

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Council Meeting of the Sabula City Council was held April 28, 2020. In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this special meeting of the Sabula City Council was held electronically. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code does permit an electronic meeting where all members participate remotely when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, which is certainly true during this crisis. On March 19, 2020 Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency which included a suspension of Iowa laws that would prevent the use of electronic meetings or the limitation on the number of people present at an in-person meeting site. The agenda and the City's social media had this message posted 24 hours in advance to give instructions on how others could participate in the meeting: Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic this meeting will not be open to the public. You may access the meeting the following ways: Phone in option 415/762-9988 or 646-568-7788 Meeting ID 83775312629 or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83775312629>

Present via electronic means: Mayor Troy Hansen, Dave Ward, Teena Franzen, Rich Epic, Pat Meyers and Henry Kramer.

Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting

T. Franzen made a motion to open the regular council meeting; seconded by H. Kramer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deletions - None

Citizen Concerns- Michele Figie had concerns about dog waste in the park area next to Homeport. The Mayor stated that he would have Chief McPherson look into the issue.

Agenda

Approve minutes

Motion was made by D. Ward; seconded by R. Epich to approve the minutes for 03/24/20. Ayes: R. Epich, H. Kramer, D. Ward and P. Meyers. T. Franzen abstained. Motion carried.

Approve claims

T. Franzen made a motion to approve the bills and payroll for April; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Relief

The Mayor suggested that we provide some kind of financial relief to the businesses that closed due to COVID-19. T. Franzen made a motion to inactivate the garbage/sewer/water fees for those businesses that were closed in April; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #1207, Resolution Providing For Minimum Staffing And Pay During Pandemic

The Mayor informed council that as of Monday, the staff would be going back to their regular schedule. Parks will continue to be closed. A motion was made by T. Franzen; seconded by R. Epich to approve Resolution #1207, Resolution Providing For Minimum Staffing and Pay During Pandemic. All ayes. Motion carried.

Liquor License

T. Franzen approved the liquor license for K&J's Hop 'n Shop; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Letter for Jerry's Plumbing

P. Meyers made a motion to approve the letter for Jerry's Plumbing. Motion failed due to lack of a second motion. Council member H. Kramer asked if the 10 inch line had been addressed at Gerald's. He stated that he remembers when V&K had talked about putting on a flow meter. L. Parker stated that she would reach out to Leo Foley with V&K.

Building permit

Motion made by T. Franzen; seconded by R. Epich to approve the building permit for Rhett Coatney, 714 Cottage Avenue. All ayes. Motion carried.

Building permit

H. Kramer made a motion to approve the building permit for Troy Hansen, 706 Elk Street, contingent with the ordinance; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried. T. Hansen will get signatures from the neighbors that are within 200 feet of the property.

Building permit

Travis from Moxie Solar informed the Mayor and Council about the building permit that they had applied for on behalf of Matt Diercks, 1013 Broad Street. He stated that they would install 8 solar panels on the southwest portion of the roof. Brian Hood from Alliant Energy stated that we should consult with our Attorney regarding Solar Tariff's. Mayor Hansen suggested that we schedule a work session. Council member H. Kramer stated that he would like a work session regarding Green Energy. A work session will be scheduled.

Curb mudjacking

A motion was made by R. Epich to approve the quote for Todd's Mud Jacking to raise curbs to remove dips on selected curbs in the amount of \$3400; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Sewer plant

Bob Ernst Insurance sent out the yearly premium notice for the sewer plant. Our current coverage is \$121,000 with a premium of \$947. We can increase coverage to \$133,100 with a premium of \$1,009. R. Epich made a motion to increase the coverage; seconded by T. Franzen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Wellmark renewal

A motion was made by R. Epich to approve the Wellmark benefits renewal for employees for FY20/21; seconded by T. Franzen. Employees will stay on the same plan through Wellmark. All ayes. Motion carried. The plan shows an increase of 16% for the new year.

FY 20/21 Street repairs

A proposal was presented to council for street repairs from LL Pelling Company. The amount of the proposal was \$27,211.45. The budget for streets for FY20/21 is \$25,972.00. Council member H. Kramer stated that we were in violation with State Code for not getting bids for the project. He wondered why we hadn't been getting the proper quotes. L. Parker stated that she wasn't aware that we had to. L. Diercks had always used LL Pelling and so that's why Travis was now using them. T. Franzen made a motion to table until we get 2 more bids; seconded by H. Kramer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Police report

No police report given.

Place on file

H. Kramer made a motion to place on file the Sewer and Water Maintenance Report, Financial Statement and Expenditure and Revenue Report for March and Sabula's Water and Wastewater Report from Jim Merchie; seconded by T. Franzen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by T. Franzen and seconded by H. Kramer. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Troy Hansen, Mayor

Lynn Parker, City Clerk