

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WITH PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

A Regular Council Meeting with a Public Hearing to Adopt Ordinance 1-2021, An Ordinance Amending Title VI, Physical Environment Chapter 5 Utilities – 6-5-8, Billing Charges for Water and Ordinance 2-2021, An Ordinance Amending Title VI, Physical Environment Chapter 5 Utilities-6-5-10 Billing Charges for Sewer was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. at Sabula City Hall, 411 Broad Street, Sabula, Iowa.

In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this Regular Meeting of the Sabula City Council was held electronically and had limited seating in City Hall. 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. 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.

The meeting was accessible the following ways:

ZOOM Link

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Meeting ID: 837 4024 5669

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Present: Mayor Troy Hansen, Teena Franzen, Pat Meyers, Henry Kramer and Rich Epich. Absent: Dave Ward.

Others Present: Lynn Parker, Wendy Hoertz, Michele & Paul Figie, Dave Ackerman, Adam McPherson, Travis Woodhurst, David Heiar, Neil Jones and Craig Schoenfeld.

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

Public Hearing

T. Franzen made a motion: seconded by P. Meyers to open public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

Solicitation of comments for Adoption of Ordinance 1-2021, An Ordinance Amending Title VI, Physical Environment Chapter 5 Utilities – 6-5-8, Billing Charges for Water. No comments or inquiries received.

Solicitation of comments for Adoption of Ordinance 2-2021, An Ordinance Amending Title VI, Physical Environment Chapter 5 Utilities-6-5-10 Billing Charges for Sewer. No comments or inquiries received.

H. Kramer made a motion to close public hearing; seconded by T. Franzen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Regular Council Meeting

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

Visitors with business-

Neil Jones from SOO Green updated Council on the HVDC Link project. He stated that they hoped the City of Sabula would consider a franchise agreement. This project will connect the MISO & PJM Energy Markets together in Plano, Illinois. The line will be a 350-mile direct line with 220 of those miles being in Iowa. Neil stated that they would need a location adjacent to the railroad to build an enclosed facility and parking lot. This building would be used as a sectionalizer site. He suggested 4 parcels that were owned by the City and hoped the City would be interested in selling.

Deletions- None

Citizen Concerns- M. Figie asked about the status of the Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Hansen stated that it was in the hands of the City Attorney.

Agenda

Approve minutes

Motion was made by T. Franzen; seconded by P. Meyers to approve the minutes from 12/22/20 and 1/13/21. Ayes for 12/22/20 and 1/13/21 from T. Franzen, P. Meyers and R. Epich. H. Kramer abstained from 12/22/20 but approved 1/13/21. Motion carried.

Approve claims

H. Kramer made a motion to approve the bills and payroll for January; seconded by T. Franzen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1-2021

T. Franzen made a motion to approve Ordinance 1-2021, An Ordinance Amending Title VI, Physical Environment Chapter 5 Utilities – 6-5-8, Billing Charges for Water; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried. The first 2,000 gallons used per month shall be billed at the rate of \$28.85, which is the minimum billing amount. Amounts in excess of 2,000 gallons per month shall be billed at \$3.46 per 1,000 gallons.

Ordinance 1-2021

T. Franzen made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 1-2021, An Ordinance Amending Title VI, Physical Environment Chapter 5 Utilities – 6-5-8, Billing Charges for Water; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2-2021

Motion made by T. Franzen; seconded by P. Meyers to approve Ordinance 2-2021, An Ordinance Amending Title VI, Physical Environment Chapter 5 Utilities-6-5-10 Billing Charges for Sewer. All ayes. Motion carried. The first 2,000 gallons used per month shall be billed at the rate of \$27.50, which is the minimum billing amount. Amounts in excess of 2,000 gallons per month shall be billed at \$3.06 per 1,000 gallon increment.

Ordinance 2-2021

T. Franzen made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 1-2021, An Ordinance Amending Title VI, Physical Environment Chapter 5 Utilities – 6-5-8, Billing Charges for Water; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Building permit

Motion made by T. Franzen; seconded by P. Meyers to approve a building permit for Shawn Cole, 913 Lake Street. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #1225, Setting mileage reimbursement

T. Franzen made a motion to approve Resolution #1225, setting the mileage reimbursement to .56 per mile based on the recommendation from the IRS; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #1226, Appointing official newspaper

H. Kramer made a motion to approve Resolution #1226, Appointing The Preston Times as the City of Sabula's official newspaper; seconded by T. Franzen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #1227, Appointing official bank

A motion was made by H. Kramer to approve Resolution #1227, Appointing the Clinton National Bank as the City of Sabula's official bank; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Setting date for public hearing

T. Franzen made a motion to set a date for a Public Hearing for 2/23/21 to Approve the Proposed Maximum Property Tax Levy for FY21/22 Budget; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #1229, Setting a public hearing date

H. Kramer made a motion to approve Resolution #1229, Setting a Public Hearing Date for 2/23/21 for Designation of the Sabula Urban Renewal Area and on the Proposed Urban Renewal Plan and Projects; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

CD Renewal

T. Franzen made a motion to renew perpetual care CD #20316972; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Police report

During this month of January received 11 miscellaneous aid-information calls, 1 assisted with the Ambulance/Fire Department, there were 1 motor vehicle accidents, 3 assists with county 3 arrest/police citations were processed 2 pending, 5 warnings were given on miscellaneous, further investigation is being worked on 1 report.

Place on file

T. Franzen made a motion to place on file the Sewer and Water Maintenance Report, Financial Statement and Expenditure and Revenue Report for December and Sabula's Water and Wastewater Report from Dave Ackerman; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by P. Meyers and seconded by T. Franzen at 7:15 P.M. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Troy Hansen, Mayor

Lynn Parker, City Clerk