0334 by approving and adopting an updated job description for Landscape Technician, Class Code IV-6306, reclassifying one (1) full-time position of Labor Crew Leader, Class Code IV-6410 to Landscape Technician, Class Code IV-6306, and authorizing said position in the Parks and Recreation Department. **2026-0184**

Kelly Bach, Parks Maintenance Field Supervisor, provided information on the item.

7. ACTIONS RELATING TO AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS

A. BNSF - Resolution authorizing and approving a Grade Crossing Signal Installation Agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Company in connection with a Grade Crossing Surface Repair Project located at Pearl Street (FRA No. 382043W) in an amount not to exceed $109,439. (BN Contract No. BF-20608961) (City Project No. 7470-719-130) **2026-0185**

B. DGR ENGINEERING - Resolution approving a Consulting Services Agreement with DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company doing business as DGR Engineering for administration, preliminary survey/data collection, design, bid phase and limited construction administration in connection with the Pulaski Park Stormwater Pipe Replacement Project, in an amount not to exceed $369,000. (Project No. 7547-549-167)

Gordon Phair, City Engineer, provided information on the item.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, to defer the item to March 9, 2026, all voting aye.

C. FELSBURG HOLT & ULLEVIG - Resolution approving a Consulting Services Agreement with Felsburg Holt & Ullevig, Inc. for traffic signal design services in connection with the 5th Street and Court Street Traffic Signal Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed $28,000. (Project No. 7563-139-007) **2026-0186**

D. ENGBARTH DIRECTIONAL DRILLING - Resolution awarding and approving a contract to Engbarth Directional Drilling, Inc in the amount of $216,170 for the FY 2026 Fiber Optic Project. (Project No. 7516-859-043) **2026-0187**

E. IMON COMMUNICATIONS - Resolution granting a permit to ImOn Communications, LLC to own, operate and maintain underground fiber commencing in the west right-of-way of Iowa Street near 1119-1123 4th Street, thence proceeding west in the east/west alleyway of the 1100 block of 4th Street for approximately 220 feet and ending adjacent to 1107-1109 4th Street. **2026-0188**

Gordon Phair, City Engineer, and Teresa Fitch, Finance Director, provided information on the item.

F. METRO FIBERNET - Resolution granting a permit to Metro Fibernet, LLC to own, operate and maintain underground fiber commencing in the west right-of-way of Sunnybrook Drive adjacent to 5707 Sunnybrook Drive, proceeding east for approximately 75 feet to the east right-of-way of Sunnybrook Drive and ending adjacent to 5700-16 Sunnybrook Drive. **2026-0189**

Gordon Phair, City Engineer, and Teresa Fitch, Finance Director, provided information on the item.

G. LANGENFELD CONTRACTING - Resolution approving Renewal Option No. 1 to the Service Provider Agreement with Langenfeld Contracting Co., LLC of Dow City, Iowa, in connection with the Wastewater Biosolids Transportation and Land Application Program commencing August 8, 2026, and ending August 7, 2027. **2026-0190**

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

H. PAYMENTUS CORPORATION - Resolution approving a Statement of Work (SOW) with Paymentus Corporation to initiate CentralSquare Fusion IVR (Interactive Voice Response) Integration on a new TLA (Terminal Line Access). **2026-0191**

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

I. ARKSTAR GROUP - Resolution approving Renewal Option No. 1 to the Consulting Services Agreement with ArkStar Group, of Frisco, Texas, commencing March 1, 2026, and ending February 28, 2027, in connection with Air Consulting Services at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field in the annual amount of $60,000. **2026-0192**

Michael Collett, Interim City Manager, provided information on the item.

J. PERFECTMIND - Resolution approving an Agreement with PerfectMind, Inc. of Burnaby, British Columbia, for Software as a Service (SaaS) and Professional Services for the City of Sioux City for a five-year term beginning March 2, 2026, and ending March 1, 2031, with the possibility of one (1) one-year extension beginning March 2, 2031, and ending March 1, 2032. (Contract amount for five (5) years not to exceed $110,000) **2026-0193**

K. MOU - Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Sioux City, Iowa; Woodbury County, Iowa; the Sioux City City Assessor's office and Conference Board; the Woodbury County Assessor's office and Conference Board; and the WCICC Commission relating to the Geographic Information System services and operations. **2026-0194**

8. ACTIONS AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS

A. H&R CONSTRUCTION - Resolution accepting the work and authorizing payment of retainage to H&R Construction Company for the New Utilities Field Office Building Project. (Project No. 7439-889-012) **2026-0195**

B. IDOT - Resolution accepting the work and authorizing final payment in the amount of $88,804.96 to the Iowa Department of Transportation for Traffic Signal Detection in connection with the Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Overlay of IA376 (South Lewis Boulevard) from north of Cunningham Drive to North Martha Street Project. (IDOT Project NHSX-376-1(11)—3H-97) (City Project No. 7190-719-328) **2026-0196**

C. SETTLEMENT - Resolution approving settlement of a tort claim and authorizing payment thereof. (Eikenberry v. City et al, LACV184883) **2026-0197**

9. ACTIONS RELATING TO PROPERTY

A. 1816 HARKIN PL - Resolution authorizing and directing the Interim City Manager to sign a Release of Mortgage with Siouxland Habitat for Humanity in connection with the construction of a single-family housing unit located at 1816 Harkin Place. **2026-0198**

B. 1822 HARKIN PL - Resolution authorizing and directing the Interim City Manager to sign a Release of Mortgage with Siouxland Habitat for Humanity in connection with the construction of a single-family housing unit located at 1822 Harkin Place. **2026-0199**

C. 1735 HARKIN PL - Resolution authorizing and directing the Interim City Manager to sign a Release of Mortgage with Siouxland Habitat for Humanity in connection with the construction of a single-family housing unit located at 1735 Harkin Place. **2026-0200**

D. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - Resolution authorizing and directing the Interim City Manager to sign a Certification of Completion for the Development Agreement with Siouxland Habitat for Humanity related to the construction of three single-family housing units located at 1735, 1816, and 1822 Harkin Place. **2026-0201**

Jill Wanderscheid, Neighborhood Services Manager, provided information on the item.

10. PURCHASING

A. BERT GURNEY - Resolution awarding a purchase order to Bert Gurney & Associates, LLC in the amount of $83,991 for one (1) Fairbanks Nijhuis Model 8312 1-Stage Mixed Flow Propeller Unit. **2026-0202**

B. MALLOY ELECTRIC - Resolution awarding a Purchase Order to Malloy Electric in the amount of $40,183.39 for the repair of one (1) Fairbanks Morse pump XP and motor. **2026-0203**

C. RIVERSIDE TECHNOLOGIES - Resolution awarding a purchase order to Riverside Technologies, Inc. of North Sioux City, South Dakota, in the amount of $32,087.17 for the purchase of desktops and monitors for the County Replacement Project. (Request No. 292000) **2026-0204**

John Malloy, IT Director, provided information on the item.

11. APPLICATIONS FOR ALCOHOL LICENSES

A. ON-PREMISE SALES

1. CLASS C RETAIL ALCOHOL LICENSE (liquor/wine/beer/carry-out)
   a. Jackson Street Brewing, 607 and 609 5th Street (Renewal)
2. CLASS F RETAIL ALCOHOL LICENSE (Non-Profit Club; liquor/wine/beer)
   a. Elks Club, 1001 Tri View Avenue (Renewal)

B. OFF-PREMISE SALES

1. CLASS E RETAIL ALCOHOL LICENSE (liquor/wine/beer)
   a. Tobacco Hut No. 11, 4523 Morningside Avenue (Renewal)

12. BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

A. Airport Board of Trustees – December 18, 2025, and January 22, 2026
B. Art Center Board of Trustees – February 19, 2026
C. Active Transportation Advisory Committee – January 21, 2026
D. Board of Adjustment – January 27, 2026
E. Environmental Advisory Board – October 9, 2025, December 11, 2025, and January 8, 2026

F. Museum Board of Trustees – January 15, 2026
G. Mayor's Youth Commission – January 12 and 26, 2026
H. Planning and Zoning Commission – January 27, 2026

- End of Consent Agenda -

HEARINGS

13. Hearing and Resolution adopting the Comprehensive Solid Waste Reduction Plan for the City of Sioux City, Iowa. **2026-0205**

Arah Montagne, Environmental Services Manager, provided information on the item.

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.

ORDINANCES

14. Ordinance amending Chapter 5.20 entitled "Solid Waste" of the Sioux City Municipal Code to modify fees for solid waste collection to correspond with the Solid Waste Collection, Recycling, and Disposal Agreement. **(First consideration approved February 9, 2026) (Second consideration approved February 23, 2026) 2026-0206**

Teresa Fitch, Finance Director, and Arah Montagne, Environmental Services Manager, provided information on the item.

Motion by Bertrand, seconded by Berenstein, to amend the ordinance to increase the fee on a second bin to $2.50, Bertrand and Rayford voting aye, Berenstein, Schoenherr, Scott voting nay. Thus, the proposed amendment failed.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, to amend the ordinance to increase the fee on a second bin to $1, Berenstein, Rayford, Schoenherr, and Scott voting aye, Bertrand voting nay.

The ordinance was considered on motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, to pass third consideration as amended, all voting aye.

DISCUSSION

15. Motion appointing Alex Watters to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028, replacing Judy Bonertz. **(Deferred from February 23, 2026**)

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

Motion by Bertrand, seconded by Rayford, to defer the item to March 9, 2026, Berenstein, Bertrand, Rayford, and Scott voting aye, Schoenherr voting nay.

16. Motion reappointing Jacob Wanderscheid to the Effective Fiscal and Public Policy Committee for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028. **(Deferred from February 23, 2026)** **2026-0207**

Motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, to approve the motion, all voting aye.

17. Motion appointing Brett Watchorn to the Effective Fiscal and Public Policy Committee to complete the balance of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028, replacing Stone Conley. **(Deferred from February 23, 2026)** **2026-0208**

Motion by Scott, seconded by Rayford, to approve the motion, Berenstein, Bertrand, and Rayford voting aye, Schoenherr and Scott voting nay.

18. Motion appointing Patrick McKinlay to the Gjilan Kosovo Sister City Committee for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2028, replacing Jim Jung. **(Deferred from February 23, 2026)** **2026-0209**

Motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, to approve the motion, all voting aye.

19. Motion authorizing staff to draft a City Ordinance legalizing the utilization of ATV's (All Terrain Vehicles) and UTV's (Utility Terrain Vehicles) on specified City streets.

Caleb Christopherson, Assistant City Attorney, provided information on the item. Betty Toben spoke on the item.

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

Motion by Rayford, seconded by Bertrand, to defer the motion to March 9, 2026, motion and second withdrawn.

Motion by Rayford, seconded by Schoenherr, to delete the item, all voting aye.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Alan McGaffin presented comments in opposition to ATV and UTV use on city streets and expressed concerns regarding library budget reductions.

Alex Watters thanked Mike Collett, Interim City Manager, for deferring his item the previous week and inquired about the continued deferral.

James Barrett reported concerns regarding a tree at 2000 West 5th Street dropping limbs and noted issues with garbage cans not being put away across the street. Barrett also reported concerns related to 1922 West 5th Street cleanliness. Mike Collett, Interim City Manager, will follow up with Barrett.

PRESENTATIONS

20. Homeless Task Force Operations

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

Berenstein exited the meeting at 5:05 p.m. and returned at 5:06 p.m.

21. Wastewater Treatment Plant

Vicki Baker, Assistant Public Works Director, and Camrin Bell, Pretreatment Manager, provided information on the item.

22. Building Permits

Marty Dougherty, Economic and Community Development Director, and Darrel Bullock, Code Enforcement Manager, provided information on the item.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Bertrand encouraged developers to contact the City Council if they encounter issues and noted that snow removal operations are under budget.

Berenstein reported working on arrangements for a tour of Sioux City Distilling Co. and will follow up with Mike Collett, Interim City Manager, regarding development of a new City logo.

Scott expressed appreciation to the community for their outreach to him and his family.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m., on motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, all voting aye.

ATTEST: _____ _____

Heidi Farrens, City Clerk Robert E. Scott, Mayor