

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WITH A PUBLIC HEARING

A Regular Meeting with a Public Hearing was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. at Sabula City Hall, 411 Broad Street, Sabula, Iowa.

The purpose of this public hearing is for the following: Easement for 411 Pearl Street, Sale of Public Property at 411 Pearl Street, filing for USDA Financial Assistance for Turn Out Gear, and Ordinance 1-2024, Title VII, Special Ordinances, Chapter 7-Soo Green Franchise Agreement

The meeting was open to the public in City Hall.

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

Others Present: Travis Woodhurst, Chief Nixon, Steven Cotton, Candy Diercks, Wendy Hoertz, Bob McGee, Sandra Kemptner, Neil Jones, Lisa Agrimonti, Gary DeVore, and Travis Kieffer.

Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Public Hearing

D. Ward made a motion to open the public hearing: seconded by M. O'Hara. All ayes. Motion carried.

Solicitation of comments for an Easement on 411 Pearl Street – The first two comments were regarding the lot and how it's used for off street parking and sand bagging. Thirdly, it's a valued city asset. Why would the city consider giving it away or selling when it should be a quite valuable piece of property? Fourth, the property should be offered to all potential buyers. The last comment was that Travis Kieffer would be interested in purchasing it or half of it.

Solicitation of comments for the sale of city property at 411 Pearl Street – See above

Solicitation of comments for the Application for USDA Financial Assistance for Turn Out Gear- None

Solicitation of comments for Ordinance 1-2024, Title VII, Special Ordinances, Chapter 7- Soo Green Franchise Agreement- None

M. O'Hara made a motion to close the public hearing; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

Regular Council Meeting

J. Phillips made a motion to open the regular council meeting; seconded by T. Franzen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deletions- None

Citizen Concerns- None

Visitors with Business

Soo Green gave an updated presentation of their project for the new council to see.

Consent Agenda

D. Ward made a motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes from 1/17/24, 1/24/24 and 2/7/24, the monthly bills and payroll for February, place on file the sewer and water maintenance report, financial statements for November, December and January, and expenditure and revenue report for January; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

Easement 411 Pearl Street

M. O'Hara made a motion to table this item; seconded by T. Franzen. All ayes. Motion carried. This item will be discussed further to make a decision. It was stated that we should move quickly to not hold up a project that is ready to go.

Sale of 411 Pearl Street

Council and Mayor discussed selling the property to Curtis Johnson for development. Council member M. O'Hara stated that he thought council had already approved an easement. Mayor Hansen stated that an easement was approved if the sale of the property didn't happen, the easement would be granted. Attorney McGee suggested that council solicit for intent to sell. T. Franzen made a motion to table the item for further discussion; No second. Motion died due to a lack of a second. M. O'Hara made a motion to solicit for interest in sale of 411 Pearl Street; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried. Council will set a public hearing date and publish notice.

USDA Financial Assistance

J. Phillips made a motion to approve Resolution #1316, Applying for USDA Financial Assistance for Turn Out Gear; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1-2024, Soo Green Franchise Agreement

T. Franzen made a motion to approve Ordinance 1-2024, Title VII, Special Ordinances, Chapter 7-Soo Green Franchise Agreement; seconded by J. Diercks. Ayes: T. Franzen, J. Phillips, J. Diercks and M. O'Hara. D. Ward abstained. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1-2024 Soo Green Franchise Agreement

T. Franzen made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 1-2024 Soo Green Franchise Agreement; seconded by J. Phillips. Ayes from T. Franzen, J. Phillips, M. O'Hara and J. Diercks. D. Ward abstained. Motion carried.

Soo Green Underground Transmission Line Easement

Because this item was on the agenda as discussion only, a public hearing date will need to be set for this item to be approved.

Set Public Hearing Date

M. O'Hara made a motion to set a public hearing date for April 3, 2024 for 6:00 PM for the FY24/25 Tax Statement; seconded by T. Franzen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Secur-Serv

T. Franzen made a motion to approve the agreement with Secur-Serv for IT support; J. Phillips seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Library Credit Card

J. Diercks made a motion to approve the application of the credit card for the Krabbenhoft Library; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Sealed Bids for Dock

T. Franzen made a motion to accept the bid from Todd Benoy in the amount of \$717 for the purchase of the city dock; seconded by J. Phillips. The city received 3 bids with Todd's being the highest.

Police report

During this month of Jan/Feb, we received 45 miscellaneous aid-information calls, 98 officer-initiated call, 2 assisted with the ambulance/fire department, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 5 assists with county or other agency, 1 requested assistance from other agency, 13 police citations issued, 1 arrest made, 0 pending cases for investigation, 10 warnings given on miscellaneous violations, and 10 reports taken. 143 total police involved events.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting made by T. Franzen and seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 8:10 p.m.

Troy Hansen, Mayor

Lynn Parker, City Clerk