

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING & WORK SESSION MINUTES**

### **CITY OF SABULA**

Special Council Meeting & Work Session Minutes held on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.

at Sabula City Hall 411 Broad Street, Sabula, Iowa

Present: Mayor Troy Hansen, City Clerk; Lynn Parker, Deputy Clerk; Wendy Hoertz, Council members; Pat Meyers, Rich Epich, Teena Franzen, Dave Ward and Henry Kramer.

Other present: Adam McPherson, Travis Woodhurst, Curtis Koch, Damian Houzenga and Paul & Michele Figie.

Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order.

#### **SPECIAL MEETING**

Mayor Hansen called the Special Meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Motion made by T. Franzen to open the Special Meeting; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVE DEMO PERMIT**

H. Kramer informed the council that when the Demo Ordinance was made, it was for the betterment of the community. He didn't think that it was meant to be approved by Council. It was discussed that the Demo Permit should be accompanied by the proper insurance coverage, a One-Call and should also be inspected by a City Employee to make sure utilities are off before work can be done. Motion made by H. Kramer to approve the demo permit if it's written in the ordinance as needing council approval; seconded by T. Franzen. All ayes. Motion carried. It was confirmed after the meeting that a Demo Permit does not need to be approved by Council. All required documents must be turned in to the City Clerk along with the \$75 Permit Fee. Once the Utilities Supervisor clears the building, the permit will be approved.

#### **CLOSE SPECIAL MEETING**

T. Franzen made a motion to close the Special Meeting; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

T. Franzen left the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

#### **WORK SESSION**

H. Kramer made a motion to open the work session; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **POLICE COVERAGE**

The Mayor informed Council that the City of Miles is asking for police coverage. They currently contract the City of Preston for services. Mayor Hansen said that he didn't want to compromise our relationship with the City of Preston. He also stated that he would like the City of Sabula to be priority for police

protection. Chief McPherson informed the Mayor and Council that he could cover the hours with reserve officers. H. Kramer inquired about Council approving the purchase of a used car at the last meeting. Chief McPherson stated that it would cost an additional \$3500 to outfit the car plus shop expenses. He had a mechanic look at the vehicle and it would need some work. Mayor Hansen stated that he struggles to see the benefit of taking on the City of Miles. He stated that it would be nice if we could consolidate the area police departments to make an Easton Valley Department. We struggle with coverage here in Sabula. He felt that at this time we needed to reach out to the Mayor of Miles and tell him that it's just not feasible at this time.

#### **WATER RATES**

Wendy presented Mayor and Council with the proposed rates from IAMU. They were given examples of what bills would be using the suggested rates at various water usages. The Mayor stated that he worries about having to adjust rates. He would rather have to lower the rates than increase at a later time. He would like to see a draft for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the next council meeting.

#### **LEVEE**

H. Kramer informed the Mayor and Council that the last levee inspection had stated the north side of the levee was not mowed. He stated that it still isn't mowed. It's almost time for the next inspection and nothing has been done. We need to make this a priority. We need to mow, kill rodents, re-seed and take care of the saplings that are growing. He informed the workers that were in attendance that everything that was required for maintenance is in the O&M Manual.

#### **ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion made by H. Kramer to adjourn the Work Session; seconded by P. Meyers. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Troy Hansen, Mayor

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Lynn Parker, City Clerk