

(Subject to Approval)  
**CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 15, 2020**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Christopher Taylor called Special Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Swisher City Hall, Swisher, Iowa on January 15, 2020.

**Council Present:** Jerry Hightshoe, James Rowe, Michael Stagg. Absent: Mary Gudenkauf and Rebekah Neuendorf.

**Also present:** City Clerk Tawnia Kakacek, Superintendent of Public Works Carl Spoerl and Library Director Laura Hoover.

**Agenda:** Motion by Stagg, seconded by Rowe to approve the agenda. Call for vote. All ayes. Absent: Gudenkauf and Neuendorf. Motion carried.

**Proclamation:** Mayor Taylor read and signed Proclamation celebrating Swisher Community Library's 10 years of service. It was recommended to put this in the NOJOCO.

**Televised Sewer Line:** Spoerl presented quote to televise sewer line and traffic control for Division Street. After discussion, Rowe moved, seconded by Hightshoe, to approve televising sewer line and traffic control for Division Street up to \$2,440.00 with Ken-Way Excavating. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Absent: Gudenkauf and Neuendorf. The televising is to be done before the construction of Phase 2 Division Street Project to make sure the lines are good or need repair at that time.

**2020-21 Budget Work Session:** Mayor, council, and city staff reviewed proposed budget and made minor changes. Some items discussed for the budget were as follows: one of the bridges will have to be replaced in about 4 years and trying to put funds aside for replacement but also apply for grants for funding; consider installing a hoop shed for sand/salt; try to have all LED lights in city's buildings; automation of refuse/recycling; salaries with librarian going to 30 hours a week; creating a disaster fund and need to define what is considered disaster; Swisher Community Fund which Rowe offered to be on the committee. Next budget work session is scheduled for January 27, 2020 at 6 p.m.

**Resolution No. 2020-04--Set Public Hearing Date to Approve Maximum Tax Dollar Levies for 2020-21 Budget:** Mayor Taylor and Kakacek noted property valuation went up therefore causing increase of \$9,000 total for property tax dollars but the property tax rate went down. This additional public hearing for tax dollars is a new legislative change. After discussion, Stagg moved, seconded by Rowe, to approve Resolution No. 2020-04 entitled "A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE MAXIMUM TAX DOLLARS TO BE COLLECTED BY THE CITY FROM CERTAIN LEVIES FOR THE CITY'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2020 AT 7 P.M." at Swisher City Hall. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hightshoe, Rowe, Stagg. Nays: None. Absent: Gudenkauf and Neuendorf. Resolution No. 2020-04 passed.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Hightshoe, seconded by Rowe to adjourn. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Tawnia Kakacek, City Clerk/Finance Officer

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Christopher Taylor, Mayor