

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.

Troy Hansen, Mayor

Lynn Parker, City Clerk