

WORK SESSION MINUTES

A Work Session was held on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

at Sabula City Hall 411 Broad Street, Sabula, Iowa

Present: Mayor Troy Hansen, City Clerk Lynn Parker, Council members: Jeremy Diercks, Dave Ward, Jim Phillips and Teena Franzen. Absent: Henry Kramer

Others present: Chief Nixon, Wendy Hoertz and Travis Woodhurst.

Mayor Troy Hansen called the meeting to order.

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

Homes with no utilities

Mayor and the Council discussed the homes with no utilities and how they have not been charged infrastructure fees. Mayor Hansen stated that we need to charge the \$27.50 fee to be allocated to sewer infrastructure when the utilities are shut off due to non-payment or during the winter. As far as people living in homes without utilities, there is nothing we can do about it. Council decided that the landlord can keep the utilities in their name or the tenants.

Derelict properties

The Council and Mayor discussed the derelict properties in town. One verbal quote was received for demolition of a home. It was \$10,000 - \$15,000 if the home does not have asbestos. There would be additional cost for asbestos. Mayor Hansen stated that we would have to include legal fees of approximately \$10,000 - \$15,000. At this time, we do not have it budgeted for the new fiscal year. Council member Jim Phillips suggested to get 3 quotes so we would have an idea of cost when moving forward. Mayor Hansen stated that for budget reasons, we would have to pick and choose homes.

Changing ordinances

Police Chief Nixon asked Council to consider increasing the Local Parking Fines to conform with State fines. He also asked Council to consider a change to Animal Codes.

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion made by T. Franzen to adjourn Work Session, seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

Troy Hansen, Mayor

Lynn Parker, City Clerk