

(Subject to Approval)
CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 16, 2020

Call to Order: Mayor Christopher Taylor called Special Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Swisher City Hall, Swisher, Iowa on March 16, 2020.

Council Present: Jerry Hightshoe and James Rowe. Mary Gudenkauf and Rebekah Neuendorf joining remotely. Per Iowa Code 21.8, they are legally allowed to “remote in” to actively participate in this meeting and vote on all items. Absent: Michael Stagg.

Also present: City Clerk Tawnia Kakacek, HR Green Engineer Aaron Granquist, Gene Beard.

Agenda: Kakacek noted the city’s financial advisor recommended not to approve Item 8-bond purchase as interest rates are very high and wait until the April meeting. Motion by Hightshoe, seconded by Rowe to approve the agenda with removing Item 8-Approving Bond Purchase. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approve Jefferson-Monroe Fire Department Request: After review of request to use the \$10,000 the city earmarked for installation of well at the fire department be used for upgrading a defibrillator to include EKG as they are working toward provisional EMT-P(paramedic), Gudenkauf moved, seconded from Rowe to approve request and pay \$10,000 to Jefferson-Monroe Fire Department for the upgrades. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2020-12-Award Construction Bid-Division Street Project: City received bids from: Tschiggfrie Excavating-\$2,198,896.60; BWC Excavating-\$2,257,968.50; Pirc Tobin Construction-\$2,275,723.30; Metro Pavers-\$2,294,335.75; Boomerang Corp.-\$2,375,838.90. After review of city engineer’s recommendation of Tschiggfrie Excavating and questions from the council; Rowe moved, seconded by Neuendorf, to approve Resolution No. 2020-12 entitled “AWARD BID FOR THE DIVISION STREET-PHASE 2 REHABILITATION PROJECT” to Tschiggfrie Excavating Co. of \$2,198,896.60. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Hightshoe, Neuendorf, Rowe. Nays: None. Absent: Stagg. Resolution No. 2020-12 passed.

Resolution No. 2020-13-Tree Agreement-Division Street Project: Kakacek noted she sent the Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement to the property owner by mail and email, plus she called and left message needing the agreement signed by today. Discussion was done if owner would not sign agreement by next Monday, the City would take down the tree. Engineer Granquist noted the tree would probably die due to the digging in the road. After review and discussion, Rowe moved, seconded by Hightshoe to approve Resolution No. 2020-13 entitled “A RESOLUTION APPROVING TREE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA AND DAVID SMITH PROPERTY OWNER OF 125 DIVISION STREET SW, SWISHER IA” and if owner did not respond by Monday, March 23rd, the tree would be taken down by the City. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Hightshoe, Neuendorf, Rowe. Nays: None. Absent: Stagg. Resolution No. 2020-13 passed.

Payment to Hynek Landscaping: Council questioned if the Wendy Shelton’s concerns from last meeting were addressed. After discussion, Gudenkauf moved, seconded by Rowe to approval payment to Hynek Landscaping for \$33,155.00 for Division Street Project pending city engineer recommendation of approval and Wendy Shelton’s concerns have been met. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approve Revised Railroad Signal Relocation Quote-Division Street Project: Engineer Granquist noted the company quoted for one signal relocation even though they had told them relocation of two signals. After review and discussion, Rowe moved, seconded by Neuendorf, to approve revised quote of \$12,500.00 from Zevis Railway Signaling to relocate both railroad signals for Division Street Project. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approve Quote for Electrical Services-Division Street Project: Council and Mayor reviewed quote from E & J Electric and letter from Larry Igou requesting to seriously consider hiring a local contractor and not E & J Electric. Kakacek noted the City has used E & J Electric in the past and has no problem with them. The city needed an electrician to go with Alliant to the different houses where underground electricity was going to be put and give city an estimate. Rowe noted in the future, should have at least 2 quotes. After discussion, Rowe moved, seconded by Gudenkauf, to

approve up to \$11,174.00 from E & J Electric for electrical services on Division Street Project. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor noted and congratulated that Mary Gudenkauf is now the longest council person serving for Swisher.

Adjournment: Mayor adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Tawnia Kakacek, City Clerk/Finance Officer

Christopher Taylor, Mayor