

MINUTES

Monday, April 18, 2011

Informational Meeting 4:00 PM at Carnegie Town Hall

Sioux Falls City Council 235 West Tenth Street

Members Present: Sue Aguilar, Kenny Anderson Jr., James Entenman, Michelle Erpenbach, Dean Karsky, Mike T. Huether

Members Absent: Vernon Brown, Greg Jamison, Rex Rolfing

Staff Present: Debra A. Owen, City Clerk/Chief of Council Operations and Jamie L. Palmer, CMC, Assistant City Clerk

1. Call To Order

Council Vice Chair Aguilar called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Councilor Brown arrived at this time.

2. City Council Staff Report

A. Debra A. Owen, City Clerk/Chief of Council Operations

Owen reviewed a couple of items on this evening's agenda and parliamentary procedures for the rules of debate.

3. Public Services Committee

A. Report from meeting of Monday, April 11, 2011

Anderson Jr. reported that the pawn shop ordinance was reviewed and said that discussion will continue at the next committee meeting scheduled for May 9, 2011. He said that the committee has recommended a slight increase to the cost of new liquor licenses and that recommendation will move forward to the full Council for consideration on May 2, 2011. The committee ran short on time and was unable to discuss council procedures and organization so that item will be discussed at the Public Services Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2011.

4. City Council Open Discussion

Erpenbach spoke about Projects N.I.C.E./K.E.E.P. and thanked all of the departments that were involved in that effort.

Karsky spoke about a Neighborhood Watch meeting, in his district, that he recently attended.

Entenman reported that he received notice from the CVB that the January room tax collections were up by over 10.5% compared to last year.

Anderson Jr. spoke about a recent Listening & Learning Session that he participated in last Saturday.

Aguilar said that she received an email from Council Chair Jamison asking her to recommend referring two items to the Fiscal Committee. He would like the Fiscal Committee to discuss a possible sewer rate freeze for the elderly and low income and also discuss allowing rate increases in a 3 or 5 year cycle. Brown stated that the Fiscal Committee is willing to accept those

tasks. Since there were no objections, Aguilar stated that those items will move to the Fiscal Committee for further consideration.

Aguilar spoke about the possibility of changing future start times for the monthly Joint City Council/Minnehaha County meeting to either 5:15 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.

Aguilar said that the Events Center study results will be given at the Informational meeting next week and she encouraged the other Council Members to begin thinking about how they would like to proceed with holding future forums.

#### 5. Presentations

- A. Monthly Financial Report by Tracy Turbak, Director of Finance
- B. Big Sioux River Environmental Trust Fund Approval Process by Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation
- C. Events Center Update by Mayor Mike Huether, Mark Cotter, Director of Public Works, and Mike Cooper, Director of Planning and Building Services

#### 6. Adjournment

Aguilar adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Jamie L. Palmer, CMC

Assistant City Clerk