REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Call To Order: Mayor Christopher Taylor called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Swisher City Hall, Swisher, Iowa on July 10, 2017.

Council Present: Mary Gudenkauf, Angie Hinrichs, Rebekah Neuendorf, Mike Stagg, Larry Svec.

Also Present: City Clerk/Finance Officer Tawnia Kakacek, Fire Dept. Representative Gene Beard, Lieutenant Brian Adolph from Johnson County Sheriff Department, Jerry Hightshoe, Liam Wilkins.

Consent Agenda: Kakacek noted the Treasurer Report was not ready for approval. After review and discussion, Stagg moved, seconded by Svec, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Agenda; June 12, 2017 Minutes; List of Claims; Alcohol License Renewal and Outdoor Service-Black Squirrel Tap; Five Day Special Class C Liquor License and Outdoor Service-Swisher American Legion pending dram shop; street closure for Swisher Men’s Club Car Show; Resolution No. 2017-31 approving sidewalk release for Lot 4, Fisher’s Fifth Addition. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Hinrichs, Stagg, Svec. Abstain: Neuendorf due to conflict as she is part owner of Black Squirrel Tap. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments: Fire Department Representative Gene Beard noted that he felt it was his responsibility to email the Mayor regarding emergency calls at the park. Mayor noted this has been referred to the Park & Recreation Board for review of park facilities.

Reports: Sheriff: Lieutenant Adolph had no report. Council inquired if there were any calls or problems with fireworks in Swisher.

Engineer: Kakacek read engineer report to mayor and council.

Mayor: Mayor Taylor reported he met with the Swisher Library Board and reviewed operation of library and required reporting. He will be attending the quarterly Johnson County Joint Entities Meeting and if there is anything the council wants addressed, to let him know.

Employees: Kakacek read Vondracek’s report noting that LL Pelling will blacktop 3rd Street this Wednesday and finish the rest of the chip/seal in 1-2 weeks, depending on the weather; they received the new mower today and will clean up the old mower and put out notice of sale. Kakacek noted the following: she will be gone for clerk academy July 26-28th, new utility rates of $63.00 residential and $88.81 commercial started July 1st and will be on the July 30th billing; have several reports to complete for yearend.

Miscellaneous: Council reviewed Library 6-26-17 Minutes; Planning & Zoning 6-26-17 Minutes.

BUSINESS: Resolution No. 2017-32—Install Sign: Kakacek noted the city had received a donation for “Stop Ahead” sign to be installed west of the post office. Svec stated he was not comfortable with person donating for sign when the City should pay for it. Council agreed. Mayor and City Clerk will send a thank you letter to donor and ask him if he would like money back or have it go towards another community purpose. After discussion and review of engineer’s recommendation, Gudenkauf moved, seconded by Hinrichs, to approve Resolution No. 2017-32 entitled “A RESOLUTION ALLOWING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF “STOP AHEAD” SIGN ON DIVISION STREET WEST OF SWISHER VIEW DRIVE WITHIN THE CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA” to be installed 150 to 200 feet away from the stop sign. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Hinrichs, Neuendorf, Stagg, Svec. Nays: None. Resolution No. 2017-32 passed.

Approve Bid to Paint Traffic Lines: Svec felt the proposed painted crossing area on Division Street and Summit Avenue will be hard to see. After discussion, council directed city engineer and public works to look into amber flashing lights and city clerk to contact Alliant about flashing yellow light at intersection. Kakacek noted the city can purchase the warning signs and install at lower cost than quoted by LL Pelling. After discussion and review of
bid, Gudenkauf moved, seconded by Stagg to approve LL Pelling proposal of $2,619.00 for roadway and crosswalk painting on Division Street. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Set Public Hearing Date to Vacate Outlot A, Orchard Heights:** After review of Swisher Planning and Zoning recommendation not to sell city property of Outlot A, Orchard Heights, Mayor Taylor requested a motion to approve resolution to set public hearing date to vacate Outlot A, Orchard Heights. No motion was made. Property will not be sold.

**Consider Licensing Golf Carts:** Kakacek inquired Council if they wanted to license golf carts for it is recommended in the Swisher’s Comprehensive Plan. After discussion, council felt it was not an issue at this time but revisit if it becomes a problem.

**Consider Licensing Animals:** Kakacek noted this was discussed when the Swisher Code Book was codified and inquired council if they wanted to implement animal licensing. After discussion, council felt it was not necessary at this time but would revisit if it becomes a problem.

**Correspondence:** Council reviewed the following: letter of response from Riverside Sports Cars regarding nuisance letter; email from Dan Thayer stating he will no longer mow unimproved 1st Street; email from Dan Seda inquiring why the city would not sell the alley he requested to purchase; letter of response from Michael McDermott regarding nuisance letter; other nuisance letters sent, thank you letter to Kandl and his boy scout troop for fixing picnic tables. Kakacek noted Cerveny has filled the hole in his right-of-way. Building Permits for 417 Central Avenue SE and Mediacom update were on the council table for review.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Gudenkauf, seconded by Neuendorf to adjourn. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Tawnia Kakacek, City Clerk                      Christopher Taylor, Mayor