

A Work Session was held on Thursday, July 16, 2020
Starting at 5:15 PM
At Sabula City Hall located at 411 Broad Street

The meeting was held in Person and Electronically on Zoom or via Telephone

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Present: Mayor Troy Hansen, Dave Ward, Pat Meyers, Lynn Parker, Wendy Hoertz.

Others Present Via Electronically: Rich Epich

Mayor Troy Hansen called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Work Session

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

Catalyst Grant/Urban Development Plan

David Heiar from Jackson County Economic Alliance was electronically present for the meeting. He spoke to the Mayor and Council about the Catalyst Grant. He stated that Sabula had received the grant for work on the Ackerman building. The State of Iowa will provide \$100,000 for the project and the City of Sabula will provide \$40,000. Mr. Heiar asked council how they wanted to proceed. He stated that the City has two options. First being that Sabula could develop an Urban Renewal Program that would help with funding economic development projects in the future. The second option would be to develop a TIF program.

Mayor Troy Hansen stated that it would be a good idea to develop an Urban Renewal Plan for future projects. We could also look at TIF. Bellevue, Preston and Maquoketa modified plans to allow downtown incentives. If we move forward with a Development Plan the City would need to decide which areas to include in the Plan.

David Heiar stated that the City needs to do 2 things: Approve the agreement with the State of Iowa and decide how we are donating the \$40,000 to the project. If we move forward using City funds versus

developing TIF, the project would take approximately 2-3 months. The City must now decide how they want to proceed with the Grant.

Water Rates

Wendy Hoertz updated the Mayor and Council on water rates. She has been working periodically with Iowa Rural Water to determine what the water rates should be. Due to the employee being on leave, this has been a long process. Wendy and Lynn decided to use a template from another area city to come up with rates that Sabula could use. The Mayor instructed the City Clerk to ask the City Attorney if the Water Rates Ordinance could be amended.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by P. Meyers and seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Troy Hansen, Mayor

Lynn Parker, City Clerk