

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. at Sabula City Hall, 411 Broad Street, Sabula, Iowa.

The meeting was open to the public at City Hall.

Present: Mayor Troy Hansen, Dave Ward, Jim Phillips, Mike O'Hara and Teena Franzen Absent: Jeremy Diercks.

Others Present: Lynn Parker, Wendy Hoertz, Travis Woodhurst, Evan Nixon, Sandra Kempter, Curtis Johnson and Seth Lawson.

Mayor Hansen 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 J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deletions- None

Citizen Concerns- None

Agenda

Approve Minutes

J. Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes from 12/20/23 and 1/17/24; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approve claims

D. Ward made a motion to approve the monthly bills and payroll for January; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

Soo Green

Mayor Hansen updated council on the Soo Green proceedings. He stated that they had accepted the wording changes that had been suggested by the city attorney. We are waiting to see if Soo Green will accept the city being on their insurance policy. The only other issue that had been cleared up was regarding eminent domain. The city is also waiting for the franchise agreement. These items will be placed on the February agenda.

LL Pelling

J. Phillips made a motion to approve the quote for LL Pelling for street work for the FY 24/25; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

RCTP Grant J. Phillips made a motion to not apply for FY24/25 RCTP Grant; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derelict Homes

The City Clerk informed council that they would not qualify for a derelict grant program through Jackson County Economic Alliance because you have to own the property. Seth Lawson stated that it would cost approximately \$5000 per home. He would be willing to demolish the building if the city would cover the landfill costs.

Dock Replacement

At the time of the meeting, no quotes had been received. Travis W. stated that he spoke with Princeton Marine and they could piece the dock that had been quoted to downsize. Seth Lawson stated that the Community Club was working with Amanda Dupont to apply for a grant for a dock area and asked if the City would be interested in putting something up there. The C.C. might be interested in doing the project together. Council then discussed selling the used dock that is no longer being used at the north ramp. D. Ward made a motion to open up for bids for the sale of the dock; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Hansen advised Travis W. to work with Seth Lawson and have the docks out by Memorial Day.

Vendor Permit

Homeport has approached the City to have food trucks at their location on weekends. D. Ward made a motion to approve allowing food trucks at this location; seconded by T. Franzen. All ayes. Motion carried. The food vendors will need to apply for the permit at city hall. Homeport will also have to supply cones for around the vehicle and work with the Sabula P.D. for the location.

Gas O&M Revision 1.1

T. Franzen made a motion to approve the Gas O&M Revision 1.1; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Set Public Hearing Date

T. Franzen made a motion to set a public hearing date for February 21, 2024 for application for a USDA Grant, SooGreen Agreements and sale of city property; seconded by M. O'Hara. All ayes. Motion carried.

Catalyst Grant

After a discussion between Mayor/Council and the developer for the Sabula Commons, it was decided to provide \$40,000 in City match and not TIF funds. Curtis Johnson would like to purchase the lot that the City owns to develop along with the original plans. Curtis stated that originally, he had asked for \$0 from the City. This was not a bait and switch. He needs to protect his property and development. This allows the City to support his project and allows development to occur on that property. J. Phillips made a motion to show the City support of the Catalyst Grant in the amount of \$40,000 out of Economic Development; seconded by T.

Franzen. All ayes. Motion carried. If the property is sold, the City would need an easement for City utilities on that property. Curtis mentioned that if he would purchase the property he would like the utilities to be moved underground in that area.

Sale of City Property

Mayor Hansen stated that he didn't feel comfortable selling the lot until we receive an appraisal and a survey was done. T. Franzen made a motion to include this item in the public hearing for February 21, 2024 for property sale for economic development; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Granting Easement

M. O'Hara made a motion to grant easement on the city property for the development of the Sabula Commons; seconded by J. Diercks. All ayes. Motion carried.

Place on file

T. Franzen made a motion to place on file the Sewer and Water Maintenance Report for December, Financial records for December and Expenditure and Revenue report for December; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

Police Items

39 Miscellaneous calls dispatched, 101 Officer Initiated Calls, 1 Assisted with the ambulance/fire department, 1 Motor vehicle accidents, 5 Assist with county or other agency, 3 Requested assistance from other agency, 30 Police citations issued, 1 Arrest Made, 0 Pending cases for investigation, 8 Warning given on miscellaneous violations, 2 Case that require further investigation and 10 Reports Taken. 140 police involved events.

Derelict Homes

Chief Nixon informed council that he is working on an abatement for 516 Pearl Street and 210 Bank. He is also going to be taking applications for reserve officers. Mayor Hansen stated that he had the authority to do so without council approval, the only request was that they must be introduced to council.

Adjournment

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

Troy Hansen, Mayor

Lynn Parker, City Clerk