

(Subject to Approval)  
**CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA**  
**COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 24, 2022**

This meeting was also held electronically. Anyone could attend in person, dial-in or connect electronically to hear the meeting.

**Call to Order:** Mayor Taylor called Work Session to order at 6:31 p.m. on January 24, 2022, at Swisher City Hall, Swisher IA.

**Council Present:** Mary Gudenkauf, Kris Heims, Rebekah Neuendorf, Michael Stagg. Kody Pudil arrived at 6:32 p.m.

**Also present:** City Clerk/Finance Officer Tawnia Kakacek and Communication Coordinator Julie Persons.

**Agenda:** Motion by Stagg, seconded by Heims to approve the agenda. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Pudil. Pudil arrived just after this motion was approved.

**Work on 22-23 Budget:** Kakacek presented proposed budget with changes included from last meeting. Neuendorf inquired if there were other ways to increase revenues for the city besides taxes. Mayor noted if the city grows, that will increase revenues without raising tax rates. Also said cities should not charge for more city services (garbage, sewer, etc.) than it actually costs to provide those services. Kakacek noted there are grants for some things, but the city is limited of what they can collect for revenue sources. Gudenkauf inquired of park usage fees, sewer connection fees of where it was at 10 years ago and where the rate is now. Kakacek will contact clerknet to see what other cities charge. Discussed when to plan for sewer plant upgrades. Kakacek noted the property tax commercial & industrial replacement backfill goes thru 2026 and will add that to the budget for income. After discussion, council was okay with presented budget. Kakacek noted the council can set public hearing at the February 14<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Gudenkauf, seconded by Pudil to adjourn. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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Tawnia Kakacek, City Clerk/Finance Officer

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Christopher Taylor, Mayor