

CITY OF HAWARDEN
UNAPPROVED MINUTES REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HAWARDEN CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM
Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 5:30pm

The Council Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Porter; Council Members, Anderson, Bauder, Borchers, Hedden, Jacobs.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jason Metten, City Administrator/City Clerk; Sharole Rens, Finance Director; Mike DeBruin, Chief of Police; Spencer Haacke, Economic Development Director; Jim Pickner, City Attorney; Tom Kane, Public Works Director.

Staff Absent: None

Standard Agenda Items

1a. Approval of January 9, 2008 and January 16, 2008 Council Meeting Minutes. Moved by Jacobs/Anderson to approve the minutes of January 9, 2008 and January 16, 2008 Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

1b. Approval of Claims for Payment. Moved by Anderson/Hedden to approve the Schedule of Claims for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

1c. Open business from the Community (limited to a maximum of 5 minutes per item). Cheryl and John Buntsma from the Northwest Iowa Tobacco Free Coalition were present to explain the issue of Local Control. Their group is trying to make cities aware of the effects of second hand smoke and trying to get cities to sign local control resolutions to give to state legislature to show support of local control of smoking in public places. She gave Council, Mayor and Staff information on these issues.

2a. Mayor's Report. Mayor Porter reported that the Annual Fireman's Ball will be held on Saturday, January 26th in the upper level of the Pro Sport Bistro and urged citizens to support them. The Downtown Re-Development Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 30th in the Community Center to plan for potential improvements in the downtown area. The Iowa League of Cities' Legislative Day is February 20th in Des Moines, and Mayor Porter encouraged Council Members to attend. He also urged citizens to keep their sidewalks free of snow and reminded everyone about no parking on city streets when it snows. He thanked the City Crews for the work in snow removal. He thanked the various groups for presenting to the council during the budget and thanked the many volunteers involved.

2b. Council Comments. None.

2c. Staff Reports/Discussion. Economic Development Director Haacke reported on the upcoming Downtown Re-Development Meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 30th with RSVP's due by Friday, January 26th. Public Works Director Kane reported that he attended an Iowa Pipeline Association Safety Meeting in Sioux City at which safety and using Iowa One Call was stressed and urged everyone to call Iowa One Call at 811 before digging. He also reported on the snow removal progress and urged everyone to be patient. He reported that the City has received a Construction Permit from the DNR for the Test Well planning for this year. City Administrator Metten also reported on the Downtown Meeting and urged all downtown business people and property owners to attend. He also announced that Radon Test Kits are available at the City for \$5.00 each.

Other Agenda Items

3. Budget Reports – Reports by groups about current budget and upcoming budgets: Park Board – Duane Schiefen; Civil Defense – Jeff Nohava; Hawarden Area Partnership for Progress – Patty Anderson; Calliope Village – Committee Members. Each group explained their groups activities and future projects planned for the next fiscal year.

4. First Reading of Ordinance 654 – An Ordinance Amending Title 12, Chapter VI Rates, Section 6.7 “Gas Utility Rates” by Amending 6.7.1 “Gas Utility Rates for All Classes of Service” by Increasing the Rates. Public Works Director Kane explained the increase and answered questions from the Council. Moved by Borchers/Anderson to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 654. Aye: Anderson, Bauder, Hedden, Jacobs, Borchers. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Request from Shannon Nohava, dba as Pro Sport Bistro, 909 Central Avenue, Hawarden for temporary liquor license transfer of Class LC Alcohol License to the Hawarden Community for February 2, 2008 and February 9, 2008. Moved by Borchers/Anderson to approve the liquor license transfers for February 2, and February 9, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

6. a. Continued Budget Review and Discussion. City Administrator Metten presented the Final Proposed Draft Budget and answered questions from the Mayor and Council.

b. Resolution 2008-18 – Resolution adopting a Final Proposed Draft Budget for Publication and Ordering a Notice of a Public Hearing on the Adopted Proposed Final Budget Estimate. Moved by Borchers/Jacobs to approve Resolution 2008-18. Aye: Bauder, Hedden, Jacobs, Borchers, Anderson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Borchers/Bauder to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Ricard R. Porter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jason R. Metten, City Administrator/Clerk