

City of Onida

Resolution 2017-10

SULLY COUNTY K9 UNIT

WHEREAS, The City of Onida has a contract with Sully County for law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, dangerous drugs and drug use are on the rise and above the national average in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, government's first duty and obligation to its citizens is to protect them; and

WHEREAS, Sully County is fortunate to have a certified narcotics canine donated to the Sully County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Sully County is also fortunate to have a Deputy Sheriff donate his time (280 hours) to become a certified handler and team; and

WHEREAS, the certified narcotics canine is another tool for law enforcement to use to help them with enforcement of laws and protection of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, jail costs and court costs are a necessary component to keeping the community safe and should not be a factor in enforcing the laws against dangerous drugs and drug dealers; and

WHEREAS, the Sully County Sheriff's Office has the tools available to help keep out and remove drugs from our community and away from our children but is being restricted by the Sully County Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Sully County Commission should allow the unrestricted use of a certified narcotics canine in Sully County by the Sully County Sheriff's Office and set an example for other jurisdictions that do not have such an opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the City of Onida fully supports the unrestricted use of a K9 Unit in Sully County by the Sully County Sheriff's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Onida strongly encourages the Sully County Commission to remove its restrictions on a drug canine program and allow its unrestricted use as an effective tool in the detection of dangerous drugs and apprehension of drug criminals.

Passed, approved and adopted this 5th day of July 2017 on a motion by Gruis seconded by Porter. Motion Carried.

Voting on Motion: Yea ()Gruis, Miller, Mosiman, Porter

Nay ()None

Absent() Pitlick and Soderholm

Mayor, Gary Wickersham

Finance Officer, Rondha Hiller

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