

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

at Krabbenhoft Library, 512 Elk Street Sabula, Iowa

Present: Mayor Troy Hansen was present via by phone, Lynn Parker, Rich Epich, Teena Franzen, and Dave Ward Absent: Henry Kramer and Pat Meyers.

Others Present: Chief McPherson, Bobbi Jo Bratcher, Wendy Hoertz, Paul & Michele Figie, David Rittmer, Bobby Bohanan, Jeff Mussman, Clay Parker, James Smith, Royce Johnson, Dan Peiffer and Curt Marzofka.

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

Regular Council Meeting

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

Deletions- None.

Citizen Concerns- Citizens spoke regarding concerns about dog waste in yards. The City had received several complaints about the waste not getting picked up. This discussion then resulted in a complaint about the neighbor being noisy late at night while putting wood in their wood burner. A discussion was had by all parties involved and the issues were resolved.

Agenda Items

Council minutes

Motion was made by T. Franzen; seconded by R. Epich to approve the minutes for 12/17/19. Ayes from R. Epich and T. Franzen. D. Ward abstained. Motion failed due to lack of votes. Item will be placed on the agenda in February.

Monthly bills

Motion was made by T. Franzen; seconded by R. Epich to approve the monthly bills for January. All ayes. Motion carried.

Homeport

Motion was made by T. Franzen, to approve the liquor license for Homeport. Seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #1193, Mileage Rates for 2020

A motion was made by R. Epich; seconded by D. Ward, to approve Resolution #1193, Mileage rates set by the IRS at .575. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #1194, Appointing Official Bank For The City Of Sabula

Motion made by R. Epich to approve the Resolution #1194, Appointing Clinton National Bank as the Official Bank For The City; seconded by T. Franzen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Catalyst Grant

Motion made by R. Epich; seconded by D. Ward to approve the Pre-Application For The Catalyst Grant through JCEA for the property at 415 Pearl. All ayes. Motion carried. The State would provide \$100,000 in funds for 1 specific location. The owners intend to have 2 apartments on the top floor and they would rehab the first floor to a blank slate, opening it up for a business. The City would provide \$40,000 and the owners would provide \$300,000. This grant is a 2-step process. The Pre-Application and then the main application. The City can opt out of the grant process at any time.

Set a public hearing date

T. Franzen made a motion to set a public hearing date for February 25th to approve the Proposed Maximum Property Tax Levy; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried. The legislature passed a bill to make the budget process/property tax rate “more transparent”. We now must have a public hearing to approve the tax levy before the budget can be approved. The Proposed Property Tax Levy must also be posted on the City Facebook page, in the Preston Times, at City Hall, the Post Office and the Clinton National Bank.

Resolution #1196, Renewal of CD #20312716

T. Franzen made a motion to approve Resolution #1196, Renewal of CD #20312716; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried.

City attorney

T. Franzen made a motion to hire Robert McGee as the City Attorney at the suggestion from Mayor Hansen. R. Epich seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Police Report

Chief McPherson gave the police report: During the month of December they received 11 aid-information calls, 0 assist with the ambulance/fire department, 0 motor vehicle accidents, 4 assists to county, 4 arrest/police citations were processed with 1 pending, 3 warnings were given on miscellaneous, further investigation is being worked on 1 reports.

Financial Reports

Motion made by R. Epich; seconded by T. Franzen to receive and place on file the Sewer and Water Maintenance Report, Financial Statement, Expenditure and Revenue Report for December, and Sabula's Water and Wastewater Report from Jim Merchie. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

Mayor Troy Hansen

City Clerk Lynn Parker