

City of Ida Grove
City Hall
December 19, 2016

Mayor Morris Hurd called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Scott Tomlinson, Doug Clough, Ryan Goodman and Paul Cates. Others present were Deputy Clerk Heather Sweeden, Attorney Peter Goldsmith, Jerry Koenigs, Jeff Gilbert and Deb Loger. City Clerk Edie Ball and Council Member Jeff Buehler were absent.

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

The Council discussed a property in town that was sent a letter on August 5th, 2016 regarding their swimming pool not being fenced and trash blowing around in their yard. For the past several weeks there has also been a car on the property sitting on blocks that appears to be unlicensed. The Council decided to have Attorney Goldsmith send the property owner a letter with a time limit of one month to resolve the issues or approach the Council on this matter.

Council Member Cates informed the Council on a complaint regarding the Lutheran Church drainage system. Currently there are two drains in the parking lot that don't drain well and the Lutheran Church would like to know what it will take to connect those two drains into the City sewer system. Mayor Hurd will get the opinion of the City's Street Superintendent.

Motion by Council Member Cates to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, City Clerk's report, financial reports, the December 5th minutes, and financial reports from the Fire Department, Rec Center and Library, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

The Council discussed the proposed antenna lease on the water tower from Verizon. Verizon would like six antennas placed and proposed to pay the City of Ida Grove \$1200.00 per month. Attorney Goldsmith expressed that the City should be receiving more for the antennas and will do negotiations with Verizon.

Jerry Koenigs, a participant in the Downtown Revitalization project, reported the new doors installed at his business, Selections, are frosting on the interior and freezing shut. The council will contact the architect to discuss the issue. The Council agreed to withhold the final payment of \$35,411.60 to Northern Escrow until all issues are resolved.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve paying the King Theatre asbestos removal by ESA, Inc. \$28,170.00 and King Theatre's new rubber roof system by TC Roofing \$28,410.00, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Jeff Gilbert voiced his frustrations regarding a property in his neighborhood with a pool that is not fenced in, trash in the yard and also a car sitting on blocks in the yard. Gilbert stated he had been stopping into City Hall on a weekly basis since Memorial Day weekend to complain about the property. Gilbert also stated he has boiled over several times in City Hall at the fact of no progress being made on the situation and City Clerk Ball telling him several times that she had passed it off to the City Attorney. The Council informed Gilbert that they had discussed this earlier in the meeting and made

him aware of the Council's plan to move forward by sending the property owner a letter from the City Attorney. It is noted City Clerk Ball was absent from the meeting and could not comment.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve authorization of Deputy Clerk Heather Sweeden for signing at United Bank of Iowa and First State Bank and removal of Carla Eidenshink, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Council Member Tomlinson discussed a property in town that had caught fire a year ago and he would like to see get cleaned up. Council Member Clough suggested having Attorney Goldsmith prepare a letter to send to the homeowner regarding the property.

Council Member Cates expressed his concern with poor internet service in Ida Grove. Council Member Goodman suggested the City look for the possibility of bringing another provider to town.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, Deputy Clerk

Morris C. Hurd, Mayor