

(Subject to Approval)  
**CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 27, 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 Pro-Tem Mike Stagg called the Swisher Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Swisher Library, Swisher, Iowa on June 27, 2022.

**Council Present:** Rebekah Neuendorf, Kody Pudil, Michael Stagg. Absent: Kris Heims and Mary Gudenkauf. Gudenkauf joined by Zoom at 7:30 p.m.

**Also Present:** City Clerk/Finance Officer Tawnia Kakacek, Communication Coordinator Julie Persons, HR Green Engineer Matt Wildman and Jonathon Kline, Nick Neuendorf, Sandy Steil, Gina Landau-MMS Consultants, Daryl & Carolyn Marak.

**Agenda:** Stagg noted it was requested to move Agenda Item #5 to the first item on the agenda. Stagg moved, seconded by Neuendorf to approve the Agenda and moving Agenda Item #5-Water Study to be the first item on the agenda. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Council Direction on Water Study:** HR Green Engineer Wildman asked Council if they have any questions after reviewing the Water Study. Stagg asked if Shueyville was contacted about joint water. Wildman said not at this time. Wildman noted if Shueyville connected for water and sewer, Shueyville could share cost of installing water but may not save money as there would be costs to upgrade sewer plant. He needs to know what direction the Swisher Council wants to go for City water. He noted the first step is to see if council and community feel it is best to have city water for public health, fire department, etc. Stagg asked if anything has been said with the developers about water. Kline noted the developers are aware they have to do wells. Sandy Steil noted she is working for Mark Ralston and Forrest Ridge LLC. She was at a county stakeholder meeting and Josh Busard brought up rural water with option to leverage their debt ratio. Neuendorf and Stagg would like to ask the county about this and possibly meet with them. Wildman will contact them about this. Steil will send the Water Synopsis she presented to Swisher Council to Shueyville and get their thoughts.

**Rezone Request-Marak Property:** After review of rezoning application and P & Z Minutes recommendation of approval, Pudil moved, seconded by Neuendorf to approve rezoning request from A-Agriculture to CH-Highway Commercial of 6.65 Acres owned by Darrell and Carolyn Marak, Parcel #0308101004 (within the 2-mile fringe area). Call for vote. All ayes. Absent: Gudenkauf and Heims. Motion carried.

**Sewer Upgrades for New Annexations:** Wildman discussed sewer study for new annexations and possibly future annexations. He noted it's taking about 1.5 years for projects to start due to getting the products and contractors. Wildman noted in December 2021 rough estimate was \$1.3 million now it would be about \$1.9 million. He recommended the City get land from the new developers for future city water and tower. Neuendorf noted when sewer upgrades start with work done thru streets, it would be a good time to consider upgrading streets to concrete, curb and gutter. Council asked what should be done now. Kakacek recommended to have engineer draft up agreement to do plan for the sewer upgrades with cost estimate and start looking into bonding for project once get engineers opinion of cost. Stagg recommended to include infrastructure of municipal water lines. Motion by Neuendorf, seconded by Pudil to direct city engineer to draft agreement to do sewer upgrade specs/plans and include water lines. Roll call vote. All ayes. Absent: Gudenkauf and Heims. Motion carried.

**Sewer Line Repair on Oak Avenue:** Kline recommended that the sewer lines for addresses 409, 421, 429 Oak Avenue be connected directly with city sewer main which goes under the creek and would cost less than

replacing the current line and adding manholes, etc. Nick Neuendorf expressed concern of future repairs to line going directly to main as it would be homeowners' expenses. Kline noted if residents line hooks directly to city main, no easements needed but would need a temporary easement with property south and would need permit with IDNR to go under creek. Neuendorf noted the following: would like a visual graphic of this plan; make the affected homeowners aware of this plan to get their input; put this on the next agenda to get the absent councilpersons' thoughts. Council agreed.

Gudenkauf connected in on Zoom at 7:30 p.m.

**2023-2033 Comprehensive Plan:** Kline recommended to include streets upgrades with pavement program to do more than seal coat and upgrade to curb and gutter; put in future streets in development areas. He presented page of Cedar Falls future streets. Neuendorf asked if the engineer is aware of codes for the airport area as that needs to be considered in future developments. Kline noted they will look at those as well. Council directed 2023-2033 Comprehensive Plan be discussed at the July 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Neuendorf, seconded by Pudil to adjourn. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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Tawnia Kakacek, City Clerk/ Finance Officer

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Mike Stagg, Mayor Pro-Tem