REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Call To Order: Mayor Christopher Taylor called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Swisher City Hall, Swisher, Iowa on March 13, 2017.

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

Also present: City Clerk/Finance Officer Tawnia Kakacek, City Engineer Tim Cutsforth, Johnson County Deputy Sheriff Brian Adolph.

Consent Agenda: After review and discussion, Stagg moved, seconded by Svec, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Agenda; February 13, 2017 Minutes; List of Claims; February 2017 Clerk/Treasurer Report and Utility Billing Audit Report; renewal of Class C Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Shelton’s Grocery; and notice of opening for Planning & Zoning Commission. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Absent: Gudenkauf and Hinrichs. Motion carried.

Reports:
Sheriff: Deputy Sheriff Adolph noted there are several towns having activities during Swisher Fun Days so there may be low number of reserves but will have coverage for Swisher Fun Days. He noted this will be same for next year as well. Svec noted that some of the truck traffic is exceeding the speed limit thru town and asked if they can patrol Division Street more. Adolph noted they have ticketed some but will increase patrol.

Library: City Clerk Kakacek noted the library is sponsoring the Swisher Easter Egg Hunt for Saturday, April 15th at 11 a.m. sharp and they are taking donations of bags of small pre-wrapped Easter candies to put into the eggs. She also noted the library is selling the library garage door and opener on govdeals.com.

Engineer: City Engineer Cutsforth noted the following: worked on the 2017-18 Street Project recommendations and Central Avenue Drainage Project. He recommended the next step towards Division Street Project is to have a funding plan and to apply for grants which could be done by HR Green or ECICOG.

Mayor: Mayor Taylor reported the following: met with Johnson County Board of Supervisors and went over the proposed amended TIF area and proposed Division Street Project. He noted that Supervisors Mike Carberry and Kurt Friese are the liaisons for the Division Street Project.

Employees: Kakacek noted the following: bridge inspection is done; Park & Recreation Meeting is March 30th, received motor fuel refund; City Wide Garage Sale is May 6th from 8 am to 4 pm with applications to be turned in by April 24th; reserved hazard waste cleanup for 2018 city wide cleanup; going to Iowa Employment Conference in April; created new resident packet that is in their correspondence and looking for any input; need councils’ code books to be updated.

Miscellaneous: Council reviewed Library 1-23-17 Minutes; Park & Recreation 2-16-17 Minutes and Planning & Zoning 2-27-17 Minutes.

BUSINESS:
Central Avenue Drainage Project: Engineer Cutsforth noted they are updating the plans for the project to include drainage to go farther south than what they planned before. This will be ready for the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

2017-18 Street Rehabilitation Project: After discussion with Engineer Cutsforth, Neuendorf moved, seconded by Stagg, to approve 2017-18 Street Rehabilitation Project of recommended list from engineer with estimated cost of $26,000.00 and send out for bids. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Absent: Gudenkauf and Hinrichs. Motion carried.

Public Hearing-Amendment to Urban Renewal Area and Plan: Motion by Neuendorf, seconded by Stagg to open public hearing for amendment to Urban Renewal Area and Plan. Call for vote. All ayes. Absent: Gudenkauf and Hinrichs. Public hearing opened at 7:33 p.m. Kakacek gave overview of amendment. There were no other verbal or written comments. Mayor closed public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

1st Reading of Ordinance #262—Division of Taxes Levied on Addition to the Swisher Urban Renewal Area: After discussion, Stagg moved, seconded by Svec, to introduce Ordinance #262 by title only entitled “AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE DIVISION OF TAXES LEVIED ON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE MARCH, 2017 ADDITION TO THE SWISHER URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 403.19 OF THE CODE OF IOWA” and be given its first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes: Neuendorf, Stagg, Svec. Nays: None. Absent: Gudenkauf, Hinrichs. Motion carried and Ordinance #262 was given its first reading.

Resolution No. 2017-12—Add Street Light: Per request of Kava House to install street light, council reviewed Alliant’s recommended two locations for light. Mayor called for five minute recess for council to go outside and look at street lights on 2nd Street at 7:43 p.m. Council reconvened meeting at 7:45 p.m. After discussion, Svec moved, seconded by Neuendorf, to approve Resolution No. 2017-12 entitled “STREET LIGHTING RESOLUTION” with street light installed on 2nd Street by Kava House and Batteries Included. Roll call vote. Ayes: Neuendorf, Stagg, Svec. Nays: None. Absent: Gudenkauf, Hinrichs. Resolution No. 2017-12 passed.


Set Work Session Date with ECICOG: After discussion, council set work session meeting for Monday, April 3, 2017 at 6 p.m. for Revolving Loan Fund Program.

Signage of Businesses on Division Street: Council and Mayor discussed number of business signs that are at the entrance of Swisher. Engineer Cutsforth recommended to come up with a branding name for general business sign that could be used for the businesses for downtown. It was recommended to wait to do any changes to the sign until Division Street Project is underway. It was noted that the current sign is at its limit for visibility and available space. After more discussion, Neuendorf moved, seconded by Stagg, to not add any more business signs to the Division Street sign. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Absent: Gudenkauf, Hinrichs. Motion carried.

City Wide Cleanup and Consider Electronic Recycling: After review and discussion of electronic recycling information, council agreed not to do electronic recycling with the city-wide cleanup on May 13th from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. It was recommended to have electronic recycling information to hand out on cleanup day.

Correspondence: Council reviewed thank you note from South Slope; IPERS audit letter; planning and zoning workshop information; new resident packet information. Johnson County Sheriff February 2017 Report; Chicken Renewal Permit for 75 Division Street SE; Bridge Inspection Report; Alliant Energy information; Mediacom update were on the council table for review.

Adjournment: Motion by Svec, seconded by Stagg to adjourn. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Tawnia Kakacek, City Clerk  Christopher Taylor, Mayor