

(Subject to Approval)
CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 22, 2023

This meeting was also held electronically. Anyone could attend in person, dial-in or connect electronically to hear the actual meeting.

Call To Order: Mayor Christopher Taylor called the Swisher Council Meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. at Swisher Library, Swisher, Iowa on May 22, 2023.

Council Present: Kris Heims, Rebekah Neuendorf, Michael Stagg. Mary Gudenkauf attended by zoom. Absent: Kody Pudil.

Also Present: City Clerk/Finance Officer Tawnia Kakacek, Communication Coordinator Julie Persons, Tim Cutsworth-HR Green Representative, Johnson County Sheriff's Sergeant Mike Hons, Daryl Hynek, Curt Cline, Nick Neuendorf, Gene Beard, Matt Shock- STS Civil Engineering.

Agenda: Mayor Taylor noted a request was to move Agenda Item #9 Extra Police Patrol to right after Citizen's Comments. Motion by Stagg, seconded by Heims to approve the Agenda and moving Item #9 after Citizen's Comments. Call for vote. All ayes. Absent: Pudil. Motion carried.

Citizens' Comments: Gene Beard stated the following: recommend extra police patrol on Wednesday nights as people congregate in middle of Central Avenue and park illegally; wants Fun Days to keep his alley open and don't narrow Central Avenue by 2nd Street; per city ordinance it says number of security guards required for dance hall event is decided by Johnson County Sheriff; there is more trash on streets on Wednesday and Friday nights; the stop sign on corner of Rose and 2nd Street needs to be more visible. Daryl Hynek noted there was a flashing red light hung in the past. Cutsforth noted it is now required to put flashing lights on stop signs and not hang in the air. Council directed Fields to move stop sign where it is more visible. Stagg recommended the city look into LED Stop signs. Curt Cline inquired if the new concrete was being torn up at the new shop building area and if so who was paying for the redo. The Council noted it was the old concrete pad where the shop addition will be installed. Persons inquired why there isn't a 4-way stop sign on Division and Summit. Cutsforth noted according to traffic analysis done it doesn't meet requirements to be enforceable. There would need to be more traffic and turning traffic.

Extra Police Patrol: Sergeant Hons noted they have couple of extra patrols on Wednesday night as had been getting complaints but hard to control traffic when leaving unless an extra deputy is hired. Per Mayor the code states it is the sheriff department that decides how many security guards should be at events and would like sheriff's department to review this ordinance. Hons noted a deputy presence on the property when people leave would be a good deterrent for no spinouts, etc. Nick Neuendorf noted in the spring they could have 200-250 people there on Wednesday nights but seasonal with spring and fall are their busiest time. He noted Swisher has parking issues and would like the City to support the businesses for parking. Rebekah Neuendorf noted the kids are being treated poorly by other businesses. Mayor suggested to review the streets that have "No Parking" signs to see if they are needed or not. R. Neuendorf noted DanceMor has dedicated security at their events. Hons noted there are no issues inside DanceMor when they come but their (deputies') presence outside would help for when patrons leave. Mayor suggested the city get a list of dates when they are busiest. Stagg noted we should look at other businesses and groups and a list of all events and set time frame of extra patrol if they overlap events. The Council directed a letter to be sent to businesses and organizations to get dates of their events and discuss at future meeting.

Resolution No. 2023-29—Award Quote for 2023-24 Street Improvements: Cutsforth reported only one bid was received and was under their estimate. Since the quote came in lower Cutsforth asked if the council would like to do additional streets up to the budgeted \$50,000.00 and for him and Fields to decide which streets with or without council approval. After discussion, Gudenkauf moved, seconded by Neuendorf, to approve Resolution No. 2023-29 entitled "A RESOLUTION AWARDING QUOTE FOR 2023-24 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION" to Kluesner Construction

not to exceed \$50,000.00 with Cutsforth and Fields to decide additional streets without further council approval. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Heims, Neuendorf, Stagg. Nays: None. Absent: Pudil. Resolution No. 2023-29 passed.

Resolution No. 2023-30—Pleasant Hill Preliminary Plat: It was noted Swisher Planning and Zoning and City Engineer recommended approval of plat. This is for 145 lots. After discussion, Neuendorf moved, seconded by Heims to approve Resolution No. 2023-30 entitled “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLAT OF PLEASANT HILL ADDITION”. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Heims, Neuendorf, Stagg. Nays: None. Absent: Pudil. Resolution No. 2023-30 passed. This is within the city limits, located at northeast corner of Swisher View Drive/Gable Avenue and Division Street

Update on Shop Project: Cutsforth noted they had to redesign the plans 3 times for retaining wall, salt shed pad, etc. Due to estimated cost being higher than what was planned, they took out the retaining wall and fence for salt shed area and will build up area to have pad poured with estimation under \$49,000.00. Cutsforth noted Kakacek said there are funds to cover the \$7,000.00 difference. He will send out quotes tomorrow and be reviewed and possibly approved at the next meeting.

Fun Days Requests: Neuendorf suggested having the City pay for police reserves and not the dumpsters, port-o-potties, etc. since this would align with previous discussion of extra police patrol for events. Stagg recommended that be looked at in the future. Mayor noted already had contract for fireworks for this year. After discussion, Stagg moved, seconded by Neuendorf, to approve the following: parade permit, street closures, City pay for port-o-potties, waive vendor permits requirement and allow vendor market to setup on Downtown Park, City provide barricades and put up no parking signs, and allow open containers of alcohol on the closed streets during event operating hours. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Absent: Pudil. Motion carried.

Street Closure-5K Run: After review, Stagg moved, seconded by Heims, to approve Swisher Fun Days 5K Ride/Run/Walk street closures. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Absent: Pudil. Motion carried.

Award Quote-Treatment of Ash Trees: Kakacek noted there was only 1 bid received. Per the bidder email, he didn't think trees #1 and #5 should be treated and believe that there are some other city trees that look better than those. Kakacek will check with the bidder for clarification of email. Neuendorf inquired of history of treatment of ash trees and what was removed. It was recommended to do a work session discussing city trees. After discussion, Neuendorf moved, seconded by Gudenkauf to award treatment to city ash trees for all 8 trees at cost of \$1,555.00 with JLS Green Solutions. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Absent: Pudil. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Neuendorf, seconded by Stagg to adjourn. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Tawnia Kakacek, City Clerk/ Finance Officer

Christopher Taylor, Mayor