

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WITH PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

A Regular Council Meeting with a Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. at Sabula City Hall, 411 Broad Street, Sabula, Iowa.

This Regular Meeting of the Sabula City Council was held electronically and open in City Hall. 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:

### Online Link

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

Others Present: Lynn Parker, Wendy Hoertz, Michele & Paul Figie, Curtis Koch, Evan Nixon, Travis Woodhurst, Dan Pfeiffer, Lisa & Eric Hartman, Bob McGee, Don Thayer, John Mangler, Mike Eckman, Lindsey Rittmer and Bobbi Bratcher.

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

### **Public Hearing**

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

Solicitation of comments for the Adoption of Ordinance 4-2021: Title III, Community Protection, Chapter 8- Mobile Food Vendors- None

Solicitation of comments for the Adoption of Ordinance 5-2021: Title III, Community Protection, Chapter 21- Adult Entertainment Businesses- None

Solicitation of comments for the Intent to File For The Assistance From The USDA For The Purchase Of A Fire Truck- D. Thayer asked why we needed a fire truck. T. Woodhurst stated that having newer equipment helps with the ISO rating which lowers insurance rates. City clerk Parker explained that a USDA grant was available. The amount of the grant is unknown at this time. If we would be eligible for the grant we would have 5 years to use the funds.

H. Kramer 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 council meeting; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Deletions- None**

**Citizen Concerns-** D. Thayer asked when we were going to do something about the junk around town. We still have trailers, boats, etc. parking on the sidewalks and streets. P. Figie also stated that he has noticed vehicles on sidewalks. Council member Kramer stated that we have a new police chief and that we have to give him a chance to get things taken care of.

### **Agenda**

#### **Approve minutes**

Motion was made by P. Meyers; seconded by D. Ward to approve the minutes from 05/25/21 and 6/8/21. Ayes: Meyers, Ward and Epich. Abstain: Kramer. Motion carried.

#### **Approve claims**

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

#### **Ordinance 4-2021**

Council discussed making changes to Ordinance 4-2021: Title III, Community Protection, Chapter 8- Mobile Food Vendors. Attorney McGee will work with the city clerk to amend the draft and schedule a public hearing next month.

#### **Waive 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading Ordinance 4-2021**

Item tabled until July.

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#### **Resolution #1238, Intent to file for financial assistance with the USDA**

H. Kramer made a motion to approve Resolution #1238, Intent to file for financial assistance with the USDA for the purchase of a fire truck; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Resolution #1239, A Resolution to Increase The Rate Of Pay**

D. Ward made a motion to approve Resolution #1239, A resolution to approve the rate of pay for Travis Woodhurst; seconded by H. Kramer. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Resolution #1240, Amending Wages for FY21/22**

D. Ward made a motion to approve Resolution #1240, Amending Wages for City of Sabula employees for FY21/22; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried. This will give active employees a 3% raise.

### **Resolution #1241, Appointment of City Clerk**

H. Kramer made a motion to approve Resolution #1241, Appointment of City Clerk to a 2-year term; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Liquor License**

D. Ward made a motion to approve the liquor license for Sabula Community Club; seconded by P. Meyers. Ayes: Meyers, Ward and Epich. Abstain: Kramer. Motion carried.

### **Fireworks permit**

P. Meyers made a motion to approve the fireworks permit for the Sabula Community Club; seconded by D. Ward. Ayes: Ward, Meyers and Epich. Abstain: Kramer. Motion carried.

### **Young/Diercks wedding**

D. Ward made a motion to approve closing Lake Street and the use of the Fish Park for a wedding for Becky Young/Christopher Diercks; seconded by H. Kramer. All ayes. Motion carried. The street closure will be posted to alert residents of the closure for safety purposes.

### **Utility shut-offs**

The City of Sabula has a policy that states if you have electric service you shall be charged water and sewer. We have a contract for solid waste and have to pay for a set amount regardless if a home is empty. We had a complaint from a resident that he shouldn't have to pay if he's not using the service. Office staff informed the resident that we would have to get clarification from council. H. Kramer made a motion to leave as is, leave the policy in place; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **No permits**

City staff had received complaints about residents building fences, decks, sheds, etc. without obtaining the required permits. This item was placed on the agenda for recommendation from council on how to address homeowners that do not follow the ordinance. H. Kramer made a motion to leave the ordinance as is; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried. H. Kramer stated that if it's a building permit that does not require a special permit we can ask council for 3 okays and put on the next agenda, charge an infraction of \$750 and follow the rules of the ordinance.

### **Resolution #1242, Transfer of funds**

H. Kramer made a motion to approve Resolution #1242, Transfer of funds from Gas to Streets for the street sweeper; P. Meyers seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. The City of Sabula will pay the full

amount of \$171,700 and then receive the grant funds in the amount of \$127,000 from the USDA. That amount will be receipted back in to the Gas Fund. The total cost to the City of Sabula will be \$44,700.

#### **Resolution #1243, Angle parking**

H. Kramer made a motion to approve Resolution #1243, Angle parking stating that if it didn't work we could revise; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried. Angled parking will be marked on the north side of South Street from the west corner to the east corner of South Street. Chief Nixon stated that he would like to try something new and see if this is feasible. He would like to make the area safer and it also allows emergency vehicles, campers, boats, etc. enough room to maneuver through the street.

#### **Part time officers**

H. Kramer made a motion to give Chief Nixon the authority to start the process of hiring part-time officers; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried. Chief Nixon stated that he would like to hire 2 part time officers that are certified and have their own equipment so they would be ready to go to work.

#### **Reserve officers**

H. Kramer made a motion to give Chief Nixon the authority to start the process of obtaining reserve officers; P. Meyers seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Police report**

During this month of June received 31 miscellaneous aid-information calls, 135 officer-initiated call, 0 assisted with the ambulance/fire department, 1 motor vehicle accidents, 3 assists with county or other agency, 4 requested assistance from other agency, 12 police citations issued, 1 arrest made, 2 pending cases for investigation, 3 warnings given on miscellaneous violations, 2 cases for further investigation and 3 reports taken.

#### **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 May and Sabula's Water and Wastewater Report from Dave Ackerman and to schedule a special meeting with a closed session; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting made by H. Kramer and seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Teena Franzen, Mayor Pro Tem

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Lynn Parker, City Clerk