

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WITH A PUBLIC HEARING AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

A Regular Meeting with a Public Hearing and a Closed Session was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. at Sabula City Hall, 411 Broad Street, Sabula, Iowa.

The purpose of this public hearing is for the following: Amendment to Ordinance 1-2023: Title IV, Mental and Physical Health, Chapter 1- Animal Control and Amendment to Ordinance 2-2023, Title III Community Protection, Chapter 3- Traffic Code, Local Parking Fines

The meeting was open to the public in City Hall.

Present: Mayor Troy Hansen, Dave Ward, Henry Kramer, Teena Franzen and Jim Phillips. Absent Jeremy Diercks.

Others Present: Wendy Hoertz, Travis Woodhurst, Chief Nixon, Curtis Johnson, Neil Jones, Raj Rajan, Amanda Dupont, Lindsey Rittmer, Sandra Kempter, Dan Peiffer, Seth Lawson, Bobbi Bratcher, and Mike O'Hara.

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

Public Hearing

T. Franzen made a motion to open the public hearing; seconded by H. Kramer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Solicitation of comments for the Amendment to Ordinance 1-2023: Title IV, Mental IV, Mental and Physical Health, Chapter 1- Animal Control - None received

Solicitation of comments for the Amendment to Ordinance 2-2023: Title III, Community Protection, Chapter 3- Traffic Code, Local Parking Fines – None received

D. Ward 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 D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deletions- None

Visitors with Business

SOO Green: Neil Jones and Raj Rajan spoke about the progress of the project and the proposed easements for the route around and through Sabula. SOO Green would be proposing a permanent easement on city-owned property. A Municipal franchise agreement has also been requested. At the time of the meeting, Mayor Hansen signed a Right of Entry Agreement to allow SOO Green to perform soil testing for the site.

Amanda Dupont from ECIA, Keeping Iowa Beautiful coach, gave council an update on the projects that she is working on with the Community Club. She mentioned that they wanted to focus on the community and enhance the quality of life for residents. She is working on a no cost grant to be used at the Fish Park for new mulch, tables, and also ADA tables. She asked if council wanted to give any input or direction. H. Kramer added that he would like to see more involvement from the City.

Citizen Concerns- None

Agenda

Approve minutes

Motion was made by T. Franzen; seconded by J. Phillips to approve the minutes from 7/25/23, 8/22/23, 8/30/23 and 9/6/23. H. Kramer abstained from 7/25 and 9/6. D. Ward abstained from 8/22. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approve claims

H. Kramer made a motion to approve the bills and payroll for September; seconded by T. Franzen. All ayes. Motion carried.

SOO Green

Mayor Hansen suggested a motion to enter into the agreement. D. Ward made a motion; seconded by T. Franzen. All ayes. Motion carried. The City signed a Right of Entry Agreement to allow SOO Green to perform soil testing for the site.

Hometown Pride

No motion needed

Special Building Permit

T. Franzen made a motion to approve a special building permit for PJ Claeys, 902 Elk Street; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Building Permit

H. Kramer made a motion to approve a special building permit for Curtis Johnson, 316 Elk Street; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1-2023 Animal Control

T. Franzen made a motion to approve Ordinance 1-2023 Amendment to Ordinance: Title IV, Mental and Physical Health, Chapter 1-Animal Control ; seconded by H. Kramer. All ayes. Motion carried. This was for the first reading.

Ordinance 2-2023 Traffic Code

T. Franzen made a motion to approve Ordinance 2-2023 Amendment to Ordinance: Title III Community Protection, Chapter 3- Traffic Code, Local Parking Fines; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried. This was for the first reading.

LIHEAP Vendor

H. Kramer made a motion to approve the 2024 LIHEAP Vendor Agreement; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting Dates

T. Franzen made a motion to change the dates of the November 2023, December 2023, January 2024, and February 2024 meetings; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried. The updated dates are November 22, December 20, January 24, and February 28.

CD's

J. Phillips made a motion to approve renewing CD #30403927 & #30403950 at Clinton National Bank; seconded by T. Franzen. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Hansen stated that CD rates are up at other banks. We should try to shop around since the rates were considerably higher. CNB did notify the City that they would match the percentage.

GTSB Agreement

H. Kramer made a motion to approve the GTSB Agreement; seconded by T. Franzen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Cooperation Agreement- Department of the Army and City of Sabula

H. Kramer made a motion to approve the Cooperation Agreement Between the Department of the Army and City of Sabula; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried. An agreement was required to begin repair work on the levee due to wave erosion this spring.

Work Session

T. Woodhurst asked if a work session was needed to discuss the utility rates. It was decided to wait until budget time to figure costs.

North Boat Ramp

T. Woodhurst asked council about selling the dock at the north boat ramp. The City had purchased a new one. It was decided to wait until spring to post for sale.

School Property

Council discussed the school property. H. Kramer mentioned that he had a conversation with a school board member and was told that the City needed to do something soon if they were interested in the property. Mayor and council decided to move forward on this and form a committee to hash out the details. We should have a couple council members, the mayor, 2 school board members and reps from the school. No motion was necessary.

Place on file

D. Ward made a motion to place on file the Sewer and Water Maintenance Report, Financial Statement and Expenditure and Revenue and Expenditure Report for August; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

Police report

During this month of September, we received 28 miscellaneous aid-information calls, 86 officer-initiated call, 2 assisted with the ambulance/fire department, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 6 assists with county or other agency, 3 requested assistance from other agency, 20 police citations issued, 2 arrest made, 2 pending cases for investigation, 8 warnings given on miscellaneous violations, 1 case for further investigation and 12 reports taken. 114 total police involved events.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting made by T. Franzen and seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by D. Ward, seconded by J. Phillips 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.

Closed Session.

Motion was made by D. Ward, seconded by T. Franzen to close the closed session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Troy Hansen, Mayor

Lynn Parker, City Clerk