**WORK SESSION MINUTES**

A Work Session was held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

at Sabula City Hall 411 Broad Street, Sabula, Iowa

Present: Mayor Troy Hansen Council members: Jim Phillips, Mike O’Hara, Jeremy Diercks and Teena Franzen. Absent: Dave Ward

Others present: Lynn Parker, Wendy Hoertz, and Travis Woodhurst.

Mayor Troy Hansen called the meeting to order at 4:30.

Motion made by T. Franzen to open the work session, seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Budget**

Council discussed the budget numbers. Clerk Parker informed them that we were short $130,255 for the year. Revenue totals are $2,050,820 and expenditures are $2,181,075. Again, they discussed possible areas to increase revenue without increasing charges to residents. Ideas discussed were to move forward with the Hotel/Motel tax, enforce the infrastructure/maintenance fees for utilities, and/or restrict the use of wood burners/solar to make up for the lack of gas consumption. Utility Clerk Hoertz presented a chart that showed the decrease in gas consumption. A suggestion was made to increase the utility cost that the City charges the customer to .550 per MCF to help with the deficit. Mayor Hansen suggested taking $50,000 out of Gas and Electric and $30,000 from General. Council member O’Hara wants to use $100,000 surplus from Gas and $30,000 out of General to cover the deficit rather than increase rates and/or have department heads make further cuts.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion made by T. Franzen to adjourn the Work Session, seconded by M. O’Hara. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Troy Hansen, Mayor Lynn Parker, City Clerk