

- **Minutes to be approved at next meeting**

Swan City Council Meeting Minutes

Feb 13, 2025

Present: Mayor Harding, Councilwomen Collins, Millison, Smith, City Attorney Nick Bailey

Visitors: Bill Gobbel, Nermin Hasanovick, Danny Irons, Nick, Keegan Jarvis

The meeting was called to order at 6: 02 p.m.

A motion was made to approve the agenda: 1) Millison 2) Smith All were in agreement

January Minutes reviewed, Nick Bailey requested update to include full language from the Jan meeting agenda that was read out when entering into closed session.

A motion was made to approve the minutes with this amendment: 1) Collins 2) Smith All were in agreement

The floor was opened to visitors. Keegan Jarvis spoke recommending the council to study and adhere to Iowa Code on proper posting of meetings and procedures, claiming continued violations. Further disparaging remarks on council actions. No other visitors spoke at this time.

2025 sanitation service agreement from Country Trash was reviewed. No material changes from last year including fees. Motion was made to approve and sign agreement: 1) Millison, 2) Collins. All were in agreement

Mayor Harding gave update on the upcoming AFR filings and annual budget. Working through the process to complete, and potential for a special hearing later depending on timing needs for approvals.

Discussion on alley in the block between Hawthorn and Hill. Resident inquiry to acquire. Mayor Harding recapped the request, this specific alley was discussed approx. 2 years ago. Points reviewed: access to both properties on all 3 other sides, alley has no additional easement benefits needed.

Public comments received on this specific matter:

Nermin Hasanovic: asking to acquire as he now owns both properties, would make a bigger yard which he keeps very nice.

Keegan Jarvis: In favor, city should sell property not being used. Wants to know how council has figured valuation and what laws tell us we can do it. Mayor Harding stated this hasn't been determined yet.

Nick Bailey reviewed process to vacate street or other public lands – Iowa code 354.23. Smith stated previous discussions on other alleys or streets was regarding accessibility. Not an issue with this alley as it's not a throughway, she is in favor. Collins agrees. Millison sees no downside to proceed. Motion was made to look into the process to vacating this alley: 1) Smith, 2) Collins. All were in agreement.

Water bills system update. Mayor Harding and Bill Gobbel working through entering the bills and noticed there is a small credit error (.90) on some bills. Appears to be a timing issue that resolves itself in the next cycle.

Bill Gobbel then gave IT Updates for the City: He is honoring his verbal agreement to continue IT support for the city through end of 2025. Found some issues with router that needs updated. He is shutting off the network open to public for security reasons, we must have separate access for public and private network. Mayor Harding sent Windstream a LOA for Gobbel to act on our behalf for tech support, does not include any fee structure changes.

Gobbel also indicated all computers must move to Windows 11 by October. He is looking into the cost and effort. He will need to take computers to his house for faster and more reliable network when that occurs.

Motion was made by Smith to enter closed session, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss necessary strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent, where its disclosure would like to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the City in that litigation. 2nd by Collins. Roll call vote, all in favor Smith, Collins, Millison.

7:41 PM Open Session reopened

A motion was made to approve the bills: 1) Collins 2) Millison All were in agreement

Mr. Bailey noted an error/typo in the agenda Heading stated start time 7:30pm, but Agenda itself started 6:30. Motion to approve this amendment: 1) Smith, 2) Collins. All were in agreement.

A motion was made to adjourn: 1) Smith 2) Collins. All were in agreement

Next meeting: Thursday March 6th 6:30 p.m.