

(Subject to Approval)
CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2020

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Call To Order: Mayor Christopher Taylor called the Swisher Council Meeting to order at 7 p.m. at Swisher City Hall, Swisher, Iowa on January 13, 2020.

Council Present: Mary Gudenkauf, Jerry Hightshoe, James Rowe, Mike Stagg. Absent: Rebekah Neuendorf.

Also Present: City Clerk/Finance Officer Tawnia Kakacek, Public Works Superintendent Carl Spoerl, Library Director Laura Hoover, HR Green Representative Tim Cutsforth, Gene Beard, Johnson County Refuse—Steve Smith, BJ Eden and Josh Smith, Johnson County Supervisor Pat Heiden.

Consent Agenda: After review and discussion, Stagg moved, seconded by Gudenkauf to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Agenda; updated List of Claims; December 2019 Clerk/Treasurer and Utility Billing Audit Reports; Alcohol license renewal, Sunday Sales and Outdoor service for Club 671, Inc. pending dram shop; Resolution No. 2020-01 reappointing Alice Linhart to Planning & Zoning Commission; Resolution No. 2020-02 assessing delinquent utility bills to property taxes; and notice of open board position of Park & Recreation. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Hightshoe, Rowe, Stagg. Absent: Neuendorf. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments: Gene Beard felt there was not enough sand on the roads this last weekend. Superintendent Spoerl stated he made 2 trips thru town and mixed more salt than sand. Beard inquired about the expired county easement agreement for Division Street Project with the fire department. Kakacek and Cutsforth noted they have only copy of unsigned agreement and didn't see an expiration date. Kakacek emailed the fire department for copy of their signed agreement as may be different.

Reports:

Sheriff: None.

Library: Library Director Hoover gave details of the library's 10th anniversary festivities on week of February 4th thru February 8th. She is working on the library's reaccreditation. Gudenkauf noted 10 years ago there was discussion of starting a library and thanked Hoover for getting it started. Hoover asked to have a proclamation of the anniversary put on the next council meeting to be read and signed.

Engineer: HR Green Representative Cutsforth reported the following: completed concept plan for Casteck Trail, working on Phase 2 Division Street Project design; an informational meeting will be January 24th on Phase 2 Division Street Project.

Mayor: Mayor Taylor reported that he will be attending the Johnson County Assessor meeting and Planning Organization Rural Board meeting next week but couldn't attend the Joint Entities Meeting today. He noted that Legislative Day is not one unified day this year and if any of the council members feel he needs to discuss an issue with the legislators to let him know.

Council: Gudenkauf has received email from Iowa League of Cities with video for Municipal Leaders Academy Part 2 and welcome rest of council to review.

Employees: Superintendent of Public Works Spoerl reported the following: hydraulic line broke on F550 truck and is being repaired; tree came down onto Summit Road which they moved to the side and will cut up later; Cedar Rapids Reds Baseball team is trying to get lime on ballfield and fill in the low lying areas; scale at wastewater plant broke and ordered new one; working with Chad from ION on sewer permit renewal that is due in May; received the No Parking signs for 3rd Street between Swisher View and Alan Avenue but ground too hard to install and looking for temporary way to put some type of No Parking signs in. It was

recommended to send letters to the residents along that area not to park there. He ordered additional 70 tons of sand and heater in shop building is being repaired. Kakacek noted she is working on the 1099s, w-2s, budget, sent notices of Division Street Informational Meeting, yearend items.

Miscellaneous Reports: No reports were presented.

BUSINESS:

Proclamation: Mayor Taylor read and signed 19th Amendment Centennial Commemoration Proclamation for women's voting rights and thanked League of Women Voters for organizing this across the country.

Pay Request-Johnson County: Cutsforth recommended payment. Gudenkauf moved, seconded by Stagg to approve pay request #2 to Johnson County for 120th/Division Street Project of \$115,929.78. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Absent: Neuendorf. Motion carried.

Utility Relocation Cost—Division St. Project: Cutsforth noted he hasn't received all the information yet so will be on the February 10th Agenda.

Televise Sewer Line on Division Street: Cutsforth suggested the sewer line along Division Street be televised before digging starts up on Phase 2 Division Street Project in case there needs to be anything fixed. Spoerl received quote to televise but noted need to get quote for the traffic control. After discussion, council directed this to be on the January 15, 2020 Agenda and Spoerl will get cost of traffic control to include in the televise quote.

Johnson County Refuse: Johnson County Refuse Owner Steve Smith addressed mayor and council to consider automation for refuse and recycling. City contract ends June 30, 2021 but he could start automation now at cost of \$18.50 per house with 65 pound gallon containers for refuse and for recycling for each house if council would like, otherwise it can wait until contract ends and then do automation on next contract possibly with increased costs. No action taken at this time.

Ball Park Agreement: Council reviewed and discussed proposed agreement for use of Castek Park ball diamond 2 nights a week for the next 5 years with Cedar Rapids Little Reds Baseball Team including the team maintain the field and lights. Gudenkauf expressed concern that other teams may want opportunity to use it some of those nights if the Reds aren't using it, etc. Kakacek noted they used it last year for 2 nights a week and another baseball team did as well. Parks & Recreation Commission agreed to the 5 year use of ball diamond. After discussion, Gudenkauf and Stagg will meet with the Reds Team and other baseball coaches to get in their input.

Branding Sign for College Community School District: Mayor thought Ely and Cedar Rapids will have the branding signs and Walford is open to it, but haven't heard from the city councils. After discussion, council gave consensus of having College Community School District branding signs installed at entrances of the city at the school's cost, pending other cities approving it.

Request to be a Solarize Johnson County 2020 Partner: Mayor noted if the city would be a partner, they would need a staff person to meet weekly with the county, etc. After discussion, council stated they would be willing to host informational speakers if the county would like but not be an active partner at this time.

Resolution No. 2020-03-Approve Investment Policy: Kakacek noted she added more banks to the policy and increased current bank coverage amount due to upcoming bond for street project. After review, Gudenkauf moved, seconded by Rowe, to approve Resolution No. 2020-03 entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE AN INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF SWISHER. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Hightshoe, Rowe, Stagg. Nays: None. Absent: Neuendorf. Resolution No. 2020-03 passed.

Certificates of Appreciation: Certificates of Appreciation were issued to Rodney McNeal and Gary Hovey for serving on Swisher Parks & Recreation Commission.

Correspondence: Council reviewed the following: utilities meeting update regarding Division Street Project; recommendation letter in support of Swisher Library grant application; letter on driving golf cart on ball diamond and dog running loose; information on county mobile messaging which could be used for Swisher mobile messaging; 2020 Swisher Elected Officials and Commissioners Roster; request to consider being an Home Based Iowa County/Community. December 2019 Sheriff's Report, building permit for 131 Orchard Street and chicken permit for 224 Jefferson Avenue were on the council table for review.

Hightshoe would like to extend invitation to school, fire department, and Swisher groups if they want to put something quarterly in the Swisher page of the NOJOCO and send it to the city clerk. Council thought that was a good idea. Gene Beard asked if anyone is heading the RUN Crandic from Swisher. Kakacek said no-one has volunteered yet.

Adjournment: Motion by Rowe, seconded by Stagg to adjourn. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Tawnia Kakacek, City Clerk/ Finance Officer

Christopher Taylor, Mayor