**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WITH PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting with a Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. at Sabula City Hall, 411 Broad Street, Sabula, Iowa.

The purpose of this public hearing is for the following: Amendment to Title III, Community Protection, Chapter 3 – Traffic Code.

The meeting was open to the public in City Hall.

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Teena Franzen, Dave Ward, Mike O’Hara (by phone), Jim Phillips and Jeremy Diercks. Absent: Mayor Troy Hansen

Others Present: Lynn Parker, Wendy Hoertz, Chief Nixon, Travis Woodhurst, Dan Pieffer, John Mangler, Curt Marzofka, Barry Huebner, Deb & Audrey Thayer, Candi Diercks, Steven Cotton, and Bob Kimmer.

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

**Public Hearing**

D. Ward made a motion to open the public hearing: seconded by J. Diercks. All ayes. Motion carried.

Solicitation of comments for the Amendment to Title III, Community Protection, Chapter 3 – Traffic Code -Dan Pieffer asked if this was because someone complained. Chief Nixon explained that this was to clarify the existing ordinance and we’ve increased the weight limit. Dan then asked if this was to prevent semis from parking on the highway. Chief stated that it was to prevent blockage of any access.

D. Ward made a motion to close the public hearing; seconded by J. Diercks. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Regular Council Meeting**

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

**Deletions-** None

**Citizen Concerns-** Barry Huebner asked when we were going to fix the curbs in the City. His curb has been bad for over 10 years. Travis Woodhurst stated that per the Mayor, we weren’t fixing the curbs. Jeremy Diercks asked Barry if the City needed to rope off his area? He said that he was in the right place that it was now on record.

**Consent Agenda**

J. Phillips made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried. Minutes approved for 6/25/24; Claims for July; Place on file the Financial Statement and Expenditure/Revenue report for June, and Resolution #1337, Jackson County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**Agenda**

**Ordinance 5-2024**

M. O’Hara made a motion to approve Ordinance 5-2024, Amendment for Title III, Community Protection, Chapter 3 – Traffic Code; second by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Waive Reading**

D. Ward made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings for Ordinance 5-2024 Amendment for Title III, Community Protection, Chapter 3 – Traffic Code; seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried.

**VFW Memorial Wall**

J. Phillips made a motion to lay out the plans in the Bill Cotton Park to see if it will fit up there; seconded by J. Diercks. All ayes. Motion carried. Jim stated to have Mr. Kimmer reach out to Travis to make plans to get together at the park.

**Use of personal boat**

J. Diercks made a motion to allow Travis W. boat be put on the City insurance during the flood and also give him a free ramp pass; seconded by M. O’Hara. All ayes. Motion carried. \*\*After notification to the insurance company, they will have to reach out to the legal department to see if this can be done. Mike at Bob Ernst will let Lynn know what needs to be done.

**Special Fence Permit**

J. Phillips made a motion to not approve the special fence permit for Doug Horst, 316 River Street; seconded by M. O’Hara. All ayes. Motion carried. Council stated that he must only have a 4 ft fence and follow the ordinance.

**Special Building Permit**

J. Phillips made a motion to approve a special building permit for Barry Huebner, 816 Elk Street, seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Godwin CD150 FST Unit Upgrade**

J. Phillips made a motion to approve the Godwin CD150 FST Unit Upgrade; seconded by D. Ward. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Police Items**

**Police report**

During this month of June, we received 56 miscellaneous aid-information calls, 110 officer-initiated call, 2 assisted with the ambulance/fire department, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 7 assists with county or other agency, 3 requested assistance from other agency, 13 police citations issued, 1 arrest made, 3 pending cases for investigation, 8 warnings given on miscellaneous violations, 3 case for further investigation and 15 reports taken. 166 total police involved events.

**Update on 210 Bank-516 Pearl**

Chief Nixon stated that 2 years ago Travis, Curtis, Matt and himself abated the property and it’s back to where it was 2 years ago. Chief stated that he has sent another abatement letter w/ 15 days to comply and a notice of a $1000 fine per property.

**Update on 1005 Elk**

Chief Nixon stated that he has sent the property owner a letter regarding vehicles that need to be removed. The vehicles are not registered and are an ordinance violation.

**Update on Joe Robertson’s property**

Chief Nixon mailed a letter to J. Robertson stating that he had to fix the property by 6/11/24 by removing the blocks, smoothing the dirt and filling in, the cement slab can stay, the blocks must go and the trees are being removed. He has not replied to the letter.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting made by D. Ward and seconded by J. Phillips. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

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