

REGULAR MEETING WITH A PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting with a Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. at Sabula City Hall, 411 Broad Street, Sabula, Iowa.

The meeting was open to the public in City Hall.

Present: Mayor Curtis Johnson, Dave Ward, Mike O’Hara, Erica Shoemaker, Jeremy Diercks, and Scott Hibbard.

Others present: Lynn Parker, Evan Nixon, Travis Woodhurst, Sandra Kempter, Lisa & Eric Hartman, Keshia Lott, Yvonne Weimerskirch, Paula Johnson, Phil Shoemaker, Audry & Deb Thayer, David Rittmer, Linda Leclair, Chrystal House, Jeff Mussman, Candi Diercks, Jack Mix, Brilee Deardorff, Ken Rosenbaum, Curt Marzofka, Dawn Miller.

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

Public Hearing

E. Shoemaker made a motion to open the public hearing; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Solicitation of comments for the FY 26/27 Budget – Comments were addressed and answered regarding the FY 26/27 Budget. Mayor Johnson provided clarity to the released budget, necessary budget cuts/changes and the process the city went through to develop and align. Major Johnson shared it is clarity, cuts, disciplined spending, and outside revenue increases the city would be targeting.

M. O’Hara made a motion to close the public hearing; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Regular Council Meeting

M. O’Hara made a motion to open the regular council meeting; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deletions – None

Citizen Concerns – Mayor Johnson stated that he had received questions about when the buoys would be put out. He stated that they were top priority and would be done this week.

Consent Agenda

D. Ward made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by M. O’Hara. All ayes, motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were: Minutes from 3/24/26 and 4/7/26. April claims and payroll, place on file the financial statements and expenditure and revenue report for March, Renew K&J’s Hop ‘N Shop Cigarette and Liquor License, Resolution #1397, Adopting

Electric Reliability Plan, and Resolution #1398, Amending Title III Community Protection, Chapter 8 – Mobile Food Vendor Fees.

Agenda

Resolution #1396, City of Sabula's Budget FY 26/27

D. Ward made a motion to approve Resolution #1396, City of Sabula's Budget for FY 26/27; seconded by J. Diercks. All ayes, motion carried.

Resolution #1381, Reappointment of City Attorney

D. Ward made a motion to approve Resolution #1381, Reappointment of City Attorney; seconded by E. Shoemaker. All ayes. Motion carried. Robert McGee was reappointed for 2 years.

Resolution #1387, Authorizing Expenditures and Establishing Emergency Spending Authority

D. Ward made a motion to approve Resolution #1387, Authorizing Standard Expenditures and Establishing Emergency Spending Authority; seconded by E. Shoemaker. All ayes. Motion carried.

Boat Ramp Repairs

E. Shoemaker made a motion to pursue a Corps permit to repair both ramps and remove debris to best enable dual ramp usage at the North ramp; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Permit

J. Diercks made a motion to approve the special building permit for Bill Randall 707 Broad Street for utility shed; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vacating City Property at 213 Broad Street

M. O'Hara made a motion to move forward and set a public hearing date for May 26, 2026; seconded by J. Diercks. Ayes: E. Shoemaker, J. Diercks, D. Ward and M. O'Hara. S. Hibbard Abstained. Motion carried.

Curb Repair 500 Block of Pearl

M. O'Hara made a motion to table this item to allow more time to investigate; seconded by E. Shoemaker. All ayes. Motion carried. The city will in parallel evaluate the feasibility of a future program to address on larger scale level.

Flood Insurance for 1512 South Avenue

M. O'Hara made a motion to cancel the flood insurance for 1512 South Street; seconded by S. Hibbard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Part Time Mower

M. O'Hara made a motion to not rehire a part time mower; seconded by E. Shoemaker. Nay: D. Ward Ayes: J. Diercks, S. Hibbard, E. Shoemaker Motion carried. The city has re-focused public works department personnel to best support city need.

Police Reserve Officer

Chief Nixon stated that due to the financial state of the city, he'd like to scratch this item from the agenda for the time being. D. Ward made a motion to hold off on hiring a Police Reserve Officer for the time being; seconded by J. Diercks. All ayes. Motion carried.

Amend Ordinance Title III, Chapter 3 – Traffic Codes 3-3-7 and 3-3-69

E. Shoemaker made a motion to move forward with the amendment of Title III Community Protection, Chapter 3 – Traffic Code, 3-3-7 Required Obedience to Provisions of This Chapter and State Law & 3-3-69 Failure to Pay Parking Citation ; seconded by M. O'Hara. All ayes. Motion carried.

Amend Ordinance Title III, Chapter 10 Impound Fees 3-10-5

S. Hibbard made a motion to move forward with the amendment of Title III Community Protection, Chapter 10 – Junk and Abandoned Vehicles, 3-10-5 Impoundment Fees and Bond; seconded by E. Shoemaker. All ayes. Motion carried.

Purchase a Flashing Stop Sign Beacon

S. Hibbard made a motion to approve the purchase of a stop sign beacon; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Reports for April included the following: Mayor Report, City Clerk/Utility Billing, Public Works, Fire Department, and Police Department.

Adjournment

E. Shoemaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Curtis Johnson, Mayor

Lynn Parker, City Clerk