

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WITH PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

A Regular Council Meeting with a Public Hearing for Proposed Maximum Property Tax Levy was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. at Sabula City Hall, 411 Broad Street Sabula, Iowa

Present: Mayor Troy Hansen and Council Members: Teena Franzen, Hank Kramer, Dave Ward and Pat Meyers. Rich Epich was present via telephone.

Others Present: Chief McPherson, Lynn Parker, Wendy Hoertz, Bobbi Jo Bratcher, Michele & Paul Figie, Curt Marzofka, Dave Ackerman, Dan Peiffer, Jeff Mussmann and Clay Parker.

Mayor Troy Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Public Hearing

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

Solicitation of comments for the City of Sabula Proposed 384.15A Maximum Property Tax Levy-None.

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

Regular Council Meeting

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

Deletions: #10, building permit

Citizen Concerns

Citizens voiced their concern of the semi-trailers that are being stored with no valid registrations and license plates. It was also mentioned that there are several boats with no valid plates. Parking on sidewalks is still an issue, stating that no tickets have been issued. Another resident asked when the cleanup was going to be done at the Stopher house. The City has been informed that the claim has been settled with the insurance. Cleanup should start soon.

Agenda

Approve minutes

Motion was made by T. Franzen; seconded by D. Ward to approve the minutes from the January 28th meeting. Ayes from T. Franzen, D. Ward and R. Epich. H. Kramer and P. Meyers abstained. Motion carried.

Approve claims

T. Franzen made a motion to approve the bills and payroll for February; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #1195, Maximum Property Tax Levy

A motion was made by H. Kramer; seconded by T. Franzen to approve Resolution #1195, Approve the 384.15 Maximum Property Tax Levy at \$189,029. A calculated 384.15A Maximum Tax Rate of \$10.90792. An annual change of -3.60%. All ayes. Motion carried.

Set a public hearing

Motion made by P. Meyers; seconded by H. Kramer to set a public hearing date of March 24, 2020 to approve the City of Sabula's FY20/21 budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #1196B, Appointment of Attorney

Motion made by T. Franzen; seconded by H. Kramer to approve Resolution #1196B, Appointment of City Attorney Robert McGee to a 2-year term. All ayes. Motion carried. (This resolution is shown as #1196B as it was discovered to be a duplicate.)

Resolution #1197, Hiring part-time police officer

This resolution was to appoint a part-time officer. The item was tabled until the council can hold a work session.

Resolution #1198, Bid for cement cutting

A discussion was had regarding the old police department building. Council member Kramer asked why we were spending tax dollar money at this location when we had approved building an addition on the city shed in 2017. He felt that it wasn't money well spent. He stated that the City could possibly sell the property or rent the building since it was a good location given its proximity to the boat ramp. This item was tabled to allow time to put out for bid for construction on the addition to the city shed.

Resolution #1199, purchase Godwin pump

A motion was made by T. Franzen to approve Resolution #1199, to purchase the Godwin CD150S Trailer Mounted Pump, hose sections, floats and alarm and possibly an additional pump with FEMA funds; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #1200, Water tower agreement

A motion was made by T. Franzen to approve Resolution #1200 approving a 5-year payment agreement with Maguire Iron for water tower maintenance agreement; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Catalyst Grant

T. Franzen made a motion to move forward with the Catalyst Grant; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried. This grant can be an upfront city match or the city can provide TIF money to the applicant. This grant can only be given to 1 recipient per year per community. At this time, the city

plans on matching funds up to \$40,000; ECIA would contribute \$100,000 and the grant recipient plans on contributing over \$300,000.

Lease for Post Office

Item was tabled until City Attorney can review the lease.

Police report

During February we received 15 miscellaneous aid information calls, 1 assisted with the Ambulance/Fire Department, there were no motor vehicle accidents, 4 assists with county, 5 arrest/police citations were processed, 2 pending, 4 warnings were given on miscellaneous, further investigation is being worked on 1 report.

Place on file

D. Ward made a motion to place on file the Sewer and Water Maintenance Report, Financial Statement and Expenditure and Revenue Report for January 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 P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Troy Hansen, Mayor

Lynn Parker, City Clerk