

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WITH PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. at Sabula City Hall, 411 Broad Street, Sabula, Iowa.

The meeting was held electronically and open to the public in City Hall.

Zoom Meeting Link

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Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Teena Franzen, Dave Ward, Jim Phillips, Henry Kramer and Jeremy Diercks. Absent: Mayor Troy Hansen

Others Present: Dan Peiffer, Chief Nixon, Curt Marzofka, Travis Woodhurst, Mike O'Hara, Matt Horst and Anne Dickinson.

Mayor Franzen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting

J. Phillips made a motion to open the regular council meeting; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deletions-

Citizen Concerns

Agenda

Approve minutes

Motion was made by H. Kramer; seconded by D. Ward to approve the minutes from 3/28/23. Ayes from H. Kramer, D. Ward, J. Diercks and J. Phillips. T. Franzen abstained. Motion carried.

Approve claims

H. Kramer made a motion to approve the bills and payroll for April; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derelict Properties

A discussion was had regarding the derelict properties in Sabula. Letters were sent out by Attorney McGee to some of the home owners in town. Only one homeowner responded and stated they would be working on the home. H. Kramer stated that we need to give the one homeowner the benefit of the doubt to the owner that had responded. The others, we need to follow code and enforce. Attorney McGee stated that we could do a title search and action against lean holder to show abandonment. The City could then become the owner of the property. After discussion, it was decided that the City would get estimates for removal and consider additional expenses if asbestos was involved.

Hoyer Family Bench

J. Phillips made a motion to approve a bench for the Hoyer Family to be placed by the caboose; seconded by J. Diercks. All ayes. Motion carried.

Tree Trimming

J. Diercks made a motion to approve the tree trimming at 902 Elk Street; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried. This will allow for the home to be removed and the new home to be placed.

Tobacco Permit

H. Kramer made a motion to approve the Tobacco Permit for K&J's Hop 'N Shop ; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Alcohol Permit

J. Diercks made a motion to approve the Liquor License for K&J's Hop 'N Shop; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

Health Insurance Renewal

J. Phillips made a motion to approve the renewal of BCBS Health Insurance Plan; seconded by H. Kramer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Building Permit, 712 River

D. Ward made a motion to approve the special building permit for 712 River Street; seconded by J. Diercks. All ayes. Motion carried. They will be taking down the old deck and adding a longer deck with the same width.

Resolution #1304, Appointment of Police Chief

H. Kramer made a motion to approve Resolution #1304, Reappointment of Police Chief; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried. Shane Evan Nixon was reappointed for a 2-year term.

Resolution #1305, Authorization for Credit Card

J. Phillips made a motion to approve Resolution #1305, Authorization for Credit Card; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried. Council approved increasing the credit card limit of each card to \$2500.

Reap Grant

D. Ward made a motion to move forward with the application for Maude Brooks Park; seconded by J. Diercks. All ayes. Motion carried. Dan Peiffer stated that he had been in contact with Ben at JCEA regarding help with the grant.

Discharge Letter for Jerry's Plumbing

J. Phillips made a motion to approve the discharge letter for Jerry's Plumbing; seconded by J. Diercks. All ayes. Motion carried.

Set Public Hearing

H. Kramer made a motion to set a public hearing for May 23, 2023 to amend the FY22/23 Budget; seconded by J. Diercks. All ayes. Motion carried.

Work Session

Travis Woodhurst will contact contractors to get quotes for removal of homes and then a work session will be scheduled.

Place on file

J. Phillips made a motion to place on file the Sewer and Water Maintenance Report, Financial Statement and Expenditure and Revenue and Expenditure Report for March; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

Police report

During this month of April, we received 43 miscellaneous aid-information calls, 80 officer-initiated call, 0 assisted with the ambulance/fire department, 0 motor vehicle accidents, 3 assists with county or other agency, 2 requested assistance from other agency, 14 police citations issued, 3 arrest made, 1 pending cases for investigation, 8 warnings given on miscellaneous violations, 1 case for further investigation and 8 reports taken. 123 total police involved events.

Updates

Chief Nixon informed Council that he would like to look at changing some of the ordinances to benefit the City. He is also going to perform vehicle inspections.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by D. Ward and seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Teena Franzen, Mayor Pro-Tem

Lynn Parker, City Clerk