CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Christopher Taylor called the council meeting to order at 7 p.m. at Swisher City Hall, Swisher, Iowa on December 14, 2015.

Council Present: Sandra Fults, Mary Gudenkauf, Angie Hinrichs, Mike Stagg, Larry Svec.

Also present: City Clerk Tawnia Kakacek, Library Director Laura Hoover, Johnson County Deputy Sheriff Brian Adolph, Robin Kolosik, Russ and Karen Barenz, Kathryn Birky, Curt and Kim Cline, Milo Popp, Rob Pudil, Norm Neal, Steve Pudil, Daryl Hynek, Carrie Kolosik, Keith Kramer, Rebekah Neuendorf, Dave Taylor, Ryan Taylor.

Consent Agenda: After review and discussion, Stagg moved, seconded by Fults, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Agenda and moving item 4a—Mayor’s Proclamation after consent agenda, November 9 and 19, 2015 Minutes, updated List of Claims, October and November 2015 Clerk/Treasurer Reports and Utility Audit Reports. Roll call for vote was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion of Mayor’s Proclamation: Mayor Taylor noted he had made some assumptions when he wrote the proclamation and realized not everyone would have that perspective. He apologized for these assumptions. There was lengthy discussion with upset and concerned residents. Mayor briefly shared constitutional concerns. Council requested that hopefully before proclamations are made, the Mayor will discuss with one or two of the councilmembers.

Citizens’ Comments: None.

Reports:
Library Director Report: Library Director Hoover reported teen room is installed and being used and presented few new books from the library.

Engineer’s Report: Kakacek read city engineer’s report. Report is on file at city hall.

Mayor Report: Mayor Taylor reported that he spoke with Dave Chalupsky following the November 9th Council Meeting and Chalupsky would like to purchase street by his property on Central and 4th Street. This request will be going to Planning & Zoning December 28th meeting. He also noted that Chalupsky did obtain right-of-way permit and dug out the trench on his property on Central and 4th Street. Svec noted there is drainage issue on back side of Chalupsky’s property along the railroad tracks and all the water from the rain last night was staying on Chalupsky’s property. Svec noted the railroad company may need to install a culvert or ditch on the west side of tracks for drainage issues, and suggested culverts would be needed to control water on Hickey and Kolosik properties. Hinrichs noted the trailers still need to be moved and letter should be sent out as was directed at last meeting. After discussion, Council needed verification of who the actual owner of Chalupsky land, where the property lines are, what the zoning is versus the actual use, and impact water drainage from usage of property and area of property. Council directed the city attorney send letter to Chalupsky removing his trailers and find out if property is grandfathered-in for current usage of property. County is taxing property as commercial use and city has it zoned for RS-7-residential.

Council Report: Fults thanked mayor and council for working with her and offered to help with the upkeep on city landscaping if council so chooses. She has enjoyed serving the community. Gudenkauf noted the city needs to find the actual property lines for the county shed property. Kakacek noted the purchase agreement for the county shed draft was sent to Johnson County for review and will get back to the city.

Employees’ Reports: Kakacek requested council to drop off their code books to insert updates and the city office will be closed December 24th, 25th, and January 1st.

BUSINESS:
Resolution No. 2015-61—Approve Amendment to Library Building Agreement with South Slope: Library Director Hoover noted this amendment was to include usage of the driveway between city hall and library to the building agreement with no extra charge. Ryan Taylor noted for his Boy Scout’s Eagle Project, he wanted to add a bike rack in the driveway and bench installed outside the front of library building. He noted the driveway would be...
closed off with blocks of concrete and “Do Not Enter” signs at both ends of driveway. He has raised $900 so far for this project from residents and local businesses. After review and discussion, Svec moved, seconded by Fults, to approve Resolution No. 2015-61 entitled “A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHSLOPE TELEPHONE AND CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA FOR LIBRARY BUILDING LEASE”. Roll call vote. Ayes: Fults, Gudenkauf, Hinrichs, Stagg, Svec. Nays: None. Resolution No. 2015-61 passed.

Set Public Hearing Date to Approve Plans: Motion by Gudenkauf, seconded by Stagg, to set public hearing to approve specs, plans and opinion of cost for culvert improvements on Orchard Street for January 11th at 7 p.m. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried.


Resolution No. 2015-65—Removal of Tax Assessment: Kakacek noted the resident has paid their account in full and not necessary for the previously approved assessment. Stagg moved, seconded by Fults, to approve Resolution No. 2015-65 entitled “A RESOLUTION TO REMOVE THE AMOUNT DUE ON PARCEL NO. 0308255001 FOR COLLECTION OF UNPAID SEWER AND GARBAGE FEES”. Roll call vote. Ayes: Fults, Gudenkauf, Hinrichs, Stagg, Svec. Nays: None. Resolution No. 2015-65 passed.

Set Budget Meeting Date: After discussion, council set budget meeting date for January 26, 2016 at 6 p.m.

Mayor Taylor presented Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing Council Member Sandy Fults and thanked her for her service.

Correspondence: Council reviewed the following correspondence: letter sent to resident concerning their driveway, complaint from regarding adjacent neighbor of driveway, complaint regarding alley behind 66 2nd Street SE, paper article of state discouraging leaf burning. Johnson County Sheriff’s November Report was on the council table for review.

Adjournment: Motion by Svec seconded by Fults to adjourn. Call for vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Hinrichs, Stagg, Svec. Nays: Fults. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Tawnia Kakacek, City Clerk

Christopher Taylor, Mayor