

(Subject to Approval)
CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 23, 2022

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 6:30 p.m. at Swisher Library, Swisher, Iowa on May 23, 2022.

Council Present: Mary Gudenkauf, Kris Heims, Rebekah Neuendorf, Kody Pudil, Michael Stagg.

Also Present: City Clerk/Finance Officer Tawnia Kakacek, Public Works Superintendent Justin Fields, Communication Coordinator Julie Persons, Nick Neuendorf, Daryl Hynek, HR Green Engineer Matt Wildman and Tim Cutstforth, Swisher Parks & Recreation Board Member Brad Dahlstrom.

Agenda: Heims moved, seconded by Neuendorf to approve the Agenda. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Address City Process of Purchases with Park & Recreation Commission: Parks & Recreation Board Member Brad Dahlstrom noted he would like to make purchases without council approval as he uses the income from registration and sponsorship to purchase items for Swisher Youth Programs. Kakacek noted the resolutions the City passed allowing staff to purchase up to \$300 without approval and Mayor authorized to purchase up to \$2,000 for emergencies, but before paying the bills they are submitted to council for approval. Dahlstrom noted he wants to pay the bill immediately so not to cause issues in the future. Council asked for ways to allow Youth Program to pay bills on their own. Mayor noted the Council has final say on the bills and are financially responsible for city funds. He also recommended Dahlstrom put on the agenda requesting to purchase up to so much and get council approval. Mayor and Council thanked Dahlstrom for his work with the youth programs.

Resolution No. 2022-29-Award Bid-Pavement Rehabilitation: Cutsforth presented only bid received and made recommendation to approve base bid for streets and alternate bid for alley. Stagg noted alternate bid would be paid out of the American Rescue monies. After review, Pudil moved, seconded by Stagg to approve Resolution No. 2022-29 entitled "A RESOLUTION AWARDED QUOTE FOR 2022-23 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION" to Kluesner Construction of \$27,596.85 for 2022-23 Pavement Rehabilitation and \$13,708.75 for alternate bid. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Heims, Neuendorf, Pudil, Stagg. Nays: None. Resolution No. 2022-29 passed.

Water Study: Wildman presented executive summary of water study. He noted Cedar Rapids, North Liberty, and Poweshiek Water Association would not allow Swisher to connect to their water sources and the only option is Swisher construct a treatment system to produce its 'own potable water. The estimated cost to date is \$26,200,000.00. Gudenkauf said if the city had done it 23 years ago, the estimate cost was \$1,000,000. Wildman recommended the city to start the process for future water even if city doesn't get it until 25 years later. He also recommended to have the new annexations put aside 3 acres each for future city wells. City should plan for future site of water tower and require water mains in new subdivisions. Mayor noted city already has some of these ordinances in place. Gudenkauf thanked the Water Exploration Committee for all their work who were Kris and Glen Heims, James Rowe, Curt Kline, Norm Neal and noted it is up to the Council to decide what to do. Kakacek inquired of grants and Wildman noted there are grants but need to have shovel ready projects to submit. Daryl Hynek asked if survey has been done and if there is a need for water. Gudenkauf noted the surveys they have received residents wanted city water. Nick Neuendorf noted businesses need city water. Wildman and Fields noted if the city did a community water system it has higher standards even better than bottled water. Wildman will drop off copies of Water Study Report for Mayor and Council. Neuendorf would like to identify the current water requirements for new developments

and keep in the forefront. Mayor noted Chapter 166, Subdivision Regulations state the requirements. It was decided Council to review the Water Study Report and Chapter 166 and readdress this at future meeting.

Sludge Management Plan: Wildman presented sludge management plan to submit to IDNR. After review and discussion, Council was okay with Wildman to submit to IDNR as due by June 3rd and approve formally by resolution at the June 13th Council Meeting.

2023-2033 Comprehensive Plan: Mayor noted the city's comprehensive plan expires in 2023 and asked council if they want to just update the plan or start a new one. Pudil noted there are items in the current plan that haven't been completed in the last 10 years. Gudenkauf noted when last plan was done, they had 160 surveys returned so had good input from residents. Options were discussed of using college intern students, engineer or ECICOG. Mayor noted the University of Iowa has application for intern students to do this but at a cost depending how many/type plans we want. After discussion, council directed to have Mayor apply for intern student at University of Iowa and wait to hear back. Kakacek was checking with Iowa State University on their interns.

Alley Improvement: Fields noted he has not heard back from Chalupsky Landscaping for a quote on the alley between Division/1st Street and Summit/Central Avenues, but Chalupsky wouldn't guarantee from last year as there were rocks in those areas. He recommended that he till, reseed, place straw mats down. Fields asked Council if they want to block the alley permanently as the temporary barricades have been moved several times. Pudil noted he would like the alley back to its original condition which was grass and have chains/posts at both ends of the alley. Neuendorf noted the city is not clear of the use of city alleys and looks inconsistent if put chains blocking entrances. Gudenkauf and Neuendorf asked why city keeps the alleys. Stagg noted he would like the alley to be green space and like to keep city alleys for water or other infrastructure in the future. Mayor noted the City has authority to control traffic and prohibit others to park on city owned land. Heims recommended to leave as green space and barricade at north end of alley. Discussion of why the entrance to the alley off Division Street was done and not just curb and gutter. Gudenkauf noted the City has spent a lot of money and time on alleys. Council agreed to have Fields till, reseed, put straw mats down, break up the concrete apron on Division Street if possible and add posts and chains to block off both entrances.

City Website: Persons presented upgrade option for city website with the existing company. After discussion, council directed her to get other options/quotes from other companies. Mayor and Council thanked Persons for her work and looking to improve the city.

Adjournment: Motion by Pudil, seconded by Stagg to adjourn. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Tawnia Kakacek, City Clerk/ Finance Officer

Christopher Taylor, Mayor