1. The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held on July 13, 2026, at 4 p.m. The following Council Members were present on call of the roll: Berenstein, Rayford, and Scott. Absent: Bertrand and Schoenherr **(Schoenherr entered at 4:02 p.m.) (Bertrand entered at 4:03 p.m.)**.

Staff members present: Michael Collett, Interim City Manager, Steven Postolka, Assistant City Attorney, and Danielle Bock, Deputy City Clerk.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, to adopt the Consent Agenda, all voting aye. Items 2 through 11C approved unanimously unless specifically noted after the item.

2. Reading of the City Council Minutes of July 6, 2026.

Reading of the minutes of July 6, 2026, was waived and as part of the consent agenda the minutes were approved as presented.

3. P&Z/BOA - Motion reappointing Michelle Bostinelos to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment for a five-year term expiring June 30, 2031, upon due consideration of the circumstances the City Council waives the policy that no person shall serve more than two consecutive terms. **2026-0671**

4. LEVEE EXTENSION - Resolution approving project concept plans for the construction of the Big Sioux River Levee Extension Project. (Project No. 7448-173-083)

Motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, to defer the item to July 20, 2026, all voting aye.

5. TROJAN TECHNOLOGIES - Resolution awarding a purchase order for $27,653.21 to Trojan Technologies of Kentwood, Michigan, for the purchase of 16 Trojan Sigma UV replacement parts and Sigma Sleeve replacement kits. (RFB No. 294032) **2026-0672**

6. ACTIONS RELATING TO GRANTS

   A. BVP FY 2024 - Resolution authorizing the Sioux City Police Department to apply for and accept the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program of the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) in the amount of $13,214.55 to purchase body armor for sworn members of the Sioux City Police Department. **2026-0673**

Schoenherr entered the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

   B. BVP FY 2025 - Resolution authorizing the Sioux City Police Department to apply for and accept the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) in the amount of $11,051.89 to purchase body armor for sworn members of the Sioux City Police Department. **2026-0674**

7. ACTIONS RELATING TO STREET CLOSURES

A. CAN DO KIDZ - Resolution temporarily closing Cook Street from West 6th Street to West 7th Street beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 1:30 p.m., August 1, 2026, for Can Do Kidz Backpack Giveaway. **2026-0675**

B. CLASSIC CAR SHOW - Resolution temporarily closing 4th Street from Virginia Street to Floyd Boulevard; Court Street from 3rd Street to 5th Street; Iowa Street from 3rd Street to 5th Street and the east/west alleyways between 3rd Street, 5th Street, Virginia Street and Iowa Street beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 9:30 p.m., July 25, 2026, for the Historic 4th Street Classic Car Show and Cruise. **2026-0676**

C. RIVER-CADE - Resolution temporarily closing 4th Street from Iowa Street to Nebraska Street, excluding the 4th Street and Nebraska Street intersection, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 7:30 p.m., and temporarily closing 3rd Street from Iowa Street to Court Street and Iowa Street from 3rd Street to 4th Street beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 7 p.m., July 29, 2026, to accommodate the River-Cade Parade and staging. **2026-0677**

Bertrand entered the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

8. ACTIONS RELATING TO AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS

A. NEOGOV - Resolution approving a Services Agreement between the City of Sioux City and NeoGov for Benefits Administration and Human Resources Information System (HRIS) services commencing July 22, 2026, for a period of three (3) years with two (2) one-year options to extend. **2026-0678**

Janet Fuller, Human Resources Benefits Manager, provided information on the item.

B. JEO CONSULTING GROUP - Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the Consulting Services Agreement with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. increasing the not to exceed amount of the agreement to $494,470 and expanding the scope of service to include acquisition plats and engineering design to further extend the Big Sioux River Levee to Beck Street in connection with the Big Sioux River Levee Extension Project. (Project No. 7448-173-083)

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

Motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, to defer the item to July 20, 2026, all voting aye.

C. SNYDER & ASSOCIATES - Resolution approving a Consulting Services Agreement with Snyder & Associates, Inc. for traffic analysis, condition assessment, public involvement, and recommendations for improvements in connection with the Morningside Avenue Corridor Study in an amount not to exceed $258,600. (Project No. 7560-719-133) **2026-0679**

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

D. NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU - Resolution approving a Modification to the Military Construction Cooperative Agreement (MCCA) between the City of Sioux City, Iowa, and the National Guard Bureau, through the Iowa Department of Public Defense, to add additional funding for construction costs and construction administration of the Warm-Up Holding Pad Technical Appendix in connection with the Runway 13-31 and 185th Apron Reconstruction Project (known as the Siouxland Nexus Project) (City Project No. 7584-749-153; DOD Project No. VSSB229002) at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field. **2026-0680**

E. IOWA DPD - Resolution approving Appendix Three to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Sioux City, Iowa, and the Iowa Department of Public Defense for the construction services related to the Warm-Up Holding Pad Project in connection with the Runway 13-31 and 185th Apron Reconstruction Project (known as the Siouxland Nexus Project) (City Project No. 7584-749-153; DOD Project No. VSSB229002) at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field and rescinding Resolution No. 2026-0612. **2026-0681**

F. HULSTEIN EXCAVATING - Resolution awarding and approving a contract to Hulstein Excavating, LLC of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in the amount of $10,962,699.50 for the Siouxland Nexus Program Volume 5 – Tanker Warm-Up and Holding Pad Project at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field. (City Project No. 7584-749-153/DOD Project No. VSSB229002) **2026-0682**

Michael Collett, City Manager, provided information on the item. Col. Shawn Streck spoke on the item.

G. RS&H IOWA - Resolution approving Work Order No. 2023-20 with RS&H Iowa, P.C. in an amount not to exceed $777,854 for the construction administration and resident project representative services in connection with the Volume 5 – Warm-Up Holding Pad Project tied to the Runway 13-31 and 185th Apron Reconstruction Project (known as the Siouxland Nexus Project) at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field. (City Project No. 7584-749-153) **2026-0683**

H. AMERIFLEX - Motion authorizing City staff to enter into negotiations with Ameriflex to serve as our Health Savings Account (HSA) Administrator.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, to defer the item to July 20, 2026, all voting aye.

I. AMERIFLEX - Motion authorizing City staff to enter into negotiations with Ameriflex to serve as our Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Administrator.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, to defer the item to July 20, 2026, all voting aye.

J. IBC - Motion authorizing City staff to enter into negotiations with IBC to serve as our COBRA Administrator.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, to defer the item to July 20, 2026, all voting aye.

9. ACTIONS RELATING TO PERSONNEL

   A. POLICE DEPARTMENT - Resolution suspending the requirements of Section 400.11(1)(a) of the Iowa Code for the hiring of employees for the Sioux City Police Department for a period of one year. **2026-0684**

Chief Rex Mueller, Police Department, and Janelle Bertrand, Human Resources Director provided information on the item.

   B. PARKS AND RECREATION - Resolution suspending the requirements of Section 400.11(1)(a) of the Iowa Code for the hiring of employees for the Parks and Recreation Department for a period of one year. **2026-0685**

10. APPLICATIONS FOR ALCOHOL LICENSES

   A. ON-PREMISE SALES
      1. CLASS C RETAIL ALCOHOL LICENSE (liquor/wine/beer/carry-out)
         a. Blvd Bar, 1742 Riverside Boulevard (Renewal)
         b. Ethio Eritrea Bar and Restaurant, 1800 Pierce Street (New)
         c. Sinners Lounge, 1427 West 3rd Street (Renewal)
         d. Teaser Gentlemens Club, 1127 4th Street (Renewal)
         e. The Warrior Hotel, 525 6th Street (Renewal)
      2. SPECIAL CLASS C RETAIL ALCOHOL LICENSE (wine/beer/carry-out)
         a. Sioux City Marina, 1100 Larsen Park Road (Renewal)

11. BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

   A. Active Transportation Advisory Committee – March 18, 2026
   B. Sioux City Sports Commission – June 24, 2026
   C. Woodbury County Information and Communication Commission – April 8, 2026

- End of Consent Agenda -

HEARINGS

12. Hearing and Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for construction of the Hamilton Boulevard (West 15th Street to West 20th Street) Resurfacing Project, Iowa Department of Transportation Project No. STP-U-7057(723)—70-97. (City Project No. 7356-719-385) **2026-0686**

Motion by Scott, seconded by Rayford, 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 accepting the proposal of Siouxland Youth Hockey Association, Inc. for the lease of land in the Donner Park Urban Renewal Area and authorizing lease of said property. (a portion of land located at 3808 Stadium Drive for the IBP Ice Center Shooting Shed) **(Motion requested to defer this item to July 27, 2026.)**

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

Motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, to defer the item to July 27, 2026, all voting aye.

PRESENTATIONS

14. Building Permits

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

15. HART (Homeless Assistance Response Team)

Chief Rex Mueller, Police Department, provided information on the item.

16. CITIZEN CONCERNS

Lillian Rodriguez, Carlos Hurtado, and Olga Guevara informed the Council of an upcoming free event, “Mexico en el Corazón,” to be held at the Orpheum Theater on August 30, 2026.

Robin Schiro addressed the Council regarding the Sioux City Lions Club’s interest in adopting a street for cleanup and expressed concerns related to the Environmental Services Department. Schiro also shared concerns regarding volunteering at the Pierce Mansion.

Jeremy Harrison, President of New Sioux City Community Development, discussed his petition requesting increased public involvement in the hiring process for the new Police Chief.

Cindy Hanson reminded citizens of available openings on city boards and commissions and thanked the Council for its investments in infrastructure.

17. COUNCIL CONCERNS

Bertrand thanked Patrick Simons, Field Services Supervisor, for his communication regarding FreMar Drive. Bertrand requested the current dollar amount collected for the panhandling signs fund and suggested consideration of an alternative sign concept. Michael Collett, City Manager, shared that assessments for Police Chief candidates will take place on July 14 and 15, 2026. Bertrand thanked Sheriff Sheehan for providing a bus schedule for a route to serve the Law Enforcement Center. Bertrand discussed mowing and curb maintenance along the Railroad. Bertrand noted that an update regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant will be provided next week by Tom Pingel, Public Works Director.

Berenstein inquired about the repair or replacement of medians on Hamilton Boulevard and requested the 2026 Legislative update. Berenstein noted that staff are awaiting direction regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Berenstein encouraged Parks and Recreation staff to continue developing riverfront activities and stated that there are opportunities related to the new arena. Berenstein reported that the Synagogue completed volunteer work at the Warming Shelter. Berenstein mentioned that an entertainment district update will be provided shortly. Berenstein expressed hope for progress on the bus route serving the Law Enforcement Center. Berenstein noted a positive recent visit with several Library Board members. Berenstein requested an update on a new branding or marketing campaign.

Rayford thanked citizens for their engagement. Rayford thanked staff for cleaning the Skywalk. Rayford reported that he is working with Michael Collett, City Manager, regarding weed issues. Rayford noted that he welcomed the Team USA Handball Committee to Sioux City.

Schoenherr stated that she intends to begin an adopt-a-street campaign.

Scott congratulated Mitchell Betsworth for receiving gold in the Special Olympics and congratulated Kaleb LaFavor for being drafted in the 10th round of the 2026 MLB Draft. Scott wished Heelan and East success in their remaining softball and baseball games.

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m., on motion by Scott, seconded by Rayford, all voting aye.

ATTEST: _____ _____
Heidi Farrens, City Clerk Robert E. Scott, Mayor