Call to Order: Mayor Pro-Tem Rebekah Neuendorf called the Special Council Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at Swisher Sewer Plant, Iowa on March 26, 2018.

Council Present: Jerry Hightshoe, Rebekah Neuendorf, James Rowe, Mike Stagg. Absent: Mary Gudenkauf. Gudenkauf arrived at 5:46 p.m.

Also present: City Clerk Tawnia Kakacek, Public Works Superintendent Rodney McNeal, City Engineer Tim Cutsforth.

Agenda: Motion by Stagg, seconded by Hightshoe to approve the agenda. Call for vote. All ayes. Absent: Gudenkauf. Motion carried.

Tour of Sewer Plant: McNeal gave tour of the sewer plant and answered questions. Gudenkauf arrived at 5:46 p.m.

After tour, council reconvened at city hall at 6:17 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Neuendorf had roll call done. Council Present: Gudenkauf, Hightshoe, Neuendorf, Rowe, Stagg. Also present: Kakacek, Cutsforth, Norm Neal.

Goal Setting Report: Council recommended the following: reissue a questionnaire to citizens of their goals for the community; present a list of accomplishments in annual report published in the NOJOCO paper. Council stopped discussion on goal setting report to have public hearing on Rose/4th Street Drainage Project.

Public Hearing: Motion by Gudenkauf, seconded by Stagg, to open public hearing at 7:01 p.m. on plans, specs, form of contract and opinion of costs for Rose/4th Street Drainage Project. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Norm Neal expressed concern of costs to replace some driveways on proposed plan. Engineer Cutsforth noted they have explored all options and this was the best option as they wouldn’t need to remove several mature trees; plan will also help drainage on driveways, yards and aligns with plans for future streets. No written comments were received. Mayor Pro-Tem Neuendorf closed public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Approve Plans Rose/4th Street Drainage Project: Engineer Custforth gave estimated dates of project. Hightshoe noted we hire advisors to address these issues as we are not experienced in these areas. After discussion, Hightshoe moved, seconded by Rowe, to approve the proposed plans, specs, form of contract and opinion of costs on Rose/4th Street Drainage Project. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Letter will be sent out to affected residents before project starts and notice of project on facebook and website.

Continuation of Goal Setting Report: Council discussed the following: have annual joint meeting with P & Z to go over the report to be on same page as Council; review goal setting report every December before budget and add short term goals from council and other departments/commissions; have Parks & Recreation Commission representative speak to council on their plans for the community. Hightshoe would like to see small projects done around town involving groups and residents.

Comprehensive Plan: It was noted the Comprehensive Plan aligns with the Goal Setting Report. Rowe suggested to have an electronic survey to citizens of what they would like for the community. Ones that don’t have email would receive questionnaire in the mail. Kakacek will look into electronic survey options and present at future meeting.

Adjournment: Motion by Hightshoe, seconded by Rowe to adjourn. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.