

City of Ida Grove
City Hall
September 5, 2017

Mayor Pro Tem Paul Cates called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Scott Tomlinson, Gregor Ernst, and Ryan Goodman. Others present were Deputy Administrator Heather Sweeden, Rec Center Director Chelsea Gross, Outdoor Pool Manager Whitney Francis-Simonson, Jeffrey Williams, Rhett Leonard, Raymond Drey, Attorney Peter Goldsmith. Administrator Marc Dennison, Councilman Doug Clough and Mayor Devlun Whiteing were absent.

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

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, second by Council Member Ernst. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Council briefly discussed the Downtown Revitalization Project. They would like Administrator, Marc Dennison, to check with Mark Brenner to be sure there aren't any more leaks or issues with his windows and are prepared to make the final payment to RDG if there are no more complaints.

Cates reported that the side footings have been poured at the King Theatre, no other updates at this time.

Discussion on the Pleasant Valley Trail Grant Proposal was tabled until the next meeting.

Ernst conducted research on how much other City's with T hangars charge for hangar rent at their Airports. Several ideas were thrown out as far as charging a flat fee based on the two different square footages we have to offer, a last-in first-out policy if the City is needing to open up a hangar for someone who needs to store aircraft, timelines for evacuating the storage space, and a termination clause for non-payment. Ernst will draft a lease and give to City Attorney Peter Goldsmith and the other City Council members for approval.

Rhett Leonard and Jeffrey Williams were present to ask for the City's support in amending the current Urban Renewal Area to include the Ida Grove Wind Farm #1. Councilman Ernst has concerns with the wording of the agreement. Goldsmith will get some clarification and Council will revisit this at the September 18 meeting. Councilman Goodman expressed the City's desire to have a good working relationship with the County and would like to approve this agreement, however the City needs to look into how changing the agreement could possibly affect the City in the future.

Councilman Goodman stated he had sent Dennison a list of firms to send the RFQ for a City Engineering Firm. Sweeden will check with Dennison to see if the RFQ's have been sent.

Discussion on Sludge Hauling, the Sale of the King Theatre, Moorehead Avenue Bridge, and Fireworks Ordinance were all tabled until a future meeting.

The committee on Policy and Planning have not yet been able to meet regarding the Pool and Hot Tub Ordinance, but are hoping to meet next week.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve the third and final reading of the Resolution to Amend the Code of Ordinances to Prohibit Vehicle Parking in Front Yards, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017- 15
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF
IDA GROVE, IOWA BY ENACTING AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT VEHICLE
PARKING IN FRONT YARDS

WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove, Iowa desires to amend its ordinances to prohibit vehicle parking in front yards; and

WHEREAS, an ordinance doing so is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

IT WAS THEREFORE moved by Council Member Goodman and seconded by Council Member Tomlinson that the ordinance set forth in the attached Exhibit A be approved.

Said resolution is passed by City Council by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

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

Nays – namely opposed to the enactment. None.

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor on the 5th day of September, 2017

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marc Dennison, City Administrator

Sweeden reported they are still waiting to get quotes back from all the insurance companies regarding health insurance. Goodman asked that City Hall collect all the information from three companies so it can be discussed at the September 18 meeting.

Whitney Francis-Simonson gave a recap regarding the outdoor pool. They offered more options for group lessons this year and saw a better turnout, so they plan to continue that for next season. She reported that having the early sales for season passes was a success and really helped reduce congestion on opening day. A few new rules were implemented this year such as: you must be seven years of age to pass your deep end test and seven years of age to come to the pool without adult supervision. The transition to these rules went smoothly and the staff was pleased with the results. A few highlights from the staff: they enjoyed teaching swimming lessons and especially seeing the kids grow in their swimming and become braver in the water. Francis-Simonson reported she would make supper for the guards at times if they had worked a long weekend or double shifts. The staff seemed to really enjoy this and Council discussed possibly throwing a party for pool staff each summer. Rec Center Director, Chelsea Gross, reported their pool parties were up from last year, they received several compliments on the re-plastering of the pool floor, and there were 21 dogs this year for the annual doggy dip! Gross received a quote of \$31,011 from Slide

Inspection to resurface the outside and inside of the water slides. She was happy to report that the slides are in great shape otherwise. She also received a quote for roughly \$8,000 to replace the pool cover. Gross and Francis-Simonson agree they would rather see the money spent towards the slides rather than to replace the cover. Gross informed the Council that they may increase the prices of season passes next year. Councilman Cates asked that the pool post their policies for everyone to see during the pool season.

Councilman Goodman will look into the wording of raising dog licensing fees. Council has discussed possibly raising the fees from \$1.00 to \$10.00 per dog.

Sweeden will check with Dennison to see if the Request for Bids on the Airport Fuel Tank have gone out.

Councilman Cates will check with Ron Bresnahan to see when he can start work on the Test Well. The question was raised as to whether Hemer's Plumbing can also give a quote for this. Cates will check into this as well.

Discussions of the Ida Grove Recreation Valley, Online Management System, and Third Party Vendor for Online Bill Pay were all tabled until the next meeting.

Councilman Goodman would like Dennison to check into the Storage of Dirt and Hauling from the Highway 20 Project. The City has been offered free dirt, but would need to pay for the hauling of it. Council would like to get some of the dirt but needs to find a place to store it, decide how much to get, and get the cost of the hauling. Dennison will report on this at the next meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Cates opened the tree bids for cutting down eleven trees at the City Park. Lansink's Tree Service came in at \$2740.00 and Ratchet Tree Service bid was \$4600.00. Motion by Council Member Tomlinson to approve Lansink's bid at \$2740.00 to remove eleven trees from City Park, seconded by Council Member Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Council will discuss a plan for tree replacement at the next meeting.

Councilman Goodman reported on the 2017 Tank Maintenance Project for Water Superintendent, Lon Schluter, who was unable to attend the council meeting. Schluter would like to try a new company, Midco Diving & Marine Services, Inc. The company the City has hired in years past has to drain the tower in order to clean it. For \$600.00 more than the previous company, Midco has divers that enter the water tower and clean it without draining. Discussion was held as to how often the maintenance is needed and if the extra \$600.00 is budgeted. Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve Midco to perform the Tank Maintenance at the water tower as long as the maintenance is not done more than once yearly, seconded by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Sweeden reported on the discussion of the City Hall Improvement Project. City Hall has not been updated for several years and is in need of some repairs. The roof in the Community Hall leaks when it rains and the wind is just right, and City Hall receives several complaints monthly on the appearance and musty smell of the building. Sweeden was asking for direction, as the idea of acquiring a new building has been thrown around in the past. Council advised her to get some estimates from local contractors on what it would take to repair and update the current building. After the estimates are received Sweeden will present them to the Council and they will then decide how to proceed.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve Madison Lansink as a Rec Center Lifeguard at \$9.00/hr. and Rachel Shoumaker as a Rec Center Receptionist at \$7.25/hr. Second by Council Member Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Discussion of the City HazMat Recycling/Disposal Policy and Procedure was tabled until the next meeting.

Council would like to get more information regarding the contract negotiations with AT&T. Discussion of renegotiating their antenna rental fees will take place at the September 18, 2017 meeting.

In other business: Goldsmith addressed the Council regarding moving to paperless council meetings. Goodman reported he has received 1 quote and will work on getting another one. Goldsmith also noted he would like to see more signs placed on the Pleasant Valley Trail intersections. This will be discussed further at the next meeting as well.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, Deputy City Administrator

Paul Cates, Mayor Pro Tem