

(Subject to Approval)
CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 26, 2021

In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this meeting was also held electronically. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code permits electronic meetings where members participate remotely when in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, which is true during this crisis. Anyone could attend in person, dial in or connect electronically to hear the actual meeting.

Call to Order: Mayor Christopher Taylor called Special Council Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. on May 26, 2021 at Swisher Library, Swisher IA.

Council Present: Rebekah Neuendorf and Michael Stagg. Via conference call was Mary Gudenkauf. She arrived in person at 6:20 p.m. Absent: James Rowe.

Also present: City Clerk Tawnia Kakacek and Chad McCleary of ION Environmental.

Agenda: Motion by Neuendorf, seconded by Stagg to approve the agenda. Call for vote. All yes. Absent: Rowe. Motion carried.

Repair Samplers at WWTP: Mayor gave update from Public Works Superintendent Spoerl regarding the needed samplers repair at the wastewater plant and couldn't find any other companies to quote than the one presented. Chad McCleary of ION Environmental noted the quote was low. After discussion and review, Neuendorf moved, seconded by Stagg to approve of quote of \$2,441.54 from GPM to repair samplers. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Absent: Rowe. Motion carried.

Superintendent of Public Works Position: Chad McCleary of ION Environmental proposed to the council of hiring ION Environment to do all the sewer plant work and maintenance by contract. He noted the City wouldn't have to pay benefits, overtime, weekend testing overtime, etc. plus his employees are grade level 2 and above. Gudenkauf arrived in person instead of conference call at 6:20 p.m. Council noted it is hard to fill the public works position with a grade level 2 for the sewer plant and it would be first step towards a separate position for the sewer plant. Stagg moved, seconded by Gudenkauf to have ION Environmental present contract for sewer plant work and maintenance for next regularly scheduled council meeting. Call for vote. All ayes. Absent: Rowe. Motion carried. Council decided to post position for 40 hours public works superintendent without sewer plant responsibilities at \$18.50 per hour with \$700 monthly stipend for health insurance. Neuendorf will send Kakacek Thursday morning a reworded level of education requirement for advertisement. They directed Kakacek to edit the current public works job description and take out the sewer responsibilities. Council decided timeline for applications deadline of y 4 p.m., June 11,2021 and interviews on June 21,2021 starting at 6 p.m. with 20 minutes per interview. Kakacek will send applications to council and each councilperson will give her their list of top 4 applicants to interview by June 17th.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Neuendorf, seconded by Stagg. Call for vote. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Tawnia Kakacek, City Clerk/Finance Officer

Christopher Taylor, Mayor