

**CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 24, 2024**

Mayor Julie Persons called the Swisher City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members Daryl Hynek, Kody Pudil, Adam Roeder, and Michael Stagg were present. Council member Curt Cline was absent. Also present was City Clerk Shelley Annis and Public Works Superintendent Justin Fields.

Motion Roeder, 2nd Stagg to approve the agenda – all aye.

Motion Pudil, 2nd Roeder to approve the consent agenda – all aye. Council member Hynek requested a review of the Code regarding mowing of right-of-ways on the next Council agenda for possible change.

Nikki Hynek and Sonya LaGrange with the Swisher Economic Alliance group requested that the City partner with the group on a Branding Strategy Project. The Project would provide logo concepts for consistent branding of Swisher. Motion Pudil, 2nd Hynek to approve partnering with the Swisher Economic Alliance group on a Branding Strategy Project – all aye.

Mayor Persons explained that the Parking Committee met and came up with the idea of tearing down two buildings and removing the trees along the alley adjacent to the Downtown Park to allow for installation of parking for the downtown area, to be known as the Downtown Park Area Project. The Council reviewed a quote provided for budgeting purposes only. When questioned how this Project could be paid for, Clerk Annis reported that the City has funds available in the General Fund and the LOST Fund, both of which are an appropriate use of the funds. HR Green Engineer Melissa Clow informed the Council that HR Green can provide asbestos testing.

Motion Pudil, 2nd Stagg to approve the Public Works Superintendent to seek proposals for the Downtown Park Area Project with asbestos testing being proposed separately from the remaining project items. The request for proposals (RFP) should be out by Wednesday, June 26th, proposals will be due on July 10th with Council consideration at their July 22nd meeting – all aye.

Motion Stagg, 2nd Roeder to use a portion of the remaining Street Maintenance funds as budgeted in FY25 to chip-seal the Downtown Park parking lot along Rose Ave – all aye.

Motion Roeder, 2nd Stagg to approve HR Green to prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) to stripe the downtown parking spaces including handicapped spaces, stop bars, and railroad crossings, and a separate RFP for striping Division Street – all aye.

Council reviewed City Code Chapter 63-Speed Regulations. Motion Pudil, 2nd Roeder to direct the Clerk to prepare the appropriate Ordinance to amend Chapter 63 to reflect the speed limit in all residential areas at 25 MPH, the downtown area at 20 MPH, and the Castek Park area at 15 MPH – all aye.

City Clerk Annis reviewed City Code Chapter 165.29 with Council, pointing out conflicts in paragraphs 5 and 14, and presented recommendations for changes.

Motion Hynek, 2nd Roeder to approve the Fence Permit Application as presented – all aye.

City Clerk Annis reviewed the current list of various permit fees and other fees with Council. Council directed Annis to bring examples of what surrounding, and similarly sized cities charge for review by Council.

Motion Pudil, 2nd Roeder to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. – all aye.

Shelley Annis, City Clerk