

City of Ida Grove
City Hall
March 20, 2017

Mayor Whiteing called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Paul Cates, Scott Tomlinson, Jeff Buehler, Doug Clough and Ryan Goodman. Others present were Deputy Clerk Heather Sweeden, Attorney Peter Goldsmith, Wastewater Superintendent Mark Nielsen, Parks Superintendent Bob Lorenzen, Streets Superintendent Gerrod Sholty, Gregor Ernst, Beth Jones, Verdean Kruse, Dave Larson, Judith Andresen, Ida County Sanitation's Justin Georg, and Ed Sohm, Ida County Emergency Management Coordinator.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to amend the agenda adding new lighting for the Community Hall, seconded by Council Member Cates.

Motion by Council Member Clough to approve the amended agenda, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Justin Georg proposed going to a standardized garbage can. Ida County Sanitation would supply each residence with one can and any additional cans would be the home-owners responsibility to purchase. The new plastic garbage cans would be utilized with a new truck that uses a hydraulic arm to dump the garbage.

Ed Sohm discussed his concerns regarding the low number of active volunteers on the Ambulance Crew. Sohm noted that even though Battle Creek and Ida Grove are currently sharing employees, it is critical they find new recruits and are looking for community support.

Mark Nielsen presented his retirement resignation effective July 4, 2017. Nielsen has dedicated 31 years of service to the City. Discussion was held on options and requirements of obtaining a new Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, financial reports, the March 2nd and March 6th minutes, a Class B Wine, Class C beer, Class E liquor license and Sunday Sales for Ida Liquor, a Class A liquor, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales license for Ida Grove Golf & Country Club and the Fire Department, Rec Center and Library financials, second by Council Member Cates. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Gregor Ernst, Dave Larson, and Judith Andresen were present to express their interest in the upcoming Ward I Council Vacancy that will be available when Councilman Buehler steps down. Buehler plans to step down at either the April 3 or April 17 meeting due to moving outside of City limits. On Tuesday the Council became aware that Andresen does not live in Ward I and is not eligible for the upcoming vacancy. The Council plans to make a final decision to appoint a new Ward I Council member at one of the April meetings.

Final payment of \$3684.00 to RDG continues to be held until issues with the frosting doors and flawed windows are fixed.

Council reviewed a bid from Edsen Electric to update the lighting in the Community Hall with LED lights. Motion by Council Member Clough, seconded by Council Member Tomlinson to approve new lighting at a cost of \$3997.00 before rebate and \$2797 after possible rebate. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Fundraising for the King Theatre is going very well. Several pledges have been made but the board is looking for continued donations from the community. The aggressive goal is to show a movie in December. Council decided to add another account at UBI to track donations and make it easy for donors be set up to have their donation automatically withdrawn.

There are no changes with Verizon or the Iowa Municipal Benefits Plan.

The outdoor pool is currently being drained in preparation of the re-plastering project to start in early April.

OMG Midwest is scheduled to begin the Airport crack repair at the end of April.

Motion by Council member Clough to temporarily close a section of the trail that is believed to be undermined near the high school and hospital until further notice, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council Member Cates spoke with Godbersen Smith, Council Members are prepared to pay Godbersen Smith for the work that is completed.

No new update with the Flood Plain Project.

Motion by Council Member Tomlinson to approve Resolution Number 2017-4 for Ordinance 551 revising the ordinance pertaining to peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants in the City of Ida Grove, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Tomlinson to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 551, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

**Resolution Number 2017-4
Resolution amending the code of ordinances for the City of Ida Grove, Iowa
relating to peddlars, solicitors and transient merchants**

WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove, Iowa desires to revise the ordinance relating to peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants.

WHEREAS, an ordinance regulating peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

IT WAS THEREFORE moved by council member Tomlinson and seconded by council member Clough that the ordinance set forth in the attached Exhibit A be approved.

Said resolution is passed by city council by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

Ayes – in favor of enactment of the resolution. Tomlinson, Clough, Cates, Goodman and Buehler.

Nays – namely opposed to the enactment of the resolution. None.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Council Member Tomlinson and seconded by Council Member Clough that the second and third readings of the Ordinance be waived so it could be effective as soon as it is published in the newspaper.

Ayes – in favor of the enactment of the resolution. Tomlinson, Clough, Cates, Goodman, Buehler.

Nays – namely opposed to the enactment of the resolution. None.

APPROVED by the City Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor of the 20th day of March, 2017.

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Sweeden, Deputy Clerk

Council discussed utilizing up to 15 emails that come as part of the new website package through SpireWorks, so that all City emails would be consistent ending in @idagroveia.com. This will be added to a future agenda after the City Administrator is in place.

Council reviewed the updated Equipment Revolving Fund with Consultant Marlo Schoer and were pleased with the values indicated.

Motion by Council Member Clough to approve paying expenses for any Council Member and the Mayor to attend the upcoming Midstates conference in South Sioux City on April 6th, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council reviewed information regarding MidAmerican Energy's process to convert existing streetlights to more efficient LED lighting. Council agreed to choose the standard conversion option which allows MidAmerican to convert at their pace over the course of 10 years at no cost to the City, as opposed to paying \$100 per light to complete the project more quickly.

Motion by Council Member Tomlinson to approve a new printer for City Hall at \$422.00, second by Council Member Clough, motion passed unanimously.

Council discussed the expenses for the out of town City Administrator applicants which are set to arrive this weekend. Motion by Council Member Cates to approve paying .54/mile, meals and lodging expenses for Marc and rental car, gas, meals and lodging for Gerald, second by Council Member Buehler. Council member Clough abstained from voting as he is one of the 5 finalists for City Administrator and Tomlinson abstained from voting as his wife is one of the 5 finalists. Ayes: Buehler, Goodman and Cates. Abstain: Clough and Tomlinson. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to adjourn, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, Deputy Clerk

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor