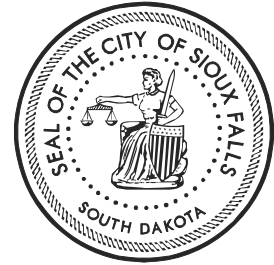


# Minutes

Monday, November 10, 2008



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## Public Service Committee

5:03 p.m.  
at the Carnegie Town Hall  
235 West Tenth Street

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Members Present: Vernon Brown and Kermit Stagers  
Members Absent: Kenny Anderson Jr. and De Knudson  
Staff Present: City Clerk, Debra A. Owen and Assistant City Clerk, Tamara M. Jorgensen  
Guests: Gerald Beninga, City Council Member; Mike Hall, Director of Central Services; Regan Smith, Risk Manager; and Melanie Brandert, Argus Leader

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### 1. Call To Order

- Committee member Brown called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

### 2. Review and approval of Minutes dated October 14, 2008

- A motion was made by Stagers and seconded by Brown to approve said minutes. Brown called for a voice vote on the motion. All members present voted yes. **Motion Passed.**

**Councilor Knudson arrived at this time.**

### 3. Security at the Carnegie Town Hall

- Mike Hall, Director of Central Services, provided a handout with talking points. He said Councilors Anderson and Litz had questions about security at the Carnegie Town Hall.
  - Hall referenced the February 2008, Kirkwood, Mo., shootings.
  - Beninga inquired about security measures at City Council Chambers. Hall said they encourage Council members to stay in the Carnegie, when discussing things with the public. And the officer on duty is to escort anyone who would like to be escorted to their vehicle.
  - Hall was asked about having a uniformed officer present before the City Council meetings. Hall stated that the police department would be able to provide additional officers as needed/requested..
  - Hall said if City Council members are getting calls at home (which concern them) they are encouraged to contact his office or the Police Department.
  - Knudson said she asked for an officer to be present at Board of Equalization meetings. She said it gets more heated there than here.
  - Stagers inquired about current structural measures that are in place to safeguard elected officials.
  - Owen suggested that the Council schedule their annual update and review current security measures at the Carnegie with Regan Smith and Officer Schmidt.
  - Committee members agreed and will schedule a closed session in the near future .
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### 4. City Events/Block Party Ordinance

- Owen said she met with Parks and Recreation and they have an extensive informational process. She hasn't been able to meet with Anderson to go over the information she has received. Knudson asked if the information was able on the web site, Owen thought it was.

### 5. Code of Ethics Ordinance

- Owen said they (committee) have all received copies and that Knudson provided some changes.
- Owen revisited the Council's discussion of the need for the change in November/December of 2007. There were several open meetings where Council expressed a concern about the interpretation of city ordinance regarding advisory opinions.
- Owen said that Council Members Bob Jamison and Kermit Staggars, Gary Colwill, and she began meeting to makes necessary changes to the ordinance to reflect Council' intent when the ordinance was adopted. As the group evaluated the proposed changes, it became apparent that there were other minor language changes to the ordinance that should be revised too.
- Knudson questioned why we use the phrase "intent." Owen said she chooses to use the term after listening to Council Member Bob Jamison, who helped lead the effort in adopting the original ordinance. It was Council Member Bob Jamison's belief that an advisory opinion should be sought when an elected official is seeking advice about their own future or current behavior.
- Brown said the goal is to go through the ordinance by next meeting and to make a recommendation. Owen said she is open to sit down with Council Members and work through the revisions section by section. Brown said urged the committee to be ready to discuss the revisions by next month's committee meeting.

### 6. Open Discussion

- There was none.

### 7. Adjournment

- Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Denise D. Tucker  
Assistant City Clerk f/Minutes