

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WITH PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Sabula City Council was held March 24, 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. Therefore, only Mayor Hansen and Council members Kramer and Ward were present at Sabula city hall at 411 Broad Street. 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 802775988 or <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/802775988>

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

Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Public Hearing

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

Solicitation of comments for the Adoption of Budget and Certification of City Taxes for FY20/21. No comments were received in the office. Council member H. Kramer did question the clerk 4 days prior to the meeting if budget meetings were planned. The clerk informed him that she worked with the department heads, deputy clerk and the Mayor to complete the budget. She stated that this is how it has been done for the last 3-4 years.

Solicitation of comments for the Notice of Intent to File For Financial Assistance from the USDA for Ice Rescue Equipment: none.

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

Regular Council Meeting

P. Meyers made a motion to open the regular council meeting; seconded by D. Ward. Ayes from P. Meyers, D. Ward and R. Epich. Nay from H. Kramer. Motion carried.

Deletions - #7, Proclamation for Keeping Iowa Beautiful has been canceled due to the coronavirus

Citizen Concerns- The city had received a complaint regarding cars parking over the sidewalk, making it a hazard. The Mayor stated that Chief McPherson had notified the homeowner in violation. We also

had a complaint about a person riding around town on a lawn mower at 11 P.M. The Chief spoke with the individual about the violation.

Agenda

Approve minutes

Motion was made by R. Epich; seconded by P. Meyers to approve the minutes for 12/17/19. Ayes: R. Epich, H. Kramer and P. Meyers. D. Ward abstained. Minutes for 2/26/20 All ayes. Minutes for 3/16/20 Ayes: D. Ward, P. Meyers and R. Epich. H. Kramer abstained. Motion carried.

Approve claims

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

Resolution #1206, Emergency Proclamation for COVID-19

A motion was made by H. Kramer; seconded by R. Epich to approve Resolution #1206, Emergency Proclamation for COVID-19. All ayes. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Pandemic Response Plan

Motion made by R. Epich; seconded by H. Kramer to approve the US Senate mandated COVID-19 Coronavirus Response Act. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #1197, Hiring part time police officer

Motion made by R. Epich; seconded by P. Meyers to approve Resolution #1197, Hiring Nicholas Konrardy as the part-time police officer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #1201, Adoption of Budget and Certification of City Taxes for FY20/21

R. Epich made a motion to approve Resolution #1201, Adoption of Budget and Certification of City Taxes for FY20/21; seconded by P. Meyers. Aye: R. Epich, P. Meyers and D. Ward. Nay: H. Kramer. Motion carried.

Resolution #1203, RCTP Application

A motion was made by H. Kramer to authorize the filing of a Rural County Transportation Program Grant Application with Jackson County to Assist with Funding for Streets in the City of Sabula; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried. This states that if the city would receive funds in the amount of \$25,000, they would have to provide funding in the amount of \$5,000.00

Resolution #1204, Establishing Projects for RCTP Application

A motion was made by H. Kramer to approve Resolution #1204, Establishing Projects for RCTP Application; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried. The resolution states the repairs would be for Dump Road.

Resolution #1205, Financial Assistance

A motion was made by R. Epich to approve Resolution #1205, Agreement to Apply for Financial Assistance with the USDA, Rural Development to finance the purchase of Ice/Open Water Rescue Equipment; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried. If the grant is received the Fire Department would get 75% of the requested funding for the equipment. The fire department would pay for the balance.

Permit to discharge

P. Meyers made a motion to approve the requested yearly Permit for Discharge for Jerry's Plumbing; seconded by R. Epich. Ayes: P. Meyers and R. Epich. Nays: D. Ward and H. Kramer. Motion did not carry.

Building permit

Motion made by R. Epich to approve the building permit for Mike Leonard, 714 River Street; seconded by H. Kramer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Building permit

A building permit for Troy Hansen was tabled until next month.

Demo permit

A motion was made by H. Kramer to approve a demo permit for Randi Sanders, 1005 Elk Street; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried.

Cemetery mowing

P. Meyers made a motion to contract the same individual as last year for the cemetery mowing for 2020; seconded by R. Epich. Ayes: P. Meyers, R. Epich and D. Ward. Nay: H. Kramer

Donation to Jackson Co. Historical Society

Rich Epich informed the council that he is on the Historical Society Board. They were given approximately 40 portraits from City Hall that had been damaged by mold and mildew to restore. The pictures were from the Sabula School. He stated that the backing material on the pictures had been damaged and that they had begun to restore them. Once they are restored they will be photographed and cataloged. They will then be displayed at the Historical Society. The JCHS will also be putting them on a CD to give to City Hall. He asked that Council consider a donation to the Historical Society to help with the costs. H. Kramer made a motion to donate \$100 to the JCHS to help with the costs; seconded by D. Ward. 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 February 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 H. Kramer and seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Troy Hansen, Mayor

Lynn Parker, City Clerk