1. The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held on August 3, 2026, at 4:01 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, City Manager, Nicole M. DuBois, City Attorney, and Heidi Farrens, City Clerk.

Mayor Scott, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed August 2 through August 8, 2026, as "National Health Center Week" in Sioux City, Brendyn Richards, accepting. Mayor Scott read a commendation for Betty and Gary Gunderson on the occasion on the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary, Betty and Gary Gunderson accepting.

2. The Council interviewed Jacob Wanderscheid for a position on the Civil Service Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, to adopt the Consent Agenda, all voting aye. Items 3 through 11H approved unanimously unless specifically noted after the item.

3. Reading of the City Council Minutes of July 27, 2026.

Reading of the minutes of July 27, 2026, was waived and as part of the consent agenda the minutes were approved as presented.

4. PURCHASING - Resolution awarding a purchase order to Blackline Safety Corp. of Calgary, Alberta, in the amount of $26,683 for the purchase of cartridges, technical and maintenance support, and one year of alarm monitoring services for gas meters. **2026-0728**

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

5. ACTIONS RELATING TO GRANTS

   A. PUBLIC TRANSIT - Resolution approving and accepting Transit Joint Participation Agreement No. STA-FORM-705-SFY27 with the Iowa Department of Transportation for a State Transit Assistance (STA) Grant in the amount of $485,660 for operating or capital expenses required for support of public transit services. **2026-0729**

   B. COORDINATED ENTRY - Resolution approving and accepting a Grant Agreement between the City of Sioux City and the Department of Housing and Urban Development for $206,223 in Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry funds. (Grant No. IA0145L7D002504) **2026-0730**

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

   C. INFORMATION SYSTEM - Resolution approving and accepting a Grant Agreement between the City of Sioux City and the Department of Housing and Urban Development for $47,893 in Continuum of Care Homeless Management Information System funds. (Grant No. IA0144L7D002504) **2026-0731**

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

D. PLANNING - Resolution approving and accepting a Grant Agreement between the City of Sioux City and the Department of Housing and Urban Development for $110,332 in Continuum of Care Planning Project Grant funds. (Grant No. IA0213L7D002500) **2026-0732**

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

6. ACTIONS RELATING TO STREET CLOSURES

A. HOMECOMING PARADE - Resolution temporarily closing West 19th Street from Heartland Community Baptist Church (2201 West 19th Street) to West Middle School (3301 West 19th Street) beginning at 5 p.m. and ending at 7:30 p.m., August 31, 2026, for the West High School Homecoming Parade. **2026-0733**

B. DUELING PIANOS - Resolution temporarily closing Water Street from 4th Street to 5th Street, 4th Street from Pearl Street to Water Street, and the west one-half of the east/west alley and the north/south alley between Water Street, Pearl Street, 4th Street and 5th Street beginning at 12 p.m. and ending at 11 p.m., September 29, 2026, for the Dueling Pianos event. **2026-0734**

C. ARTSPLASH - Resolution temporarily closing 3rd Street from Pierce Street to Nebraska Street, 2nd Street from Pierce Street to Nebraska Street, Pierce Street from 2nd Street and 3rd Street, the southern eastbound lane of 3rd Street from Douglas Street to Pierce Street, the western northbound lane of Nebraska Street from 3rd Street to 2nd Street, and the eastern southbound lane of Pierce Street from 3rd Street to 4th Street, excluding all intersections beginning at 10 a.m., September 17, 2026, and ending at 8 p.m., September 20, 2026, for ArtSplash 2026. **2026-0735**

7. ACTIONS RELATING TO AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS

A. BARTLETT & WEST - Resolution approving a Tolling Agreement. (Bartlett & West, Inc.) **2026-0736**

Steven Postolka, Assistant City Attorney, provided information on the item.

B. FORD - Resolution approving Settlement Agreement and Release. (Ford) **2026-0737**

C. KIEWIT - Resolution authorizing termination of the contract with Kiewit Infrastructure Co. of Lone Tree, Colorado, as the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Preconstruction Services for Phase I of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan Improvements Project. (Project No. 539-006) **2026-0738**

Request by Bertrand to pull the item from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote, the resolution was moved and seconded as part of the Consent Agenda, all voting aye.

D. KP CONSTRUCTION - Resolution approving Change Order No. 2 to the contract with KP Construction, Inc. in the amount of $16,889 for one additional manhole replacement in connection with the FY 2026 Manhole Replacement Project. (Project No. 7454-539-102) **2026-0739**

E. KNIFE RIVER - Resolution awarding a contract to Knife River Midwest, LLC in the amount of $1,829,043.97 for 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) **2026-0740**

Katie Eickholt, Civil Engineer, provided information on the item.

Request by Berenstein to pull the item from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote, the Resolution was moved and seconded as part of the Consent Agenda, Bertrand, Rayford, Schoenherr, and Scott voting aye, Berenstein voting nay.

F. CIVICPLUS - Resolution approving a three-year Master Services Agreement and a Statement of Work Agreement between the City of Sioux City and CivicPlus of Manhattan, Kansas, in the amount of $29,237.42 for the purchase of a cloud-based solution that assists in capturing and archiving records of online and social media communications. **2026-0741**

8. ACTIONS RELATING TO PERSONNEL

A. INSPECTION SERVICES - Resolution amending the "Statement of Authorized Personnel Complement" by deleting two positions of Clerical Assistant, Class Code 1002, and adding two positions of Customer Service Specialist, Class Code 1022, in the Inspection Services Department. **2026-0742**

B. FIRE DEPARTMENT - Resolution amending the Authorized Personnel Complement, adopted by Resolution No. 2026-0393, by removing one (1) EMS Training Officer position, Class Code IV-5420, and increasing the authorized complement of Fire Lieutenants, Class Code IV-5106, by one (1) position to perform the duties of the EMS Training Officer within the Fire Department's Training Division. **2026-0743**

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

9. ACTIONS RELATING TO PROPERTY

A. LINE DR - Resolution inviting proposals for the sale of land in the Donner Park Urban Renewal Area, announcing the intent to accept the proposal of Siouxland Developers, LLC, fixing the date for receipt of proposals, and for public hearing and providing for notice thereof. (A vacated portion of Cone Park adjacent to Line Drive) **2026-0744**

Nicole M. DuBois, City Attorney, provided information on the item.

B. MORNINGSIDE AVE - Resolution approving a Post Construction Stormwater Management Plan Maintenance Agreement and Easement with Morningside University for a detention basin and accepting a permanent easement. (1501 Morningside Avenue) **2026-0745**

10. APPLICATIONS FOR ALCOHOL LICENSES

    A. ON-PREMISE SALES
        1. CLASS C RETAIL ALCOHOL LICENSE (liquor/wine/beer/carry-out)
            a. Chili's Grill and Bar, 110 Nebraska Street (Renewal)
            b. Doxx, 1219 5th Street (Renewal)
            c. Whiskey Dick's, 212 Cunningham Drive (Renewal)

11. BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

    A. Airport Board of Trustees – February 19 and June 25, 2026
    B. Board of Adjustment – June 23 and July 14, 2026
    C. Civil Service Commission – March 3, 2026
    D. Events Facilities and Tourism Advisory Board – March 19, 2026
    E. Human Rights Commission – May 7, 2026
    F. Library Board of Trustees – March 5, 2026
    G. Planning and Zoning Commission – June 23 and July 14, 2026
    H. Wastewater Treatment Plant Reconstruction and Design Advisory Committee – July 9, 2026

- End of Consent Agenda -

RECOMMENDATIONS OF PLANNING AND ZONING

12. Ordinance vacating that part of the east/west alley and a portion of Magnolia Street (originally platted as Division Street) and Walnut Avenue (originally platted as Angier Street) adjacent to the properties located at 5305 and 5307 Correctionville Road. (Petitioner: Guillermo Martinez) (The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of this item.) (File No. 2026-058) **(First consideration approved July 27, 2026)**

Wade Schuldt, City Planner, provided information on the item.

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

DISCUSSION

13. Motion accepting the annual evaluation of the Art Center Director by the Sioux City Art Center's Board of Trustees. **(Deferred from July 20, 2026)** **2026-0746**

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

14. Motion authorizing City staff to enter into negotiations with Ameriflex to serve as the City's Health Savings Account (HSA) Administrator. **(Deferred from July 13, 2026) (Deferred from July 20, 2026)**

Janet Fuller, Human Resources Benefits Manager, provided information on the item. Stuart Lee, IBC, and Tamika Dew, Ameriflex, spoke on the item.

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

15. Motion authorizing City staff to enter into negotiations with Ameriflex to serve as the City's Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Administrator. **(Deferred from July 13, 2026) (Deferred from July 20, 2026)**

Janet Fuller, Human Resources Benefits Manager, provided information on the item. Stuart Lee, IBC, and Tamika Dew, Ameriflex, spoke on the item.

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

16. Motion authorizing City staff to enter into negotiations with IBC to serve as the City's COBRA Administrator. **(Deferred from July 13, 2026) (Deferred from July 20, 2026) (Motion requested to delete this item.)** **2026-0747**

Janet Fuller, Human Resources Benefits Manager, provided information on the item. Stuart Lee, IBC, and Tamika Dew, Ameriflex, spoke on the item.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Schoenherr, to delete the item, all voting nay. Thus, the motion failed.

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

17. CITIZEN CONCERNS

Maria Rundquist discussed the search for a new Sioux City Chief of Police and shared concerns regarding misconduct allegations involving one of the candidates.

Robin Schiro shared details of programs provided by the Sioux City Lions Club. Shiro requested to be added to an email list for Historic Preservation volunteers.

18. PRESENTATION - HART (Homeless Assistance Response Team)

Captain Ryan Bertrand, Police Department, provided information on the item.

19. COUNCIL CONCERNS

Bertrand requested a change to the Customer Service Center phone queue message. Bertrand discussed Knife River Midwest and property in the Leeds neighborhood; spoke on the hiring process for a new Chief of Police; and shared that developers have reached out regarding spec buildings and are showing interest in building projects including development of workforce housing. Bertrand requested an update from Arah Montagne, Environmental Services Manager, on the status of cardboard recycling.

Berenstein shared that there is an upcoming meeting regarding homeless court. Berenstein noted that homelessness is a complicated issue that requires a broader, detailed discussion. Berenstein complemented Steven Postolka on hosting a great event with visiting representatives of Yamanashi City; discussed the River-Cade Parade; commended Renae Billings on her

involvement with Innovation Center; discussed concerns regarding stormwater fee increases; and shared that the City will be moving on from the Letter of Understanding with Knife River.

Rayford discussed homelessness and shared that it's a moving target. Rayford requested that information be provided regarding change orders; discussed the hiring of a new Chief of Police including the testing process and the City Council's role, suggesting that a presentation may be beneficial. Rayford shared that he was proud to take part in a reading of the Declaration of Independence over the weekend and is looking forward to the upcoming Planted and Plated event supporting the Food Bank of Siouxland.

20. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m., on motion by Scott, seconded by Berenstein, all voting aye.

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