

**CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

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

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

Motion Hynek, 2nd Pudil to approve the consent agenda items – all aye.

Liam Wilkins, 200 Swisher View Dr SW presented documentation of clean-up of sewage from his basement from a January 2nd backup from the result of the City's sewer main being plugged. Public Works Superintendent Fields reported that Roto-Rooter found the manhole in front of the property holding water, but has not been informed what the blockage was. Motion Pudil, 2nd Roeder to submit this as a claim to the City's insurance. Cline, Pudil, Roeder, Hynek, Stagg – aye.

Motion Pudil, 2nd Roeder to approve a Parade & Events Permit for Swisher Fun Days including street closings and other requested items – all aye.

Motion Cline, 2nd Roeder to approve an Event Permit for the Swisher Fun Days 5k including street closings – all aye.

Motion Cline, 2nd Hynek to approve Resolution 06-2025 approving a Fireworks Display Agreement with J&M Displays, Inc., Yarmouth, IA for purchase and display of fireworks for Swisher Fun Days on July 26, 2025. Cline, Hynek, Pudil, Roeder, Stagg – aye.

Sonya LaGrange with the Swisher Economic Alliance presented changes to the Lease Agreement with CRANDIC, including changing the lease term from five years to ten years, and that gravel and pavement do not need to be removed at the end of the lease agreement. Council directed the Lease Agreement to be re-submitted to the City Attorney for review with clarification of item number four regarding rent increasing on the anniversary date.

Council reviewed the FY2024 Annual Exam Report noting three items. Motion Cline, 2nd Pudil to accept the FY2024 Annual Exam Report for the City of Swisher – all aye.

Motion Pudil, 2nd Cline to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 13-2025 amending City Code Chapter 15-Mayor by increasing the per meeting attended pay from \$40.00 to \$50.00. Hynek, Stagg, Cline – aye; Pudil, Roeder – nay.

Motion Pudil, 2nd Cline to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 14-2025 amending City Code Chapter 17-City Council by increasing the per meeting attended pay from \$40.00 to \$50.00. Stagg, Cline, Hynek – aye; Pudil, Roeder – nay.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stagg opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m. on a Request to Rezone Parcel #0305452005 containing approximately 12.58 acres and located on 120th Street NW, Johnson County, Swisher, Iowa from AG-Agricultural to 40RS-Residential Single-Family District. Clerk Annis reported that the Notice was mailed to all property owners within 200 feet of the property, published as required by law, posted in various locations, and a sign posted on the property. The City received no comment regarding the rezoning prior to tonight's hearing. With no comment from the public online or in attendance, Mayor Pro-Tem Stagg closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Council reviewed the Request to Rezone Parcel #0305452005 as presented by previous owners, Brad and Sandie Degen. Degen's sold the property recently to Cosme Miranda-Perez and Catalina Miranda who are requesting the rezoning to build a single-family home and a horse barn on the property. Clerk Annis read from Code Chapter 165.22 – RS-Residential Single-Family District, paragraph 3-Accessory Uses, item B which allows for the raising of horses on more than two acres, and within an enclosure at least 300 feet from any residence except that of the owner.

Council reviewed a Memo dated 2/13/25 from the City's Engineer with HR Green and the 2/17/25 Minutes of the Swisher Planning & Zoning Commission. Both parties reviewed the request to rezone, and both recommend the City Council to approve the request.

Motion Pudil, 2nd Cline to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 15-2025 amending the Official Zoning Map of the Municipal Code of Swisher, Iowa by Rezoning Parcel #0305452005 owned by Cosme Miranda-Perez and Cataline Miranda containing 12.58 acres from AG-Agricultural to 40RS-Residential Single-Family District. Roeder, Stagg, Cline, Hynek, Pudil – aye.

Motion Pudil, 2nd Roeder to set a public hearing for Monday, March 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. on the Proposed Property Tax Levy for the fiscal year 2026 Budget which begins July 1, 2025 and ends June 30, 2026 – all aye.

Councilmember Hynek reported that there has been no more progress or conversations with the owner of 78 Rose Ave since January. Motion Pudil, 2nd Roeder to issue an order fining the owner \$15.00 per day from the date of the order. Hynek, Roeder, Stagg, Cline, Pudil – aye.

Council reviewed an updated RFP for refuse and recycling services for the City. Council would like bids due April 10, 2025 for review at their April 14th meeting.

Clerk Annis presented information received from Eagle Point Solar on the option for a Power Purchase Agreement for solar at the waste-water treatment plant. Council wished to invite a representative from Eagle Point Solar the one of the 2nd meetings of a future month.

Motion Roeder, 2nd Pudil to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. – all aye.

Shelley Annis, City Clerk