

City of Ida Grove
City Hall
October 17, 2016

Mayor Morris Hurd called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. with the following members present: Scott Tomlinson, Jeff Buehler, Ryan Goodman, Paul Cates and Doug Clough. Others present were City Clerk Edie Ball, Tammy Newharth and Bethany Jones. Attorney Goldsmith was absent.

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

Tami Neuharth asked for permission to put a tube with fill dirt in a drainage ditch by her home. The Council agreed to her request with instructions that she work with Gerrod Sholty, Street Superintendent, and paid for all materials and the work.

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

Mayor Hurd announced there was no updates on the new well.

Council Member Buehler reported meeting with Michelle O'Reilly, Iowa Interactive, on merchant card services for utility payments and donations. The next step is to get information on the City accounting system on how the two would work together.

Mayor Hurd indicated replacing Moorehead Avenue will not occur this fall. During snowfall there may be some difficulty for trucks turning into Cenex for fueling, and the City Crew will be advised not to pile snow on the median.

Mayor Hurd reported for Attorney Goldsmith that he has written a letter to Verizon for leasing tower space, and he has not heard any response.

Council Member Cates reported Park Superintendent Bob Lorenzen is considering a hunting camera for security at the ballfield concession stand. It was suggested purchasing the camera locally.

Council Member Clough reported the King Theatre community input meeting was well attended. The attendees provided input and the next step will be architectural drawings. Council Member Cates plans on taking off the roof vents this week and will be coordinating this with the TC Roofing.

The Northwest Iowa League of Cities meeting is scheduled for Thursday. Mayor Hurd, Council Members Goodman and Tomlinson plan on attending. Rita Frahm, Ida County Economic Development, will be speaking on the benefits of Highway 20 improvements.

Mayor Hurd informed the Council the next County Wide Law meeting is on November 15th. He plans on contacting other similar cities in size to Ida Grove on what their communities spend on law enforcement. Also, the jail needs to be included in county wide law budget.

Motion by Council Member Buehler to approve Tri-State Paving to do the airport runway rehabilitation for \$48,510.00, second by Council Member Goodman. On a unanimous vote motion carried. The airport rehab will done in the spring.

Motion by Council Member Buehler to approve paving the alley located off of 7th Street across from the Lutheran Church with a 4" lift, second by Council Member Goodman. The motion failed as all Council member voted nay. It was decided to

review street repairs needed with the City Street Superintendent before making a decision.

Motion by Council Member Buehler to approve Downtown Revitalization Payment Application #9 for \$19,796.95 to Cornerstone Commercial Contractors, second by Council Member Goodman. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

The Council reviewed Calhoun-Burns and Associates noting in the next two years Moorehead Avenue Bridge deck will need to be replaced for approximately \$500,000. This would extend the life of the bridge another 20-years. Funding for deck replacement would not be available. Generally bridges have to have weight limit posting before receiving funding.

The Council reviewed the tree list and asked the list be given back to the City Crew to take any trees off the list that they could remove.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve paying Tri-State Drywall Co. \$19,100.00 for the east wall at 402 2nd Street, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Morris C. Hurd, Mayor

Edith Ann Ball, City Clerk