

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. at Sabula City Hall, 411 Broad Street, Sabula, Iowa.

The meeting was held electronically and open to the public.

Zoom Link

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Present: Mayor Troy Hansen, Henry Kramer, Jeremy Diercks, Dave Ward and Jim Phillips

Absent: Teena Franzen

Others Present: Lynn Parker, Chief Nixon, Mike Ohara, Travis Woodhurst, Anne Dickinson and Angela Doane.

Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting

Jim Phillips made a motion to open the council meeting; seconded by H. Kramer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deletions

Citizen Concerns

A request was received to fix a curb in front of a residence so the owner can fix his driveway. Mayor Hansen asked Travis to prioritize the curbs that need repaired and fix in that order.

Agenda

Special building permit

D. Ward made a motion to approve the special building permit for Angela Doane; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried. The permit was a special due to exceeding the 1024 square foot size.

Approve minutes

Motion was made by J. Phillips; seconded by H. Kramer to approve the minutes from 12/12/22. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Approve claims

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

Meeting dates

A discussion was had regarding moving the meetings to the third Wednesday of the month. City Clerk Parker requested that the change be made after March due to timing of publishing public hearing notices regarding the Max Tax Levy and Budget. Item tabled until March.

Set public hearing date

H. Kramer made a motion to set a public hearing date of February 28, 2023; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried. A public hearing will be held for the Max Tax Levy FY23/24 and Notice of Intent to file for financial assistance from the USDA for fire department gear.

Resolution #1291, Purchase salt spreader

H. Kramer made a motion to approve Resolution # 1291, Purchase of a salt spreader; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried. Striker 8'Electric Salt Spreader purchased from Drive Line & Company \$9,108.01.

Resolution #1293, Increase of Pay

H. Kramer made a motion to approve Resolution #1293, Increase of Pay for Travis Woodhurst; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried. This is an increase of .50 for the added responsibility of approving regular building permits.

Resolution #1294, Skid loader attachment

Item will be placed on February agenda with more quotes.

Resolution #1295, Entering into A Loan Agreement

J. Phillips made a motion to enter into a loan agreement with Clinton National Bank in the amount of \$329,475 for purchase of a 2024 Freightliner M2-106 Single Axle Chassis and All-Poly Series 2000 Gallon Tanker-Pumper; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried. The City will receive payment from the USDA in the amount of \$225,000. The final loan amount will be \$104,475.

CD Renewal

J. Phillips made a motion to approve renewing the perpetual care CD's that have/will mature at CNB; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried. CD 0444 and 0667 will be renewed for 8 months at 2.24%.

Vacant and/or derelict property

H. Kramer made a motion to begin efforts to contact homes where improvements need to be made to the structure of derelict properties or the city may begin the process for Title III Community Protection, Chapter 15 Dangerous Buildings or Iowa State Code 657A; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hydro Power

Council member Henry Kramer spoke about green energy and the benefits of hydro power. He would like permission to contact University of Iowa or Iowa State to ask if they would be interested in doing a study on hydro power at no expense to the City of Sabula. It would be an opportunity for the city to harness the hydro power. J. Phillips made a motion; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

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 December; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

Police report

38 miscellaneous calls dispatched, 83 officer-initiated calls, 3 assisted with the ambulance/fire department, 1 motor vehicle accidents, 4 assists with county or other agency, 2 requested assistance from other agency, 24 police citations issued, 1 arrest made, 1 pending cases, 6 warnings given on miscellaneous violations, 1 case for further investigation, 8 reports taken with a total of 121 police involved events.

Chief Nixon informed council that he will be notifying homeowners on the North Lake about debris removal. He has also sent in unpaid parking tickets to the State of Iowa.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by J. Phillips and seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Troy Hansen, Mayor

Lynn Parker, City Clerk