

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

A Regular Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Sabula City Hall, 411 Broad Street Sabula, Iowa

Present: Mayor Troy Hansen and Council Members; Pat Meyers, Dave Ward and Rich Epich. Absent: Hank Kramer and Teena Franzen.

Others Present: Chief McPherson, Nick Konrardy, Wendy Hoertz, Bobbi Jo Bratcher, Travis Woodhurst, Curtis Koch, John Mangler, Dave Ackerman, Dan Pfeiffer, Don Thayer, Curt Marzofka, Dave and Judy Rittmer, Jeff Mussman, Andrew Ebensberger, Denny Dixon, Lindsay Rittmer and Curtis Koch.

Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### **Regular Council Meeting**

P. Meyers made a motion to open the council meeting; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Visitors with business- None**

**Deletions-** # 7 Fireworks request for Doug Heidenreich and #21 Staffing needs

**Citizen Concerns** – Four complaints were received. The first being about the junk vehicles that still sit around George Allinger's. Don Thayer asked if we planned on doing something about the unregistered trailers, boats, semis and cars. He then proceeded to ask Council how they feel about the junk sitting around. Dave Ward stated that he tends not to let it get to him. He then asked Rich Epich how he felt about the junk yard. Rich stated that he would have to review the ordinance. The Mayor spoke up and said that it is not a junk yard, it's classified as an operational business. Don stated that there is junk all over town and that Mike Cotton's junk should be moved from the corner by the fire station. The second item was the condition of the lakes. A petition was presented to the Mayor asking the City to demand the DNR take action concerning the algae in the lakes. The Mayor will reach out to the IDNR. The third item was about putting lights at the basketball court. The Mayor stated that the court was on school property. The last item of discussion was regarding the dead grass around the tombstones at the Evergreen Cemetery. Andrew Ebensberger said that he felt that the person who sprayed and killed the grass last year should be responsible for re-seeding around every tombstone. The Mayor stated that we can look into that.

### **Agenda**

#### **Approve minutes**

Motion was made by R. Epich; seconded by P. Meyers to approve the minutes from the May 26th and June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. All Ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Approve claims**

R. Epich made a motion to approve the bills and payroll for June; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Island City Days**

P. Meyers made a motion to approve having Island City Days on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Liquor license**

Motion made by R. Epich; seconded by P. Meyers to approve the liquor license for the Sabula Community Club. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Picnic tables**

P. Meyers made a motion to accept donation of picnic tables from Sabula Community Club; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried. The Sabula Community Club plans on purchasing the frames and constructing the tables for use at Island City Days.

**Fireworks Permit**

Motion made by P. Meyers; seconded by R. Epich to approve the fireworks permit for the Sabula Community Club for Island City Days. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Tires for police squad**

A motion was made by R. Epich to approve the purchase of squad tires from C&R Tire in the amount of \$900.00; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Building permit**

A motion was made by P. Meyers and seconded by R. Epich to approve the building permit for Bobbi Jo Bratcher, 602 Elk Street. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Building permit**

R. Epich made a motion to approve the building permit for Tim Clark, 302 Madison Street; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Building permit**

R. Epich made a motion to approve the building permit for Andrew Ebensberger, 407 Elk Street; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Pick Up Iowa**

R. Epich made a motion to set a date for Pick Up Iowa Garbage Collection for the City of Sabula; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried. It will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup> and will include Dump Road. The City Clerk will begin organizing and looking for volunteers.

**City Wide Clean-Up**

R. Epich made a motion to approve 2 roll offs for \$350 each (which includes 2 tons) for the City-Wide Clean-Up; seconded by H. Kramer. All ayes. Motion carried. Date to be determined.

**Raises**

P. Meyers made a motion to approve a 3% raise for employees; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Post Office Window**

R. Epich approved the purchase of a new bathroom window for the Post Office; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Clarification on building permits**

This item will be discussed at a work session.

**City Hall Rental**

P. Meyers made a motion to raise the City Hall Rental to \$50 with a \$25 deposit fee; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Street repairs**

This item was tabled to allow Travis time to get some estimates for mill and fill work.

**Cemetery Charges**

D. Ward made a motion to charge \$500 for burials on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays with \$100 to go to the employee that manages the burial; P. Meyers seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Solar Charges**

The City Attorney Robert McGee asked Council how they wanted to proceed with compensating the home owner. He stated that he doesn't recommend using The City of Preston's format because it discourages customers from using Green Energy. He recommended that at the end of the year The City of Sabula pay the customer a % of the wholesale cost. The Attorney will move forward with the paperwork and he will present at the public hearing in July.

**Police report**

Chief McPherson gave the police report for June: 19 misc. calls, 1 ambulance assists, 2 motor vehicle accident, 3 county assists, 11 arrest/police citations, 2 pending, 6 warnings were given and 2 further investigation report being worked on.

**Place on file**

P. Meyers made a motion to place on file the Sewer and Water Maintenance Report, Financial Statement and Expenditure and Revenue Report for May and Sabula's Water and Wastewater Report from Jim Merchie; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting made by P. Meyers and seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned.

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Troy Hansen, Mayor

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Lynn Parker, City Clerk