

(Subject to Approval)  
**CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA**  
**COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 11, 2021**

This meeting was also held electronically. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code permits electronic meetings where members participate remotely when in-person meeting is impossible or impractical. Anyone could attend in person, dial-in or connect electronically to hear the actual meeting.

**Call to Order:** Mayor Christopher Taylor called Council Work Session Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on August 11, 2021 at Swisher Community Library, Swisher, IA.

**Council Present:** Council present were Rebekah Neuendorf, Kody Pudil, James Rowe, Michael Stagg. Absent: Mary Gudenkauf. Mary Gudenkauf joined at 6:37 p.m. by conference call.

**Also present:** City Clerk Tawnia Kakacek and Gene Beard. Via conference call was Sonya LaGrange.

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Street Shop Building and Land:** Council discussed removing the old part of the shop building, consider building a temporary shop building that would last 2-5 years, set aside monies each year for permanent building and get citizens input on building plans and locations for a permanent shop building. Pudil suggested moving the playground at Castek Park to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street city land and have shop building at Castek Park while keeping ball diamond and pavilion at park. He noted this would alleviate the crosswalk traffic to the park. It was noted there may be historical ties to Castek Park and the shop would still be near a current and future residential area just like on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Wherever the shop building was to be, it would still need beautification and landscaping. Rowe noted if removed the old shop buildings by Downtown Park, it would give 10-12 additional parking spaces for businesses. Pudil suggested once the permanent building was put up, the library could have the temporary building. Mayor noted drawings of proposed shop building could be presented to citizens with different options of bare minimum for building, show add-ons, and with all the bells and whistles. Neuendorf noted we could find short term solution and that would give council time to look at long term solution. Gudenkauf arrived at 6:37 p.m. Gudenkauf suggested having senior dining site on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street property. Stagg suggested community center, library and city hall on the property. Rowe recommend public input on this as well. Rowe noted he doesn't want to leave the city's equipment outside. Pudil recommended that some of the parts could be stored at the buildings at the sewer plant. Gudenkauf suggested looking into properties the city could acquire. After discussion, Mayor directed Kakacek to obtain bids to remove shop building on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street which includes the asbestos and obtain bids to construct temporary building of 40' by 50'.

**Job Description for Communication Position:** Council reviewed samples from City of Ely and the draft Councilperson Gudenkauf created. Council worked on draft done by Gudenkauf. This position would be for 10 hours a week, could possibly work on Wednesdays at city hall. Discussion was to decide which meeting (regular or special) should the job description be approved and send out for advertisement. Mayor urged Council not to put on a special meeting agenda unless an emergency as residents are more aware of the regular meeting dates. After discussion, council members asked this to be on the August 30, 2021 Special Meeting agenda for approval.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Neuendorf, seconded by Pudil. Call for vote. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Tawnia Kakacek, City Clerk/Finance Officer

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Christopher Taylor, Mayor