City of Ida Grove

City Hall

April 3, 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, Marlo Schoer, Ross Ladwig, Jeanette Todd of Kidzone, Gregor Ernst, Deb Loger, Jerry Bendixen, and Sheriff Wade Harriman.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to amend the agenda to approve a Library Board Member and to approve advertisement costs for the SMART shopper and Sioux City Journal, 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.

Jeanette Todd from Kidzone child care center was present to request placement of speed limit and children at play signs placed on both sides of the newly opened Child Care Center on Pin Oak Drive. Currently there are no signs posted near the center to alert drivers to slow down and watch for children. Motion by Council Member Goodman to place a speed limit and a children at play sign on each side of the Curve of Pin Oak Drive, seconded by Council Member Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Sheriff Harriman was present to give his report. Deputy Ehlers will return from training this weekend with a second Canine. In August, the Sheriff’s department plans to host a 3 day USPCA regional recertification event in Ida Grove. There will be between 40-50 officers going through the recertification process at that time. The last day of the event will be held at the High School football fields and open to the public to attend the recertification ceremony. Harriman also reported the communications center will temporarily be set up in the meeting room while the comm. center is under construction for the next 2-3 weeks.

Jerry Bendixen asked to be put on the next agenda regarding covenants on River View Lane.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, financial reports, and the March 20th and March 28th minutes, second by Council Member Buehler. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Discussion was held on the upcoming Ward I council vacancy. The four interested candidates are: Ross Ladwig, Gregor Ernst, Duane Swensen, and Dave Larson. Council Member Buehler will resign prior to the next Council Meeting; the Council will vote at the April 17th meeting to appoint one of the four interested parties to finish the term which is up for election this November.

Red Oak Glass plans to come and address the issues with Brenner’s flawed windows soon.

Fundraising for the King Theatre is still going strong and the demolition process is in full force.

Nothing new to report with the trail repair or the flood plain update.

There was an error discovered in the numbering of previously approved Ordinance 551 which should have been Ordinance 552.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve renumbering Resolution 2017-4 for Ordinance 551 to Resolution 2017-4 for Ordinance 552; revising the ordinance pertaining to peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants in the City of Ida Grove, seconded by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 552, 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 Goodman 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 Goodman and seconded by Council Member Clough that the second and third readings of the Ordinance by 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 3rd day of April, 2017.

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Devlun Whiteing, Mayor

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Heather Sweeden, Deputy Clerk

Motion by Council Member Tomlinson to approve two keypad locks for the restrooms at the ballfields, seconded by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. This will eliminate passing around and keeping track of keys to organizations utilizing the fields and allow coach’s to have a code to open the restrooms for use.

Verizon agreed to pay $2,000 per month for the water tower lease agreement. Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve the right of entry agreement between Verizon and the City of Ida Grove, seconded by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Currently, the City’s ordinance books are in major need of getting updated. Council Member Tomlinson will check with SIMPCO to see if they have any grants available to help cover the costs of possibly doing a digital update.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve purchasing a watch for Water Superintendent Lon Schluter and Wastewater Superintendent Mark Nielsen as a token of the City’s appreciation for their 30+ years of service to the City; up to $250 per watch plus engraving, seconded by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Library currently has an open board seat. Motion by Council Member Clough to approve Tom Grell for a 6 year term on the Library Board, seconded by Council Member Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Discussion was held on placing an advertisement in the Sioux City Journal and SMART shopper to showcase Ida Grove and Heritage Days.

The Personnel Committee made a recommendation to offer Marc Dennison of Wisconsin the City Administrator position. Motion by Council Member Goodman to offer Marc a salary of $65,000/year, a relocation allowance of $3,000 after taxes, and up to three weeks of vacation with standard sick days, seconded by Council Member Buehler. Council Members Clough and Tomlinson abstained from voting. Ayes: Goodman, Buehler, Cates. Abstains: Tomlinson, Clough. Motion carried.

Council Member Goodman reported that the job posting for the upcoming Wastewater Superintendent opening has been sent to the paper and will be posted on the Iowa League of Cities site. City Hall plans to send letters to Grade II certified operators in the state informing them of the position.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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