

(Subject to Approval)
CITY OF SWISHER, IOWA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

This meeting was also held electronically. Anyone could attend in person, dial-in or connect electronically to hear the actual meeting.

Mayor Taylor announced there was a structure fire on 3rd Street yesterday. The family lost their dog and belongings in the fire and people can help the family on Swisher Strong Facebook page. He thanked and appreciated the Fire Department.

Call To Order: Mayor Christopher Taylor called the Swisher Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Swisher Library, Swisher, Iowa on September 26, 2022.

Council Present: Mary Gudenkauf, Kris Heims, Kody Pudil, Michael Stagg. Rebekah Neuendorf joined by speaker phone.

Also Present: City Clerk/Finance Officer Tawnia Kakacek, Public Works Superintendent Justin Fields, HR Green Engineers Cody Buelt and Matt Wildman, Nick Neuendorf, Gene Beard and Glen Heims from Jefferson-Monroe Fire Department. Attended by Zoom was Bre Hortsman from South Slope.

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

Resolution No. 2022-49-Approve Pond View Overlook Plat: After review of Swisher Planning & Zoning recommendation of approval and city engineer noting it met the city's requirements, Pudil moved, seconded by Heims to approve Resolution No. 2022-49 entitled "APPLICATION OF MARY LAND REQUESTING PRELIMINARY & FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF POND VIEW OVERLOOK (Withing the 2-mile fringe area agreement)". Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Heims, Neuendorf, Pudil, Stagg. Nays: None. Resolution No. 2022-49 passed.

Water Study and Plan of Action: Engineer Wildman presented Plan of Action and cost comparison for installing water all at once at \$18.6 million or do a phased approach cost of \$5.2 million. Costs went down due to using Silurian wells without treatment which can be done in wells at Swisher, Shueyville, Fairfax and Ely. Council asked variety of questions: costs, treating of wells, proposed growth, fire flow, water tower capacity, installing of water lines in older area of town. It was noted eventually Cedar Rapids will be at Swisher boundary and have city water. Neuendorf noted they need to look what is best going forward for the community. She stated derecho affected everyone; concern if resident on fixed income had to fix or replace their private current well; businesses can't grow without having their own water source; eventually everything would start to snowball and Swisher would be the laughingstock in corridor as we don't have city water. Wildman noted there are a lot of steps to do before it is taken to the citizens to vote on city water. Wildman noted the University of Iowa will be contacting residents with wells about testing. Gudenkauf noted the history of city water to this point and thanked everyone for their work. She noted it is a tough decision to plan for the future and what is most important for the future. After discussion, Pudil moved, seconded by Stagg to approve the Plan of Action recommended by Wildman and hire HR Green at next council meeting to proceed with this plan of action. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Sewer Line on Oak Avenue: Fields presented quotes to replace sewer line with Option 1: each house has separate line going across the creek to the sewer main and Option 2: connecting the residents' lines as before and hook to different sewer main. Quotes were as follows: Triple B Construction Option 1- \$48,650 and Option 2- \$45,450; Corum Construction Option 1-\$46,797.70 and Option 2-\$44,803.44. Fields recommended to go with Option 1 as the engineer had recommended. After discussion, Pudil moved, seconded by Heims to approve quote from Corum Construction with Option 1 at cost of \$46,797.70 to replace sewer lines on Oak Avenue as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gudenkauf, Heims, Pudil, Stagg. Nays: None. Abstain: Neuendorf. Motion carried.

Approve Quote to Repair Concrete Around Manholes-Alan Avenue: After discussion and review of quote, Gudenkauf moved, seconded by Heims, to approve quote from H.F. Hartin of \$1,920.00 to repair concrete around manholes on Alan Avenue. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Shop Building Project: Fields presented estimated costs to complete the shop building on 3rd Street, addition, and moving hoop shed. Pudil noted he doesn't want to make recommendation until the city has the engineer draft plans for the whole project including addition, landscaping, layout of the property, aesthetics, etc. Gudenkauf agreed on the aesthetics. Pudil asked for Finance Officer Kakacek recommendation of amount to borrow for whole project. Kakacek recommended \$350,000. After discussion, Pudil moved, seconded to do a loan for \$350,000 at 10 years and direct city engineer to draft plans as stated above. Roll vote was taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Gudenkauf suggested to incorporate green space if available for parks.

Comprehensive Plan Committee: Kakacek noted the following have volunteered to be on the Comprehensive Plan Committee: Councilpersons Neuendorf and Heims; Planning & Zoning Members Hurlbert and Russell. Parks & Recreation Members are getting back to her on this. She asked Council what businesses to contact to be on this committee. Council directed her to send letter to all the businesses to get a total of 2 volunteers. Council agreed to have the committee to start meeting ASAP.

Fire Department Water Storage Request to Add to Subdivision Requirements: Pudil inquired if the City proceeded to get city water, what would happen to the required water storage tanks. Fire Chief Heims noted it could be removed from the code. Beard stated the following: Jacobs Landing in Shueyville installed a tank and was \$83,000 four years ago; City of Shueyville will update their ordinance to this request presented; there wouldn't be cost to the city except attorney fees to do ordinance. Stagg stated it seems this is trying to be rushed because of the new developers and would like to wait to see if city water election passes. Heims stated the following: this request needs to be in place now then if city water gets approved, the city could remove it from the code; it would be a disservice to the residents not requiring developers to install tank; the city developer is helping the entire community by installing the water storage tank. Neuendorf stated this was a lot to ask developer to pay and feel rushed as we are looking into city water now. She asked if this is to encourage developers to add more lots to cover costs. Heims and Stagg noted the new developer needs to be aware of this. Mayor noted the developer would want to know ahead of time of possible water storage tank being required and not right before they are just breaking ground. After discussion, Pudil moved, seconded by Heims to direct city attorney to draft ordinance of fire department request of requiring proposed developments with 5 or more lots install a 30,000-gallon underground cistern/tank for the purpose of providing fire protection; all residential properties shall be within 1,000 feet of fire protection tank and commercial properties shall install or be within 1,000 feet of 30,000-gallon underground cistern/ tank. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Job Description-Additional Public Works Staff: Fields presented job description for proposed public works position. After review and discussion, Pudil moved, seconded Stagg to approve job description for proposed public works position and with correction from "at least 2 years of additional training" to "preferred 2 years of additional training". Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Advertise for Additional Public Works Position: After review and discussion, Stagg moved, seconded by Gudenkauf to advertise for full-time public works position at \$17.00 per hour, benefits of IPERS, short-term disability insurance and \$900 monthly stipend in lieu of health insurance. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Heims, seconded by Pudil to adjourn. Call for vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Tawnia Kakacek, City Clerk/ Finance Officer

Christopher Taylor, Mayor