

(Subject to Approval)
CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 28, 2020

In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this meeting was held electronically. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code permits electronic meetings where all members participate remotely when in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, which is true during this crisis. Therefore, only City Clerk/Treasurer Kakacek was present at the Swisher City Hall at 66 2nd Street SW, Swisher, IA.

Call to Order: Mayor Christopher Taylor called Special Council Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. on July 28, 2020 via conference call.

Council Present via conference call: Mary Gudenkauf, Jerry Hightshoe, James Rowe, Michael Stagg. Absent: Rebekah Neuendorf.

Also present: City Clerk Tawnia Kakacek; attending via conference call were Regenia Bailey-Bailey Leadership Initiative and Library Director Laura Hoover.

Agenda: Motion by Stagg, seconded by Gudenkauf to approve the agenda. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Replace Control Board on WWTP Generator: Mayor noted he received call from Public Works Superintendent Spoerl when city lost power the generator at the wastewater plant didn't automatically start. Spoerl couldn't get it working manually and talked to service company who said the control went bad and need to be replaced immediately. Mayor approved emergency purchase and installation of control board for \$2,439.00 from 3E Electrical Engineering. Gudenkauf moved, seconded by Stagg, concurring with Mayor's decision to purchase new control board and installation of \$2,439.00. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Open Alcohol Containers on Street Closure-Shelton's Grocery 50 Year Celebration: City received request from Tim Shelton to allow open alcohol containers on the street closure. They would not be selling alcohol on the street though. Motion by Gudenkauf. Seconded by Rowe, to approve open alcohol containers on closed 2nd Street on August 8, 2020 from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. Roll call vote. All ayes. Absent: Neuendorf. Motion carried.

Fringe Area Agreement with Cedar Rapids: Mayor and Council reviewed map and agreement and directed Gudenkauf and Stagg to make recommendation to Cedar Rapids to have anything south of 120th and west of Highway 965 as Area B instead of Area C.

Community Survey: Regenia Bailey of Bailey Leadership Initiative went over proposed survey with Mayor and Council. Gudenkauf left at 8:21 p.m. After discussion and review, it was decided the following: survey will be electronic with a few paper surveys available at city hall and library; promote survey thru website, Face-book page, NOJOCO, email list, boards and commissions and Swisher groups; add message to utility billing of survey; tentative date for survey will be first couple of weeks in September. Regenia will present final draft of survey and send to mayor/council for review. She noted there will be a separate questionnaire for mayor/council/staff and discuss at a goal setting meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Hightshoe, seconded by Rowe. Call for vote. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Tawnia Kakacek, City Clerk/Finance Officer

Christopher Taylor, Mayor