

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this regular 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. 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.

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

Others Present: Lynn Parker, Wendy Hoertz, Travis Woodhurst, Brittany Arnold, Mary Althoff, Paul Figie, Randy and Helen Jepsen and Sharon Woodhurst.

Mayor Pro Tem Franzen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting

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

Visitors with business- David Heiar was present to answer any questions related to the Catalyst Grant agenda items.

Deletions- Agenda items #8 and #17.

Citizen Concerns – The City Clerk informed Council and Mayor Pro Tem Franzen that 2 complaints had been received. The complaints had not been addressed by the Mayor at the time of the meeting. Once they are addressed they will be passed on to Chief McPherson.

Agenda

Approve minutes

Motion was made by P. Meyers; seconded by D. Ward to approve the minutes for 6/23/20 and 7/16/20. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Approve claims

D. Ward made a motion to approve the bills and payroll for July; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agreement with Iowa Economic Development Authority

P. Meyers made a motion to direct the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Iowa Economic Development Authority Iowa Downtown Resource Center Community Catalyst & Remediation Grant Program; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried. Total estimated cost of the project is \$509,276. The City's financial contribution is \$40,000 and other contributions equal \$116,246. The financial pledge from the owner is \$253,030. The City is requesting \$100,000 in Catalyst funds.

City Match for Catalyst Grant

Motion made by R. Epich; seconded by P. Meyers to take the \$40,000 out of Economic Development and at the same time start working on establishing a TIF district. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #1209, Amending Employee Wages

R. Epich made a motion to approve Resolution #1209, Amending City of Sabula Employee Wages for FY20/21; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #1210, Setting a Public Hearing Date

Motion made by R. Epich; seconded by P. Meyers to approve Resolution #1210, Setting a Public Hearing Date for the City of Sabula, Iowa Code of Ordinances for August 25, 2020. All ayes. Motion carried. This will be to recodify the ordinances.

Resolution #1213, Appointment of Commissioners to the Regional Housing Authority

A motion was made by D. Ward to approve Resolution #1213, Appointing Mallory Ries to a 5-year term for the Regional Housing Authority; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #1215, Agreement with Rural County Transportation Program Project

A motion was made by R. Epich and seconded by P. Meyers to approve Resolution #1215, Agreement with RCTP. All ayes. Motion carried. The City of Sabula received a grant in the amount of \$19,577.00 for the Iowa Ave Street Repair. The City agrees to cover the local funding in the amount of \$4,894.00.

Resolution #1216, Pump repair

D. Ward made a motion to approve Resolution #1216, Approve the \$16,975 quote to repair Flygt Pump Model #7080.770 seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried. This is a pump that is used to maintain the lake levels.

City Wide Clean Up

P. Meyers made a motion to approve the City-Wide Cleanup for October 3rd; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried. A dumpster will be set at the City shed. Teena Franzen and Brittany Arnold volunteered to help at the dump site.

Building permit

P. Meyers made a motion to approve a building permit for Danny Peiffer, 602 Pearl Street; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Building permit

D. Ward made a motion to approve a building permit for Sharon Woodhurst/Randy Jepsen, 409 Pearl Street; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ball diamond bleachers

P. Meyers made a motion to allow the Baseball Association to remove a set of bleachers from the premises; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Website

R. Epich approved the proposal from Immense Impact for a website for the City of Sabula; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kunau Implement Estimate

R. Epich made a motion to approve the service estimate for the Kubota SVL75- SN:14351; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried. T. Woodhurst stated that it was overdue for service.

Police report

Chief McPherson was absent for the meeting. No report given.

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 June and Sabula's Water and Wastewater Report from Jim Merchie; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

Teena Franzen, Mayor Pro Tem

Lynn Parker, City Clerk