

(Subject to Approval)
CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 8, 2023

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

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL 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 8, 2023.

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

Also Present: City Clerk/Finance Officer Tawnia Kakacek, Public Works Superintendent Justin Fields, Communication Coordinator Julie Persons, Tim Cutsworth-HR Green Representative, Johnson County Deputy Sheriff K. Pearson, Chad McCleary-ION Environmental, Daryl Hynek, Curt Cline, Lorraine Bowens and William Gorman from Johnson County Livable Community for Successful Aging Policy Board.

Consent Agenda: Neuendorf moved, seconded by Heims to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Agenda, April 10th and 24th, 2023 Council Minutes; updated List of Claims; April 2023 Clerk/Treasurer Report & Utility Balance Report; Resolution No. 2023-25-Transfer Funds from TIF and LOST to General for Division Street bond payment; Resolution No. 2023-26-Transfer Funds from General to Debt Service for Shop Loan; notice of Board of Adjustments vacancies. Roll call vote. Ayes: Heims, Neuendorf, Pudil, Stagg. Nays: None. Absent: Gudenkauf. Motion carried.

Citizens' Comments: Daryl Hynek inquired several items: why the city purchased a mini excavator and trailer and not keep the tractor; what is the Born Learning Trail. Mayor and Fields answered his questions. Mayor thanked the library and Parks & Recreation Commission again for their work on the Born Learning grant.

Reports:

Sheriff: Deputy Sheriff was present and there were no questions for her.

Engineer: Cutsforth reported the following: worked on sewer project permitting; quote for streets rehabilitation with quotes due by May 22nd; pad plans for salt shed; questions from developer Ralston.

Mayor: Taylor reported the following: had ECICOG meeting few weeks ago on budget amendment and legislation; noted Iowa governor declined \$3 million grant for EPA Pollution Grant but cities can apply for them through ECICOG.

Council: No reports.

Employees: McCleary noted grit removal for sewer plant is scheduled for week of May 22nd depending on weather and may not have to do sludge removal this year. McCleary, Hoover, Persons, and Kakacek written reports are on file at city hall. Kakacek read Hoover letter noting Thomas Winborn planted a butterfly garden in the library lawn next to the building as his Eagle Scout Project plus they planted flowers in the City Hall flag flower bed and library boxes. Mayor thanked Winborn and the volunteers for this project.

Miscellaneous Reports: Swisher Planning & Zoning April 17th, 2023 Minutes and Library Board April 6th and May 3rd, 2023 Minutes were reviewed.

BUSINESS:

Public Hearing on Budget Amendment #2: Motion by Heims, seconded by Stagg to open public hearing. Call for vote. All ayes. Absent: Gudenkauf. Motion carried and hearing opened at 6:46 p.m. Curt Cline said he didn't want to speak against or in favor of budget amendment and asked why the water planning item wasn't in the original budget. Kakacek noted the budget was done in January 2022. Neuendorf noted they

didn't have information on the water at that time. Mayor noted the water planning vote went quickly. There were no other verbal or written comments presented. Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.

Resolution No. 2023-27—Budget Amendment #2: After review, Stagg moved, seconded by Heims to approve Resolution No. 2023-27 entitled 'RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY'S PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 BUDGET'. Roll call vote. Ayes: Heims, Neuendorf, Pudil, Stagg. Nays: None. Absent: Gudenkauf. Resolution No. 2023-27 passed.

Older Americans Month Proclamation: Lorraine Bowens of Johnson County Livable Community for Successful Aging Policy Board noted their group has website, newsletter and working on a survey that will come to the cities and their residents in 6 to 9 months with possible community meeting. Mayor Taylor signed the Older Americans Month 2023 Proclamation and presented it to Bowens.

Alley Improvement: Cutsforth noted the alley between Howard/Essex and Division/1st Street would be used as detour during sewer project. This alley has a path on it now and Cutsforth recommends improving the west half of alley for access during the project but noted this would not be included in the SRF Loan. Cutsforth asked Council if they want Fields to put the rock in the alley or consider this improvement as part of the sewer project and do they want to deal with the drainage problem. Stagg noted Jones property has been dealing with the drainage for years. It was noted that the street curb and gutter to be installed on the project should take care of most of the drainage problem. Mayor noted the road surface had shift to south and suggested moving it back to center of right of way. After discussion, Council decided for Fields put rock in the alley on half west end and not have this as part of the sewer project.

Resolution No. 2023-28—Hire Student Intern: After review, Pudil moved, seconded by Neuendorf to approve Resolution No. 2023-28 entitled 'A RESOLUTION AWARDED POSITION AND SETTING THE SALARY OF R TEMPORARY LIBRARY STUDENT INTERN ON CALL POSITION FOR THE CITY OF SWISHER' to Kelsey Taylor at \$12.00 per hour. Roll call vote. Ayes: Heims, Neuendorf, Pudil, Stagg. Nays: None. Absent: Gudenkauf. Resolution No. 2023-28 passed.

Purchase Trailer: Fields presented quote, reasons to purchase trailer and is covered in the 2023-24 Budget. It was noted that even with the trailer purchase, this item was still under budget by seventeen thousand dollars, and thanked Fields for finding such good deal. After discussion, Stagg moved, seconded by Heims to approve the purchase of trailer from RTL Equipment for \$6,000.00 after 7-1-23. Roll call vote. All ayes. Absent: Gudenkauf. Motion carried.

Send Out for Quote for Ash Borer Treatment: Kakacek presented list of trees that were bid out in 2019 recommended from IDNR Tree Study. Stagg noted he has 2 ash trees that are the city's and not on the list. Kakacek will check into this. Stagg would like to see another review of ash trees not taken down and see how healthy they are. Kakacek noted the city has had 2 IDNR Tree Studies with the last one in 2020 and doesn't believe IDNR will do Swisher for a while. After discussion, Pudil moved, seconded by Heims to send out quote for the 6 trees ash borer treatment at Castek Park. Call for vote. All ayes. Absent: Gudenkauf. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Council reviewed the following: notice of proposed annexation into Cedar Rapids; Downtown Assessment from Downtown Walk; right-of-way permit for 311 Swisher View Drive and 75 Jefferson Avenue. Mayor noted the Downtown Assessment commended Swisher on their way finding signs and thanked Neuendorf for her work on those.

Adjournment: Motion by Pudil, seconded by Neuendorf to adjourn. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.