

(Subject to Approval)
CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2021

In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this meeting was also held electronically. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code permits electronic meetings where all members participate remotely when in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, which is true during this crisis. Anyone could dial in or connect electronically to hear the actual meeting.

Call to Order: Mayor Christopher Taylor called Special Council Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. on January 19, 2021 at Swisher Community Library, Swisher, IA.

Council Present: Council present were Mary Gudenkauf, James Rowe, Michael Stagg. Via conference call was Jerry Hightshoe. Absent: Rebekah Neuendorf.

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

Agenda: Motion by Gudenkauf, seconded by Stagg to approve the agenda. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

2021-22 Budget Work Session: Mayor, council, and city staff reviewed proposed budget and made minor changes. Some items discussed for the budget were as follows: health insurance stipend and have the city look into HSA accounts; city clerk submit worksheet salary increases from 3-5% for next meeting; street projects/plans; CIP Plan. Next budget work session is scheduled for January 26, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Resolution No. 2021-03--Set Public Hearing Date to Approve Maximum Tax Dollar Levies for 2021-22 Budget: Mayor Taylor and Kakacek noted property valuation went up therefore causing increase of \$6,797 total for property tax dollars but the property tax rate went down. This will help for increase of city liability insurance, police protection, fire protection and EMA. After discussion, Stagg moved, seconded by Rowe, to approve Resolution No. 2021-03 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 2021-22 BUDGET FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2021 AT 7 P.M." at Swisher Community Library. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Hightshoe, Rowe, Stagg. Nays: None. Absent: Neuendorf. Resolution No. 2021-03 passed.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Rowe, seconded by Gudenkauf. Call for vote. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Tawnia Kakacek, City Clerk/Finance Officer

Christopher Taylor, Mayor