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 December 11, 2017.

Council Present: Mary Gudenkauf, Rebekah Neuendorf, Mike Stagg, Larry Svec. Absent: Angie Hinrichs.

Also Present: City Clerk/Finance Officer Tawnia Kakacek, Public Works Superintendent Rodney McNeal, Librarian Laura Hoover, City Engineer Tim Cutsforth, Lieutenant Brian Adolph from Johnson County Sheriff Department, Jerry Hightshoe, James Rowe, Joe & Micky Ockenfels, Norm Neal, Scott Finlayson.

Consent Agenda: Kakacek noted the updated list of bills included invoice from Ken-Way Excavating which was considerably higher than quote the council approved earlier. McNeal noted there was a lot more sludge to haul than anticipated but in future it should be done annually at cost of $500 or less. After review and discussion, Gudenkauf moved, seconded by Neuendorf, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Agenda; November 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes; updated List of Claims; November 2017 Clerk/Treasurer and Utility Billing Audit Reports; Resolution No. 2017-48 approving transfer of funds from LOST to Division Street Project; Resolution No. 2017-49 assessing delinquent accounts to property tax; Resolution No. 2017-50 appointing Tawnia Kakacek as City Clerk/Finance Officer and Phyllis Collins as Treasurer. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes unless otherwise noted. Absent: Hinrichs. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments: None were presented.

Reports:
Sheriff: No report. McNeal inquired if a deputy could watch traffic in the Spring when the city puts rock on sides of Division 120th Street to slow down traffic for safety. Deputy said that was fine, but if was for the whole day, the Sheriff Dept. would need additional pay, just remind him in the Spring.

Library: Librarian Hoover reported the following: library received $500 grant from Walmart for the juvenile non-fiction collection; speaker for this week’s Coffee and Conversation is representative from Temple Judah to talk about Hanukah; January 3rd will be a Legislative Reception at Swisher Library and everyone is welcome.

Engineer: Engineer Cutsforth noted they are still researching for funding of Division Street Project.

Mayor: No report.

Council: Councilperson Neuendorf noted the “A Very Merry Christmas in Swisher” was a success. Stagg noted the Review Committee met on RTL zoning request.

Employees: McNeal reported the following: fixed the drainage issue at city shop on 3rd Street, installed more snow fence and Christmas lights. Kakacek reported the following: Park & Recreation Committee meet this Wednesday; refuse/recycling will be picked on Thursdays December 28th and January 4th on the holiday weeks and items to be set out at 6 a.m.; city offices will be closed December 25th and 26th, January 1st for the holidays; need council code books for updates; and she will be taking vacation next week.

BUSINESS:
Resolution to Approve Library Agreement: Hoover noted after 8 years to get the library accredited, they will now get funding from the county as the other accredited libraries in the county per this agreement. After review and discussion, Stagg moved, seconded by Neuendorf, to approve Resolution No. 2017-51 entitled “A RESOLUTION APPROVING 28E AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA, JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND SWISHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR LIBRARY SERVICE”. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Neuendorf, Stagg, Svec. Nays: None. Absent: Hinrichs. Resolution No. 2017-51 passed. Mayor and council congratulated Hoover on her hard work to get the library accredited.
Rose Avenue and 4th Street Drainage: McNeal noted there is a drainage problem on Rose Avenue and 4th Street when it rains. This was discussed and reviewed earlier with engineer’s estimate to repair. McNeal stated he could fix it. After discussion, Council directed McNeal to work with city engineer to present cost estimates of supplies, equipment rental, etc. for McNeal to fix drainage issue at next regular council meeting.

Review Committee Recommendation-RTL Rezoning Request: Stagg reported the Review Committee met and recommended the Board of Supervisors to deny the RTL rezoning request to ML-Light Industrial and have applicant apply for Commercial Highway zoning. After discussion, Stagg moved, seconded by Neuendorf, to support Review Committee recommendation to have Board of Supervisors to deny RTL rezoning request to ML-Light Industrial and have applicant apply for Commercial Highway zoning. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Neuendorf, Stagg. Nays: None. Abstain: Svec as he stated he had a conflict of interest. Absent: Hinrichs. Motion carried.

Division Street-Speed Limits, Jake Brakes: Gudenkauf noted this was brought up due to complaints of fast moving traffic and loud truck noises on west end of town. City engineer recommended to install advanced speed reduction signs prior to the existing 25 mph signs. Council agreed. Svec noted the only way to stop trucks from making loud noises is to adopt a jake brake ordinance. James Rowe agreed. After discussion, council directed to place discussion of jake brake ordinance on next regular council meeting agenda and plan to set public hearing date.

Public Hearing to Amend Swisher Code 1.14 Standard Penalty: Motion by Stagg, seconded by Neuendorf to open public hearing to consider amending Swisher Code 1.14 Standard Penalty. Call for vote. All ayes. Absent: Hinrichs. Motion carried. Public hearing opened at 7:40 p.m. Mayor read proposed change. No written or verbal comments were received. Mayor closed public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

1st and Final Reading of Ord.#267—Amend Standard Penalty Ordinance-Chapter 1.14: Stagg moved, seconded by Gudenkauf, to introduce Ordinance #267 by title only entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2015 MUNICIPAL CODE OF SWISHER, IOWA, CHAPTER 1.14 STANDARD PENALTY” and be given its first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Neuendorf, Stagg, Svec. Nays: None. Absent: Hinrichs. Motion carried. Motion by Stagg, seconded by Neuendorf, that the laws and rules providing that ordinances be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended and dispensed with for Ordinance #267. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Neuendorf, Stagg, Svec. Nays: None. Absent: Hinrichs. Motion carried. Motion by Stagg, seconded by Neuendorf to place Ordinance #267 upon its third and final passage and be adopted. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Neuendorf, Stagg, Svec. Nays: None. Absent: Hinrichs. Motion carried. Ordinance #267 adopted.

Budget Meeting Dates: After review and discussion with current and newly elected council, Council set budget meeting dates for Mondays, January 15 and January 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

City-Wide Garage Sale: Kakacek gave the city-wide cleanup dates not available. After review of surrounding garage sales dates, council agreed to move Swisher City Wide Garage Sales to the last Saturday in April of each year.

ACH Software for Utility Accounts: Kakacek presented cost breakdown to purchase Utility Billing ACH software and noted this would save entry time and errors. Gudenkauf also noted if city could email the utility bill it would cut costs also. Kakacek will check into the email billing. After discussion, Neuendorf moved, seconded by Gudenkauf, to approve purchase of Data Tech Utility Billing ACH software, training, and ACH costs with Swisher Bank. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes unless otherwise noted. Absent: Hinrichs. Motion carried.

Certificate of Appreciation: Mayor Taylor presented Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing Councilperson Larry Svec for his 12 years of service as councilperson. Mayor and Council thanked him for his service.

Correspondence: Building permit for 331 Aaron Court; Johnson County Sheriff’s November 2017 Report; South Slope contact update; Mediacom update were on the council table for review.

Adjournment: Motion by Neuendorf, seconded by Svec to adjourn. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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Tawnia Kakacek, City Clerk Christopher Taylor, Mayor