

CITY OF IDA GROVE
CITY HALL
AUGUST 26, 2016

Mayor Morris Hurd called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with the following members present: Jeff Buehler, Douglas Clough, Ryan Goodman and Scott Tomlinson. Council member Paul Cates was absent. Assistant City Attorney Peter Goldsmith also was present and would be taking minutes in the absence of City Clerk Ball.

Motion to approve the agenda by Douglas Clough, seconded by Ryan Goodman. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Item 4 on the agenda, cost of repairs to the east wall at 407 Second Street. Mayor and council discussed short term and long term budgeting. The Mayor reminded the council that the City was only obligated for 30 foot of the east wall because this was the length of the common wall with the former Baxter Hotel. In response, it was noted that the cost to tuck point just the 30 foot wall section would be \$28,000, based on the lowest bid received. The EFIS System would cost at most \$23,000. This was the solution recommended by the engineer hired by the City to study the problem. However, to be effective, the EFIS System would have to cover the entire 60 foot wide wall. It was noted that the cost for the EFIS System, even covering 60 foot would be less than the cost to tuck point just the 30 feet, so the City would save money with the EFIS proposal. The consensus was that the owner of the adjoining building should be asked to pay part of the cost for the EFIS System, because it would cover the entire 60 foot wall. It was pointed out that he had already been asked to contribute and declined. The consensus was that he should be asked again, but if he declined again, the City should go ahead with the EFIS System because it was cheaper than tuck pointing just the 30 foot. Motion by Ryan Goodman for the City Attorney's office to contact the owner today to ask, again, if he would contribute to part of the costs of the EFIS System, and, if he agreed, then to accept his contribution and proceed with the work, second by Council Member Tomlinson. The motion was also that if he did not agree to contribute, then the City would pay \$19,000 for the EFIS System, subject to receipt of bills and up to \$4,000 for associated costs, subject to receipt of bills, the total amount to be no more than \$23,000. The City Attorney's office also was directed to prepare a contract with the building owner in which the building owner released the City from any further liability in exchange for these payments. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Scott Tomlinson and seconded by Douglas Clough. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Morris C. Hurd, Mayor

Peter A. Goldsmith, City Attorney