

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6:45 P.M. at Sabula City Hall, 411 Broad Street, Sabula, Iowa.

The meeting was open to the public in City Hall.

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

Others Present: Lynn Parker, Wendy Hoertz, Travis Woodhurst, Evan Nixon, Lindsey Rittmer, Sandra Kempter, Erica & Phil Shoemaker, Dan Pieffer, John Mangler, Candi Diercks, Audrey & Deb Thayer, Christina Farrier, Abbie Koch, Craig Elskamp, and Tricia Wagner.

Mayor Pro Tem Franzen called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting

M. O'Hara made a motion to open the regular council meeting; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors with Business-

Craig Elskamp with ECIA informed council that they can help with derelict properties and abatements if we need help.

Tricia Wagner with Keeping Iowa Beautiful/Hometown Pride Coach went through a presentation from ECIA. She explained how ECIA can help Sabula with Economic Development, Community Development, Housing & Support Services, Special Programs, Transportation & Planning and Transportation. Lindsey Rittmer updated council on the projects that they are working on for KIB/Hometown Pride. The street signs have arrived and the Underpass project is at a standstill. They are planning a Community Potluck at the Lake Park on June 7th. More information to come as they finalize the plans. Please watch for updates.

Deletions- None

Citizen Concerns- None

Consent Agenda

D. Ward made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by M. O'Hara. All ayes. Motion carried. Minutes approved for 2/27/25, claims for March, place on file the financial statements and reports for February, a donation for \$150 for Easter activities, and Resolution #1351, Transfer of Funds to Risk Management.

Agenda

D. Ward made a motion to set a public hearing date of April 22, 2025 for the adoption of FY25/26 Budget; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

D. Ward made a motion to accept the resignation of Jim Phillips; seconded by J. Diercks. All ayes. Motion carried.

D. Ward made a motion to appoint for the council vacancy; seconded by J. Diercks. All ayes. Motion carried.

D. Ward made a motion to table the Mailboxes Along Rural Route agenda item for further review; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

J. Diercks has approached the City regarding the property at 515 Pearl Street. He asked if they would be interested in selling the property. This item was placed on the agenda to ask Council if there was an interest in selling. D. Ward made a motion to look into selling the property; seconded by J. Phillips. Ayes: D. Ward, J. Phillips and M. O'Hara. J. Diercks abstained. Nay: T. Franzen. Motion carried.

The City of Sabula has a State Income Setoff Program agreement with the Iowa Department of Revenue to collect unpaid balances. The City has the right to offset amounts owed to the City from income tax returns, lottery winnings, or any money paid to by the State of Iowa. League of Cities and ECIA is recommending cities pass the Ordinance that has been presented to them. The 1st reading was approved on 2-25-25. J. Phillips made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 1-2025, Amending Title II Policy and Administration Chapter 5, City Finance Authorizing Use of the State Income Setoff Program; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

D. Ward made a motion to suspend the rules requiring an ordinance be voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to this meeting with respect to Ordinance 1-2025; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

M. O'Hara made a motion to approve the final passage and adoption with respect to Ordinance 1-2025, Amending Title II, Policy and Administration, Chapter 5 – City Finance Authorizing use of the State Income Setoff Program; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

Police report

During this month of March, we received 45 miscellaneous aid-information calls, 90 officer-initiated call, 6 assisted with the ambulance/fire department, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 6 assists with county or other agency, 3 requested assistance from other agency, 15 police citations issued, 1 arrest made, 10 warnings given on miscellaneous violations, 6 reports taken and 1 case requiring further investigation. 135 total police involved events.

Chief Nixon asked for guidance from Council if they'd like to move forward with condemnation on 516 Pearl Street. He stated that this property has been abated several times. No answer was received.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by J. Phillips and seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.