

**CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 26, 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 6:30 p.m. at Swisher Library, Swisher, Iowa on June 26, 2023.

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

**Also Present:** City Clerk/Finance Officer Tawnia Kakacek, Communication Coordinator Julie Persons, Tim Cutsworth-HR Green Representative, Johnson County Sheriff's Lieutenant Chris Wisman, Heidi Kuhl-Northland Securities, Daryl Hynek, Curt Cline, Nick Neuendorf, Matt Shock- STS Civil Engineering.

**Agenda:** Motion by Heims, seconded by Pudil to approve the Agenda. Call for a vote. All ayes. Absent: Gudenkauf and Neuendorf. Motion carried.

**Citizens' Comments:** Daryl Hynek inquired about TIF and how it affected school taxes. Kuhl explained the process of TIF and the State reimburses the school for the TIF taxes. Curt Cline inquired of proposed sewer rate and noted estimated cost at Water Meeting.

**Extra Police Patrol:** Mayor noted that the rates were incorrect previously so the City had two reserves for the last 2 Wednesdays. Lieutenant Wisman noted the correct rates for police reserves is \$30 per hour per reserve and \$15 per hour for patrol car. Wisman gave update of citations for the last two Wednesdays. After discussion, the Council agreed to have 2 reserves and patrol car for Wednesday nights and revisit at the end of July.

**Sewer Project-Funding, Sewer Rates, TIF:** Heidi Kuhl of Northland Securities discussed proposed sewer rates, TIF usage, etc. for funding sewer project. The Mayor noted the developer wants to use TIF to help with the development costs due to the additional required fire water tanks and water lines to hook up to the city in the future. The Council was not in favor of this. After discussion, Council directed to add to next agenda to set public hearing date for increased sewer rates as incremental increase for the next 4 years.

**Castek Park Trail Final Payment:** After review of engineer's recommendation to pay, Pudil moved, seconded by Heims, to approve final payment of \$4,960.95 to Tschiggfrie Excavating for Castek Park Trail Project. Roll call vote was taken. All present voted ayes. Absent: Gudenkauf, Neuendorf. Motion carried.

**Sidewalks on Division Street:** Stagg noted with the new sewer project there will be new sidewalks along Howard Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Division Street has an area set aside for sidewalks and would like this to be kept on radar. Stagg noted the new development will also have sidewalks.

**Fence for Castek Park:** Kakacek noted Kevin Krug has requested the city put in a fence adjoining Castek Park for his property is getting a lot of traffic from people at the park. The Parks & Recreation Board recommended approval to purchase. After discussion, the Council directed Fields to get 4' chain link fence quotes for the next meeting. The Council will decide at the next meeting if they want to install a fence or not.

**Purchase Drag:** Pudil gave an update from Parks & Recreation Board Member Dahlstrom that the current drag used for the ball diamond is not working. The Parks & Recreation Board recommended purchasing drag and hose up to \$1,500.00. After discussion, Stagg moved, seconded by Heims, to

approve purchase of drag and hose up to \$1,500.00. Roll call vote was taken. All present voted ayes. Absent: Gudenkauf, Neuendorf. Motion carried.

**Trail Cams:** Fields presented quote for 8 trail cams with installation for both parks and possibly city hall or shop. He noted the City would need to pay for internet service at Castek Park for this to work. It was recommended there could be a guest line to connect to at the park. Mayor suggested checking with the city attorney to see how enforceable these videos on cams would be. The Council agreed and directed Kakacek to check with the city attorney.

**Swisher Welcome Signs:** Kakacek presented costs on different signs. The Council discussed branding and signs. Kakacek volunteered to do a draft of contest rules for new branding of Swisher and present them at the next council meeting. Pudil suggested having CR Signs present mockup of Swisher sign with the sign like Oakview.

**Stop Signs:** Pudil recommended to have 36” blinking stop sign on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Rose Avenue. Mayor recommended to check with the engineer to see if opposing stop signs of different sizes are okay. Kakacek will contact the engineer. After review and discussion of stop sign costs and locations, Stagg moved, seconded by Pudil to approve, purchase of 2-30” solar blinkerstop at cost of \$1,618.75 from Tapco each to be installed on Division Street intersecting with Swisher View Drive and Gable Avenue. Roll call vote was taken. All present voted ayes. Absent: Gudenkauf, Neuendorf. Motion carried.

**Various Signs:** Council reviewed the samples of wayfinding signs and Community Wayfinding Signs rules. After discussion, Kakacek will check into more guidelines and report back to the Council. After review of all the signs on Division Street, Council decided to leave all the signs up and not remove any.

**Resolution No. 2023-33—Transfer Funds:** After review, Pudil moved, seconded by Stagg, to approve Resolution No. 2023-33 entitled “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSFER FUNDS” from General Fund to Debt Service Fund-Shop Bond in the amount of \$7,767.86 for interest payment. Roll call vote. Ayes: Heims, Pudil, Stagg. Nays: None. Absent: Gudenkauf, Neuendorf. Resolution No. 2023-33 passed.

**Resolution No. 2023-34—Transfer Funds:** After review, Stagg moved, seconded by Pudil, to approve Resolution No. 2023-34 entitled “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSFER FUNDS” from EMA Levy to General Fund in the amount of \$11,323.11 as required by law. Roll call vote. Ayes: Heims, Pudil, Stagg. Nays: None. Absent: Gudenkauf, Neuendorf. Resolution No. 2023-34 passed.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Pudil, seconded by Heims to adjourn. Call for a vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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Tawnia Kakacek, City Clerk/ Finance Officer

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Christopher Taylor, Mayor