

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

A Regular Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 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, Teena Franzen, and Jeremy Diercks.  
Absent Henry Kramer.

Others Present: Lynn Parker, Wendy Hoertz, Travis Woodhurst, Evan Nixon, Mike O'Hara, Sandra Kempter, Curtis Johnson, Seth Lawson, Curt Marzofka, Barry Huebner, Leanne Huebner, and Neal Jones.

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. Diercks. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Deletions-** None

**Citizen Concerns-** Jeff Mussman asked about the repair to the levee and what repairs were the cities responsibilities. Travis Woodhurst informed him that the City has entered into a Flood Risk Management Project with the Department of The Army. At this time, the City will only pay for a small amount of sand.

### **Agenda**

#### **Approve Minutes**

D. Ward and J. Phillips abstained from 2/1/23. J. Diercks abstained from the minutes on 10/24/23. T. Franzen and J. Phillips abstained from the minutes on 11/15/23. J. Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Approve claims**

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

#### **Soo Green**

J. Phillips made a motion to table the Easement Agreement and the Option Agreement until next month; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried. These items will be reviewed by Attorney McGee and placed on the agenda for January.

**Utilities on 400 Block of Cherry**

J. Phillips made a motion to jet the sewer system in the 400 block of Cherry and get bids for repairs; seconded by T. Franzen. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Demolition Permit 405-409 Pearl**

T. Franzen made a motion to approve the demolition permit for Curtis Johnson, 405 Pearl Street; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Building Permit 405-409 Pearl**

T. Franzen made a motion to approve the building permit for Curtis Johnson, 405 Pearl Street; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Easement for 405-409 Pearl**

This item was tabled to allow time to talk to legal counsel.

**Applying for a Catalyst Grant**

T. Franzen made a motion to apply for the Catalyst Grant; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried. This will be for the Curtis Johnson Project.

**Applying for a Derelict Grant**

The City is going to work on getting quotes for demolition of homes to use for budgeting purposes.

**Applying for a USDA Rural Development Grant**

J. Phillips made a motion to approve the application for a USDA Rural Development Grant; seconded by T. Franzen. All ayes. Motion carried. The City will move forward next month to begin the grant application process.

**Wood Boiler**

J. Diercks made a motion to approve a wood boiler for Barry Huebner, Elk Street; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Dock Replacement**

Discussion regarding the damaged dock. Item tabled to get quotes and ideas for docks.

**DNR Complaint 32674**

J. Phillips made a motion to send a warning letter to the home owner/contractor for the illegal burning of a home; seconded by J. Diercks. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Homes with No Utilities**

J. Diercks made a motion to work on an ordinance against people living in homes with no utilities; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Resolution #1314, Transfer of Funds**

T. Franzen made a motion to approve Resolution #1314, Transfer of Funds; seconded by J. Diercks. All ayes. Motion carried. The monies from the sale of the fire truck and fundraising will be transferred to the loan balance at CNB.

### **Resolution #1315, Appointment of Fire Chief**

J. Phillips made a motion to approve Resolution #1315, Appointment of Fire Chief; seconded by T. Franzen. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Place on file**

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

### **Police Items**

29 Miscellaneous calls dispatched, 70 Officer Initiated Calls, 1 Assisted with the ambulance/fire department, 2 Motor vehicle accidents, 5 Assist with county or other agency, 3 Requested assistance from other agency, 13 Police citations issued, 3 Arrest Made, 0 Pending cases for investigation, 6 Warning given on miscellaneous violations, 0 Case that require further investigation and 11 Reports Taken. 99 police involved events.

### **Derelict Homes**

Chief Nixon informed council that he is working with Attorney McGee regarding the homes at 516 Pearl Street and 210 Bank.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting made by T. Franzen and seconded by J. Diercks. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

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Troy Hansen, Mayor

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Lynn Parker, City Clerk