

**CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2025**

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

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

Motion Stagg, 2nd Cline to remove item “b” Approval of the American Legion liquor license and move to the February 10 the meeting agenda, and approve all other consent agenda items – all aye.

Swisher Community Librarian Laura Hoover invited the Mayor and Council to the Library Birthday Party Open House on Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and reported on projects completed with various grants that will be featured at the Open House.

Thomas McDanel, Vice Chair of the Johnson County Livable Community Policy Board reported on the goal of gaining input from Johnson County residents age 45 and over through a survey they are conducting. McDanel asked the City to post the survey to get the word out.

Council reviewed the notice from the Iowa Economic Development Authority City Development Board that they will review the Degen & Sheely annexations into Swisher at their February 12, 2025 meeting.

Council reviewed a Petition to Rezone and Site Plan from Brad & Sandie Degen to rezone parcel #0305452005 located on 120th St NW consisting of 12.58 acres from Agricultural zoning to RS-Residential Single-Family District for future buyer’s development of a home and horse barn. Motion Stagg, 2nd Roeder to refer to the Planning & Zoning Commission for review – all aye.

Council reviewed a letter dated 01/14/25 from the City Attorney regarding an update to Iowa law regarding the party responsible for sidewalks. Council reviewed City Code Chapter 136-Sidewalk Regulations as recommended by the City Attorney. Council requested a Policy example from the City Attorney.

Councilmember Daryl Hynek reported on his conversations with the owner of 78 Rose Ave and progress being made. The owner has torn off the lean-to from the shed building and said the wagon will be removed this Wednesday. The owner indicated that he will have the roof of the garage repaired when weather breaks. Motion Cline, 2nd Hynek to hold off on any fines against the owner as long as progress continues to be made to clean up the property – all aye.

Clerk Annis reported on the finding that the City Code 165.14-Zoning/Building Permits Required is in conflict with Johnson County’s regarding the expiration of a building permit. Council directed Annis to bring forth an Ordinance to have City Code mirror Johnson County’s.

Clerk Annis presented City Code Chapter 17-City Council which dictates when meeting compensation of the Mayor & Council may be changed and when it would go into effect. Council directed Annis to bring forth an Ordinance to amend the per meeting compensation.

Motion Hynek, 2nd Stagg to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. – all aye.

Shelley Annis, City Clerk