CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Christopher Taylor called the council meeting to order at 7 p.m. at Swisher City Hall, Swisher, Iowa on April 13, 2015.

Council Present: Mary Gudenkauf, Mike Stagg, and Larry Svec. Hinrichs arrived at 7:04 p.m. Absent: Sandy Fults.

Also present: City Clerk Tawnia Kakacek, Superintendent Craig Vondracek, City Engineer Tim Cutsforth, Johnson County Deputy Sheriff, Sonya LaGrange, Rebekah Neuendorf, Norm Neal, Rodney McNeal, Gene Beard, Shawn Irons, Jon Rife, Mitch Lorenz, Emilie Rotter.

Consent Agenda: After review and discussion, Gudenkauf moved, seconded by Svec, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Agenda, March 9 and 16, April 6, 2015 Minutes, List of Claims, February 2015 Clerk/Treasurer Report and Utility Audit Report, Alcohol License Renewal-Class C Beer Permit, Living Quarters, Sunday Sales for Shelton’s Grocery, Alcohol License Application for Outdoor Service for Kava House for Fun Days, and Alcohol License Application and Change of Ownership for Shooters on Second with Brew Pub, Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales. Roll call for vote was taken. All ayes. Absent: Fults. Motion carried.

Citizens’ Comments: Mayor noted citizen can comment on anything that isn’t on the agenda or they may speak at the agenda item. No comments presented.

Reports:
Sheriff Report: Deputy Sheriff inquired of Fun Days date and if need more security then. Sonja LaGrange noted the Fun Days Committee has been working with another deputy on this. He requested information be sent to him as well.

Engineer Report: City Engineer Cutsforth noted he assisted on city insurance requests and recommends City to consider the roads to improve for this next year.

Mayor Report: Mayor Taylor noted Easter festivities went well in Swisher. He thanked WILOS, Swisher Bank, and Library for their work. He attended the Leadership Summit last weekend that was geared for small towns. Mayor noted Small City Workshop is being held in Solon on June 4th and if the council wants to attend, please contact Kakacek.

Council Reports: No councils’ reports at this time.

Employees’ Reports: Vondracek noted they finished cleaning and maintenance of sewer plant, removed snow fence, mowers are ready, cleaned ditches on Division Street, opened park bathrooms, and filled potholes in alleys. They will be mowing within a week, will replace broken signs, paint concession and bathroom doors and fill potholes in streets. Kakacek requested City uses the pictures they have for the website as unable to find old picture of downtown. Council agreed. She noted the following: few council members need to complete their NIMS test, City Wide Garage Sale and Cleanup is in process.

Misc. Reports: Park Board Member McNeal noted refrigerator for concession stand would cost approximately $450 from Menards Council reviewed Park 1-21-15 Minutes and Library 2-23-15 Minutes.

BUSINESS:
Public Hearing to Adopt Knox Box Ordinance: Motion by Gudenkauf, seconded by Hinrichs to open public hearing for adoption of Knox Box Ordinance. Call for vote. All ayes. Absent: Fults. Motion carried. Public hearing opened at 7:13 p.m. Beard recommended City to adopt. No other verbal or written comments were received. Motion by Stagg, seconded by Svec, to close public hearing. Call for vote. All ayes. Absent: Fults. Motion carried. Public hearing closed at 7:14 p.m.

1st and Final Reading of Ord.#246—Adopt Knox Box: Motion by Stagg, seconded by Hinrichs, to introduce Ordinance #246 by title only entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SWISHER CODE OF ORDINANCES
ADD CHAPTER 37 KEY LOCK BOX SYSTEM™ and be given its first reading. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Hinrichs, Stagg, Svec. Nays: None. Absent: Fults. Motion carried. Motion by Svec, seconded by Gudenkauf, that the laws and rules providing that ordinances be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended and dispensed with and that Ordinance #246 be placed on its last and final reading. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Hinrichs, Stagg, Svec. Nays: None. Absent: Fults. Motion carried. Motion by Gudenkauf, seconded by Stagg, to place Ordinance #246 upon its final passage and adopted. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Hinrichs, Stagg, Svec. Nays: None. Absent: Fults. Motion carried. Ordinance #246 adopted.

Public Hearing to Adopt SUDAS: Motion by Hinrichs, seconded by Stagg to open public hearing for adoption of Statewide Urban Design Standards and Specifications (SUDAS). Call for vote. All ayes. Absent: Fults. Motion carried. Public hearing opened at 7:17 p.m. Gudenkauf gave special thanks to all who worked on this. No other verbal or written comments were received. Motion by Svec, seconded by Stagg, to close public hearing. Call for vote. All ayes. Absent: Fults. Motion carried. Public hearing closed at 7:18 p.m.


Street Sweeper: It was noted it would cost approximately $922 to replace sweeper brush and shaft. Norm Neal presented costs to rent sweepers. After discussion, council directed Kakacek to obtain bids for street vacuuming.

2nd and Final Reading of Ord.#244—Rezone Certain Swisher Properties from 12RS to 7RS: Motion by Stagg, seconded by Hinrichs, to introduce Ordinance #244 by title only entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF SWISHER, REGARDING PROPERITIES IN SWISHER, IOWA” to rezone from 12RS (Residential Single) to 7RS (Residential Single) and be given its second reading. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Hinrichs, Stagg, Svec. Nays: None. Absent: Fults. Motion carried. Motion by Hinrichs, seconded by Stagg, that the laws and rules providing that ordinances be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended and dispensed with and that Ordinance #244 be placed on its last reading. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Hinrichs, Stagg, Svec. Nays: None. Absent: Fults. Motion carried. Motion by Stagg, seconded by Gudenkauf, to place Ordinance #244 upon its final passage and adopted. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Hinrichs, Stagg, Svec. Nays: None. Absent: Fults. Motion carried. Ordinance #244 adopted.

Street Improvements: Svec noted there were massive cracks throughout town. Gene Beard noted that he requested his alley to be worked on last year and not done yet. It was noted the downtown alley needs repair. Kakacek inquired how much money they wanted to spend for 2015-16 Street Improvements. After discussion, Council directed City Engineer Cutsforth and Vondracek to review alleys in town and recommend the top two that need work, send out for bids for alley improvements and crack seal of streets listed on Pavement Project Plan for 2015 to be awarded for the May 11th Council Meeting. It was also noted, the work is to be completed in July.

2nd Reading of Ord.#245—Amend Billing for Sewer Service: Motion by Svec, seconded by Gudenkauf, to introduce Ordinance #245 by title only entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF SWISHER, IOWA, SECTION 99.04 BILLING FOR SEWER SERVICE” and be given its second reading. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Hinrichs, Svec. Nays: None. Absent: Fults. Motion carried. After approval of final reading, billing will change to monthly and due the 20th of each month starting July 2015.

Castek Park Concession Stand Improvements: Park Board Member McNeal noted he could purchase refrigerator for approximately $450 and Joe Pond may donate the countertop. Hinrichs recommended him to check other places for refrigerator costs. After discussion, Hinrichs moved, seconded by Stagg, to approve purchase of refrigerator and countertop not to exceed $1,000.00 and if need more, to come back to council for request. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Absent: Fults. Motion carried.
Basketball Court Location at Downtown Park:  After discussion, Gudenkauf moved, seconded by Hinrichs, to table a basketball court at Downtown Park but look into it in the future. Call for vote. All ayes. Absent: Fults. Motion carried.

Park Trail Bids:  After review of bids for resurfacing Castek Park walking trail from E & F Paving of $28,968.00, Kluesner Construction of $24,035.76, and City Wide Construction of $37,062.00, council rejected all bids and referred this back to Park Commission to obtain refined bid for trail from the restroom to ball diamond.

Set Public Hearing Date for Budget Amendment:  Motion by Stagg, seconded by Hinrichs, to set public hearing date for 2014-15 Budget Amendment for May 11, 2015 at 7 p.m. Call for vote. All ayes. Absent: Fults. Motion carried.


Fireworks:  Kakacek noted that J & M Displays and Joey Welton were both interested doing the fireworks for Swisher Fun Days. After discussion, Stagg moved, seconded by Svec to have Monte Whitlock of J & M Displays do the fireworks for Swisher Fun Days at cost of $5,000.00. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Absent: Fults. Motion carried.

City Wide Cleanup:  Mayor requested council volunteers to help with the City Cleanup on May 9th from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Hinrichs volunteered and possibly Svec.

Update on Animal Control Code:  Council agreed with city attorney’s recommendation to hold off adopting Chapter 57 Vicious Animals until state changes are done and change wording for Chapter 55.18-Dispositon of Animals.

Correspondence:  Gene Beard gave fire department update. Council reviewed DA Davidson letter regarding SRF Project requirements, MidAmerican offering trees to be purchased by residents on April 15th, Swisher City Garage Sale and Cleanup Notices. March 2015 Sheriff Report, Building Permit for 314 Orchard Dr., IDNR Brownfield Information, ECICOG information, Mediacom and Southslope updates were on the council table for review.

Adjournment:  Motion by Stagg seconded by Svec to adjourn. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Tawnia Kakacek, City Clerk
Christopher Taylor, Mayor