

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. at Sabula City Hall, 411 Broad Street, Sabula, Iowa.

This Regular Meeting of the Sabula City Council was held electronically and had seating in City Hall. 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:

Present: Mayor Troy Hansen, Council Members; Rich Epich, Pat Meyers and Barb Hayden.

Absent: Teena Franzen and Dave Ward

Others Present: Lynn Parker, Wendy Hoertz, Bobbi Jo Bratcher, Travis Woodhurst, Evan Nixon, Lisa Hartman, John Mangler, Curt Marzofka, Lyn Medinger, Matt Horst, and Paul and Michele Figie.

Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting

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

Deletions- None

Citizen Concerns- None

Visitors with business- Lyn Medinger- Jackson County Emergency Management

Lyn informed the Mayor and Council on the proposed upgrade to Jackson County communication systems. He stated that this will be done in 2 phases, first being police and second being emergency service. Phase 1 will take approximately 8-12 months. The American Relief Plan Fund would cover the costs of equipment for dispatch but each individual city would have to cover their own expense. Police equipment would cost the City of Sabula \$36,000.

Agenda

Approve minutes

Motion was made by R. Epich; seconded by P. Meyers to approve the minutes from 8/24/21, 9/8/21, 9/16/21 and 9/22/21. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approve claims

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

Building permit

P. Meyers made a motion to approve the building permit for Troy Wilhelm, 1014 Elk Street; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried.

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P. Meyers made a motion to approve a building permit for Kim Ruchotzke, 612 Pearl Street; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fall Clean-up

P. Meyers made a motion to approve the fall clean-up on October 23rd; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried. 2 dumpsters will be provided at the city shed during the hours of 7 a.m. – 10 a.m.

HACAP Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

P. Meyers made a motion to approve the vendor agreement with Hawkeye Area Community Action Program; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution # 1247, Perpetual Care CD

A motion was made by R. Epich to approve Resolution #1247, Perpetual Care CD#20318457 renewal; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

IAMU Safety Education Agreement

P. Meyers made a motion to approve the IAMU Safety Education Agreement between IAMU and the City of Sabula; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried. This provides city employees hands on and online safety training.

Resolution #1246, Refuse Rates

R. Epich made a motion to approve Resolution #1246, Refuse Rates; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried. This is the contracted 3% yearly increase for Republic Services.

Public works

P. Meyers made a motion to hire Matt Horst at an hourly rate of \$15 with an emphasis on water/sewer, to get the appropriate certifications and upon completion to provide a \$500 bonus; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried.

Liquor license

P. Meyers made a motion to approve liquor license for the Veterans of Foreign Wars; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #1248, Library Board

B. Hayden made a motion to approve Resolution #1248, Library Board Appointment; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried. Donna Peteresen will serve a term of 7/1/21-6/30-27 and Keshia Lott will have a term of 9/21/21-6/30/24.

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 August; seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried.

Police report

The following police report for September was given by Chief Nixon: 64 miscellaneous calls, 142 officer-initiated calls, 0 assists with fire/ambulance, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 4 assists with county or other agency, 2 requested assistance from other agency, 10 police citations issued, 3 arrest made, 6 pending cases for investigation, 2 warnings given on miscellaneous violations, 4 cases for further investigation and 19 reports taken.

ATV's

Chief Nixon asked Council if they would like to revisit the ATV ordinance to see if the city would like to have outsiders from the county purchase a tag to operate their ATV within city limits of Sabula. He stated that he has been asked several times and did not have the answer. Mayor Hansen asked Chief Nixon to report back at the next meeting what the county ordinance is and what other cities allow.

Noise complaint

Chief Nixon informed Council that he had received several noise complaints at The Hoedown Bar on the evening of September 10th. He took several decibel readings and they were all within compliance to the ordinance. Mayor Hansen stated that he didn't want the City to get into amending ordinances, that it could be considered targeting a business.

Stop Signs

Chief Nixon has received several complaints about vehicles speeding in town. He would like to put up signs on Pearl and Lake. Mayor Hansen stated that he would like to have more data before we change traffic patterns.

Security at City Hall

Chief Nixon would like to see more safety measures taken at City Hall. He feels that a security door vestibule is needed to provide safety for City workers. An outside, stand alone night drop was also discussed. Mayor Hansen stated that he would like to see some price quotes for budget purposes.

Training

R. Epich made a motion to approve 3 classes that Chief Nixon wishes to attend; seconded by B. Hayden. All ayes. Motion carried. Trauma class is October 14th, the cost is free and would require lodging. De-escalation Training is online, \$50 and can be done November 5-26th. Human Trafficking is on December 6th & 7th and is free but will require lodging.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by P. Meyers and seconded by R. Epich. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Troy Hansen, Mayor

Lynn Parker, City Clerk