



# CITY OF PELLA

## CITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL MINUTES

June 29, 2021

### **A. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR AND ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Pella, Iowa, met in special session at the Public Safety Complex (614 Main Street) at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Don DeWaard presiding. Council members present were: Mark De Jong, Liz Sporrer, Lynn Branderhorst, Calvin Bandstra, Bruce Schiebout, Dave Hopkins. Absent: None. City Administrator Mike Nardini and City Clerk Mandy Smith were present. Five staff members and eighty members of the general public attended in person. Three staff members and two hundred ninety-eight members of the general public attended via conference call.

### **B. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

1. Approval of Tentative Agenda. Due to the number of individuals in attendance, the public forums were reordered to the beginning of the agenda. Branderhorst moved to approve the tentative agenda as amended, seconded by Bandstra. On roll call the vote was: AYES: 6, NAYS: None. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC FORUM (comments regarding agenda items or any additional comments from the public)**

Comments relating to the City of Pella statement regarding the Pella Aquatic Center and comments in support of the Pella Community Center were received and addressed.

### **C. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Hopkins moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Sporrer. On roll call the vote was: AYES: 6, NAYS: None. Motion carried. The following items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Official Council Minutes for June 15, 2021
2. Report of Committees
  - a. Policy and Planning Minutes for June 15, 2021
  - b. Board of Adjustment Minutes for April 19, 2021
  - c. Library Board Minutes for May 11, 2021
3. Petitions and Communications
  - a. Renewal of Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Des Moines Rock City, LLC, DBA Sports Page Bar and Grill

Council adjourned for a brief intermission from 7:53 p.m. to 7:59 p.m.

### **D. PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A discussion was held regarding the Pella Community Center with no formal action taken by Council.

### **E. ORDINANCES**

1. Ordinance No. 995 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MUNICIPAL TELECOMMUNICATION UTILITY RATES IN THE CITY OF PELLA, IOWA."

Schiebout moved to place ordinance no. 995 on its first reading, seconded by De Jong.

On roll call the vote was: AYES: 6, NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schiebout that the statutory rule requiring said ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, seconded by Branderhorst.

On roll call the vote was: AYES: 6, NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Schiebout moved that ordinance no. 995 be adopted, seconded by De Jong.

On roll call the vote was: AYES: 6, NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**Mayor DeWaard declared the ordinance duly passed and adopted.**

BACKGROUND: This ordinance amends the previously approved municipal telecommunication utility rates to remove the fee for managed wifi. As background, in May of 2020, Council approved a preliminary telecom utility rate schedule. Furthermore, on May 18, 2021, Council approved an amendment to the rate ordinance to incorporate a new rate schedule and other fees that were not included in the original rates. The proposed ordinance under consideration removes the managed wifi fee of \$10 per month. If approved, managed wifi will be offered as part of the internet service offerings with no additional fees. All other previously approved telecommunication utility rates will not change with this ordinance.

In summary, staff is recommending approval of this ordinance which removes the managed wifi rate for our municipal telecommunication utility as outlined above. In the future, as other services are prepared for customers (television, commercial telephone, etc.), the ordinance will be amended to accommodate the associated rates.

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance  
REPORT PREPARED BY: City Administration  
REVIEWED BY: City Administrator, City Clerk  
RECOMMENDATION: Approve ordinance

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business claiming their attention, Branderhorst moved to adjourn, seconded by Hopkins. On roll call the vote was: AYES: 6, NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.