

(Subject to Approval)
CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2021

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

Call to Order: Mayor Taylor called Special Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on October 18, 2021, at Swisher Library, Swisher IA.

Council Present: Mary Gudenkauf, Rebekah Neuendorf, Kody Pudil, James Rowe, Michael Stagg.

Also present: City Clerk Tawnia Kakacek, Public Works Superintendent Al Fear, Librarian Laura Hoover. Attended by Zoom was Gene Beard.

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

Shop Building: Gudenkauf noted she hoped the Council didn't come out the last meeting as not supporting the staff when not approving to purchase building for 3rd Street property as council does support the staff. She said the Council was trying to get this done right and do their due diligence. Kakacek gave update of possible rental areas as follows: Riverside Auto would lease half of the building to the city for \$200 a month but he is trying to sell the building. If he sells the building, he will rent half of the building thru December which City can store in his rental part; Tom LaGrange has building northwest of post office for \$1,500 a month; CRANDIC hasn't gotten back to her about leasing their building but has concerns for employees' safety in that building; 5-Stars and Rob Pudil's buildings are full and not available to rent at this time. Rowe asked when the new 40' x 60' building could be installed. Fear noted it would be the first week of January using the current cement flooring, he would build the restroom and office, use the existing heater in the old building and then possibly add on next summer or later. Pudil inquired what would fit into Riverside Auto. Fear noted the smaller equipment like the Kubota, skid loader, bucket attachments but not the tractor and red truck with plow as they won't fit thru the doors. Pudil noted the vehicles/equipment that need diesel are fine outdoors only down to 18 degrees. Mayor asked Council if they want a permanent option or temporary option for shop building and storing vehicles/equipment. Stagg noted the city needs to move forward with permanent solution but okay with renting Riverside Auto for 3 months. Gudenkauf noted if built on 3rd Street property it would need to be made aesthetically pleasing. Rowe suggested having fake rock look on bottom half of the building and the bathroom in the middle section of the building. Fear noted the 3rd Street shop building electric will be shut off at the end of this week. Pudil had concern of this in residential area. Mayor noted all the city buildings are by residential areas, city doesn't have many non-residential areas. Neuendorf didn't want to piecemeal the building. It was discussed if the city got the value out of the 3rd Street shop building for the amount they purchased it for in 2016, which council felt they did. Stagg stated it was worth to build this shop building now as council hasn't decided what to do with the property for the last five years but have discussed several times. Council reviewed visioning sheets that were done when deciding to purchase the 3rd Street property/building. Rowe stated if rented from Riverside Auto all the snow removal equipment would go in there and the big vehicles would be parked outside even if rented. Fear noted he would get protective cover for equipment with diesel engines that are placed outdoors. Pudil recommended the overhead door be on the long side of new building and building be as close as can be to Swisher View Drive. Neuendorf noted she wanted to incorporate beautification of that area. Rowe explained about his past proposed drawings of removing downtown shop buildings to give more parking. Mayor noted the proposed additional parking, expanding city hall and library was one reason public works building was to

be at 3rd Street property. After discussion, Rowe moved, seconded by Stagg to purchase 40' x 60' building from Eastern Iowa Building Inc. for \$52,841.00 with the overhead door on the long side. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Rowe volunteered his shop space if City needs more space for storage. It was questioned what the color of the building and trim was going to be. Fear will show Pudil and Neuendorf colors for their approval. Motion by Pudil, seconded by Gudenkauf to rent Riverside Auto for 6 months at \$200 per month as soon as possible. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

UTV'S and Registration: Kakacek presented email from Johnson County Sheriff Department noting they do not allow UTVs on county roads and has concern there would be confusion if Swisher allowed and they don't when a person comes into town. Pudil recommended the UTVs be allowed and registered at \$10 each year as there is also a state registration fee. Gudenkauf noted firefighters have concern of safety with these UTVs and recommend there be educational information/training on UTVs. After discussion, Pudil moved, seconded by Gudenkauf to direct city attorney to draft ordinance to allow UTVs on all city streets within city limits and register them annually for \$10.00. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Kakacek will contact other cities and get examples of their registration forms.

Review HR Manual: Pudil moved, seconded by Neuendorf to set time to adjourn meeting at 8 p.m. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Council started discussing when to accrue vacation. Could get one week after six months or start getting vacation to use after one month. Rowe recommended each council member and city employees look at options how want to accrue vacation. No other items were reviewed on HR Manual as it was 8 p.m.

Adjournment: Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m. per Pudil's prior motion.

Tawnia Kakacek, City Clerk/Finance Officer

Christopher Taylor, Mayor