

WORK SESSION WITH A CLOSED SESSION

A Work Session with a Closed Session was held Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at Sabula City Hall
411 Broad Street, Sabula, Iowa

Present: Mayor Troy Hansen (electronic call in), Council Members; Rich Epich, Pat Meyers and Dave Ward.

Absent: Henry Kramer and Teena Franzen

Mayor Hansen called the work session to order at 5:30 P.M.

Motion was made by P. Meyers, seconded by R. Epich to enter into Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5 Closed Session section (1) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Entered into Closed Session.

Mayor and Council discussed the hiring of a new police chief and part time mowing applications.

Motion made by P. Meyers; seconded by R. Epich to close the closed work session. All ayes. Motion carried.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. at Sabula City Hall, 411 Broad Street, Sabula, Iowa.

In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this Regular Meeting of the Sabula City Council was held electronically and had limited seating in City Hall. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code does permit an electronic meeting where all members participate remotely when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, which is certainly true during this crisis. 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:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82001969124?pwd=VmRqNGhkbE1xR29STHQ4NXJtcjhFQT09>

Meeting ID: 820 0196 9124

Passcode: X4GrvT

Call In Information

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Meeting ID: 820 0196 9124

Passcode: 504469

Present: Mayor Troy Hansen (via Zoom), Council Members; Rich Epich, Pat Meyers and Dave Ward.

Absent: Henry Kramer, Teena Franzen and Lynn Parker

Others Present: Wendy Hoertz, Bobbi Jo Bratcher, Curtis Koch, Travis Woodhurst, Bob McGee (city attorney), John Mangler, Phil Shoemaker, Dan Peiffer, Curt Marzofka, Paul and Michele Figie.

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

Regular Council Meeting

P. Meyers made a motion to open the council meeting; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deletions- None

Citizen Concerns- Paul and Michele Figie questioned the council on what has been done about getting an ordinance in place concerning the strip club. Bob McGee, the city attorney, told them you cannot completely prevent a business from town because we do not have zoning. But, if they have a map and specify in an ordinance certain distances from a school, church or playground, etc. He could write up an ordinance, but you must make reasonable distances within the city.

John Mangler asked what the city was doing about the semi- trailers at 410 Pearl St. He questioned why they were still there with flat tires and if they were even registered. Curt Marzofka stated they were for storage. Mayor Hansen said he would have our new police chief check to make sure they were registered.

Paul Figie asked if the city had heard from anyone regarding the curb and driveway repair at his residence. Mayor Hansen said that is up to the engineer and the contractor and they should have emailed the Figie's.

Agenda

Approve minutes

Motion was made by P. Meyers; seconded by D. Ward to approve the minutes from 3/23/21, 4/6/21 and 4/13/21. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approve claims

R. Epich made a motion to approve the bills and payroll for April; seconded by P.Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

SOO Green Franchise Agreement

R. Epich made a motion to table the application for the SOO Green Franchise agreement; seconded by P. Meyers until mayor and council can talk to SOO Green about questions they have concerning franchise fees. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #1236, Police Chief

Motion made by D. Ward; seconded by P. Meyers to approve Resolution #1236, Police Chief; the council appointed Shane Nixon as the fulltime police chief, starting on May 3, 2021 at \$22.00 per hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #1235, Utility Supervisor

R. Epich made a motion to approve Resolution #1235, Utility Supervisor; seconded by P. Meyers to appoint Travis Woodhurst as Utility Supervisor, starting April 27, 2021 with a dollar an hour raise which will be reviewed after 60 days All ayes. Motion carried.

Water Meter Replacement

Item was tabled. Mayor thought we needed to amend our ordinance if we were going to charge customers for broken meters it needs to be stated in our ordinance.

Building permit

Council decided no building permit was needed for George Allinger's coffee shop since it was not anchored to the ground. In the future, council may want to do an ordinance for food trucks.

Fence permit

A motion was made by P. Meyers to approve a fence permit for Dawn Miller, 802 Pearl Street; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried.

LP permit

R. Epich made a motion to approve an LP permit for Terry Norman, 306 Iowa Avenue; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fence permit

R. Epich made a motion to waive the fence permit for Terry Norman, 306 Iowa Avenue; seconded by P. Meyers. Mayor suggested possibly amending our current fence ordinance. All ayes. Motion carried.

Spring clean-up

D. Ward made a motion to approve having the spring clean-up on Saturday, May 22, 2021, using 2 roll offs from Republic Service. Second by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

ICAP Grant

R. Epich made a motion to apply for the ICAP Grant and use the money for mulch on the playground on River Street; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

IDOT 5-year Agreement

R. Epich made a motion to approve the 5-year Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads in Municipalities between the City of Sabula and the Iowa DOT; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

American Rescue Plan Aid

Item was tabled until mayor and council can have a specific plan for the money.

Flower gardens

The city received a letter from Raeann Dickinson stating she was giving up the river bank garden plot in front of her house and the horse trough in the triangle. The city has numerous flower beds around town and our volunteers are dwindling. The mayor suggested putting it on our website and social media for volunteers. R. Epich made a motion to have the city put \$500.00 towards buying landscaping for the flower beds if someone wants to maintain; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Street closure

P. Meyers made a motion to approve the street closure on Lake Street on May 16th for an auction; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried.

Updating boat slip agreement

No action was taken. Mayor discussed looking over the current boat lease agreement to include what is city property after a lease is broken.

Street bids

No action was taken. Mayor would like the city clerk to set up a work session, so council can discuss our options and what the cities current loan status is and can we financially afford two large loan payments.

Company Cam

A motion was made by R. Epich; seconded by P. Meyers to approve the purchase of Company Cam for city workers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Community Club

R. Epich made a motion to ask the Community Club to purchase garbage cans and picnic tables for the parks; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fence permit

P. Meyers made a motion to approve the fence permit for Philip Shoemaker; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Part-time mower

R. Epich made a motion to hire Blake Hansen for the part-time mower at \$10.00 per hour not exceed 30 hours per week; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Insurance for Sewer Plant

R. Epich made a motion to approve increasing the insurance coverage at the sewer plant; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Building Permit

R. Epich made a motion to waive the building permit for Travis Woodhurst; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Place on file

P. Meyers made a motion to place on file the Sewer and Water Maintenance Report, Financial Statement and Expenditure and Revenue Report for March and Sabula's Water and Wastewater Report from Dave Ackerman; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

Troy Hansen, Mayor

Wendy L Hoertz, Deputy Clerk