

IDA GROVE
City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., June 5, 2017
City Hall

1. Call to Order at 6pm
2. Roll Call – Scott Tomlinson, Doug Clough, Gregor Ernst, Devlun Whiteing, Ryan Goodman, Paul Cates
Others Present -
3. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve agenda by Scott Tomlinson second by Ryan Goodman. Motion carries unanimously.
4. Appearances, Petitions and Communications – (Speakers please keep comments, questions and statements to 30 seconds per item. The Council may ask follow up questions as necessary that will take speakers past the time limit. Please be respectful of others at the meeting.)
 - a. Belinda Van Aernam – Donation of Trash Receptacle for Trail in Memory of Roy Van Aernam.
The City thanks Belinda for her generous gift. Discussion of placing garbage can along trail. Bob Lorenzen has a plan for it.
 - b. Anna Van Dusen – 4-H Leadership Project to Paint Fire Hydrants.
Did not appear, will be on the agenda for the June 19th City Council meeting.
 - c. Zanet Thies – Heritage Days Update.
Heritage Days is only 18 days away. The first barbeque was a great success! The start of Heritage Days will be June 23rd at City Park at 4:30pm. The Color Guard will open up the event at City Park. They will need help getting the stage in. There will be a cribbage tournament and a carnival at City Park on the north end. A color run will be hosted by the Girl Scouts. A car show at 10am with food being served. A beer garden will be on Saturday with Down to Here playing. For the car show, the gravel road will be closed on Friday and Saturday to keep the traffic down. Wondering if there would be any problem to putting a barricade down. Ryan Goodman discussing parking and looking to keep local traffic out of the park itself. Discussion of going around Pronto. There will be a spray truck to keep dust down. Discussion of barricades for the event. Thank you given to City Hall for all of the help. Carnival will be exciting. Discussion of City website to place events on.
 - d. Gerrod – Zobel’s Bridge Approach
Citizens are concerned about the approach on the north end. Overlay was on there before. Godbersen-Smith wants to open up and put fabric underneath and repack and re-pour it. They will cut patches to look at it. Really concerned about south bound side. Ryan telling Gerrod to do what he thinks is best. Godbersen-Smith will give us an idea of what they think.
 - e. OMG Midwest – Airport Runway
Marc Dennison discussing the situation of the extra 200 linear feet when the original project was almost completed. Discussion of the quote and the company coming in and measuring. Discussion of the contract.
 - f. Mary Berger –
 1. Definition of the Terminology “City”
 2. Lack of Progress in Ida Grove

She is new to the community and wants to bring new ideas. Talking about 515 Barnes Street where the traffic is very fast and there is speeding. What can the City do? Contacting the Sheriff's Department might be a way. The intersection is without stop signs. The Iowa Department of Transportation says the City can't put a stop sign up until an accident occurs. Traffic is designated by flow, not speed.

3. Regular Pick-up of Resident Branches/Yard Waste

There is no brush pickup at Ida Grove, the previous city she lived at, a truck would come by and pick up brush and grass clippings. The truck could come by once a month. Doug Clough saying the City has never had this service here, but that is not to say it is a bad idea. Discussion of equipment and manpower to do this. Financially it would be a question. It fits the idea of keeping Ida Grove clean and good looking. Discussion of using community groups to use the vehicle. Talking about getting access to a truck. Doug Clough suggesting to take it to a sub committee to study it. Discussion of the logistics of the proposal.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Claims List
- b. Financial Reports
- c. May 15th , May 24th Minutes
- d. Liquor License

1.) Pizza Hut (Class B Beer, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales)

2.) Discount Liquors (Class E, Sunday Sales)

Motion by Ryan Goodman to Accept the Consent Agenda second by Paul Cates. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Ryan Goodman discussing the air conditioner at the Rec Center.

Old Business

6. Ida County Sanitation Contract – Heather Sweeden

Heather discussing the topic that the City hasn't raised rates for citizens since 2012 when it went from \$15.25 to \$18.25. The City receives \$.26 per resident and is losing money. This amount does not cover the City's costs to produce this service. It is not Justin Georg raising rates, it would be the City charging users. Questions about the sense of what the rate should be? Discussion of picking up all of it at once with brush pickup. Question of what would be the expense if it was a line item budget? \$207.48 is the difference of what the City makes. Discussion of the billing system and the City's role in it. Can the City give the billing to Ida County Sanitation? We need to do something different with the fee structure. Heather will contact Justin.

7. Moorehead Avenue Bridge

Discussion of pointing system for a replacement bridge. Talking about the funding mechanism for the bridge replacement. Conversation about the process to replace the bridge. Calhoun and Burns did an estimate on the bridge lifetime and a study on either fixing or replacing the bridge. The City needs to get the process started. A conversation about federal funding and other funding mechanisms. The City should get options, decking, replacing or overlay. Discussion of cost of the 5th and 7th Street bridges versus the Moorehead Avenue bridge.

Motion by Ryan Goodman for the Administrator to get started on the Moorehead Avenue bridge funding, options for the bridge and possible Request for Proposals second by Scott Tomlinson. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

8. Downtown Revitalization Update
 - a. Final Payment to RDG - \$3,684.72
Talking about contacting all the businesses to get letters and pictures back, specifically pointing out what has gone wrong. The Administrator has contacted a couple of the businesses and will contact the rest upcoming. Discussion of contacting the CDBG Administrator to discuss our displeasure over the situation. City Administrator Dennison will contact participants by phone or in person.
9. King Theatre Update
Doug Clough will find out about the Enhance Iowa Grant on June 14th to see if the King Theatre group will receive funding. The Farmers Market crowd has created energy and interest in the project. Discussion of scaffolding and spanning the whole structure. Talking about deconstruction and the project architect will be there on Tuesday at noon.
10. Nelson and Rock Contracting – Creek Sloughing
Paul Cates Update
Paul Cates has notified Nelson and Rock about the start of Heritage Days. Nelson and Rock will come in just before or just after Heritage Days.
11. Pleasant Valley Trail – Crack Repair
Mud jacking done at path, the trail is open. Discussion of drainage issues. Push for SIMPCO to write the grant.
12. Digitalization of Ordinance Books
Iowa Codification has one set of ordinance/code book, Municode will receive a copy also.
13. Discussion and Approval of Airport Lease Charges
Questions of; should the leases charge by footage? How big are the hangars? Are they 400 square feet? A person can back a plane in it, huge front, and small back. Discussion of comparing size and cost of other storage. Talking about the single wide trailer and the renter who resides in it. Conversation about how the airport used to have fuel, planes and it was good to have someone there to look after things. Discussion of security in the area. Talking about renting the trailer for \$50 or \$55.
14. Fence Repair/Replacement – Badger Creek Park
Paul Cates Update
Paul Cates has an estimate on replacing what was previously discussed. Talking about the style of fence. Discussion on installation price. Paul Cates will get an estimate to the council.
15. Discussion of City Hall Credit Card and Library Credit Card
The Administrator has one credit card informational packet, he will get two more to have the Council make a decision on it.
16. Discussion of Leak in Library Roof – Pierce Construction
Nothing to discuss so far. No rain to test whether the work just completed has stopped the leaks.

17. Discussion of City Hall Business Cards and Envelopes

The city council has directed the Administrator to go to Vista Print to print out the City business cards.

New Business

18. Discussion and Approval of Oak Grove Lift Station Purchase

Talking about the lift station replacement.

Motion by Ryan Goodman to pay for the pump at \$2,178.99, adapter at \$155.60 and freight for both items, second by Paul Cates. Motion carries unanimously.

19. Discussion and Approval of Administrative Assistant Position Hire

Motion by Doug Clough to hire Jane Petersen for the Administrative Assistant position on the recommendation of the Personnel Committee at \$14 per hour, second by Ryan Goodman. Motion carries unanimously with Scott Tomlinson recusing himself from the vote.

20. Discussion and Approval of Fireworks Ordinance

Attorney Goldsmith discussing the difference of fireworks class 1 and class 2. Talking about how state law allows all fireworks, subject to banning by the city. Discussion on the ordinance banning 5 of the class 1 fireworks, but didn't ban others. A conversation about the power point given to the City Council and the ordinance for using fireworks on specific days. Debating about other ordinances, such as disturbing the peace. Attorney Goldsmith set up a template for the City Council to decide, it is a work in progress. The City can negotiate sales and other items. This issue will go to the Committee on Policy and Planning to decide.

21. Discussion and Approval of a Sub Guard for the Outdoor Pool

Motion by Ryan Goodman to approve Nick Endrulat as Sub Guard for the outdoor pool, second by Doug Clough. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

22. Discussion of City Sponsoring Raffles

Attorney Goldsmith discussing the two requirements and a gambling permit is one of them. The City does not have to pay sales tax. The City can sponsor the raffle and the Fire Department puts it on and does not pay. Kiwanis puts on a raffle, the City gives money to Kiwanis. The City's cost to get a permit will be \$200/\$300 per year and a donation by the organization putting on the raffle to the City for the cost. It is Attorney Goldsmith's idea for the Fire Department to save money. Discussion of cost to the City, rules on how many raffles the City can have per year.

23. Discussion Regarding Troy Hare and Future Sludge Hauling

Mayor Whiteing talked to Troy regarding the sludge hauling. Mark Nielsen treated Troy's land well. Troy wants to charge \$200/month to dump on his land. Discussion of areas in the city to dump sludge and a dumping timetable. Talking about putting it out for bid. Could the City ask the County to dump sludge on top of the county dump? The City has 70 acres of farm ground. Troy will give the City some time to find options.

24. Discussion of Permits for Golf Carts

Attorney Goldsmith discussed an ordinance regarding golf cart permits for the path. There is not supposed to be motorized vehicles on the trail. Mr. Goldsmith thinks it is a yearly permit for \$5. Discussion regarding if a golf cart is a personal mobility device, it is not, and it is a motorized vehicle and could be dangerous to pedestrians. Can't believe it can be on the trail so easily. Talking about having existing ordinances that allow for a golf cart going just from home to the golf course. Debating damage to grass by the carts and the City's liability if injuries do occur. Talking about no golf carts at the school and a one off event vs. a blanket yearly permit.

25. Discussion and Approval of Moving the City Council Meeting from Monday July 3rd to Wednesday July 5th

Motion by Ryan Goodman to move the City Council Meeting from Monday July 3rd to Wednesday July 5th. Motion carries unanimously.

26. Discussion and Approval of Having City Hall Closed on Monday July 3rd.

Discussion of the other holidays, for example the day after Thanksgiving. Talking about paid time off being used by employees. Debating of using a flex day or comp day or a floating holiday. Discussion of Public Works and the Rec Center being open or closed.

27. Other Business

Scott Tomlinson discussing the tree removal issue and the communication breakdown. Talking about the trailer park, no skirting on a trailer, when is the timeline? Need to talk to Russell.

Dough Clough discussing Mr. Bendixen's dog at large. The air conditioner for the Council Chambers needs to get fixed. We should get bids. Heritage Days is asking for a padlock for the porta pots instead of a lock with a key. Talking about 501 c (3) benefit for grants. Cities are also income tax exempt. Question of the King Theater in regards to bids, all or some, all one project, multiple projects?

Devlun Whiteing would like to recognize Deputy Administrator Heather Sweeden and City Administrator Marc Dennison for all of the hard work they are doing. Moorehead Avenue street project should be closed one more day. Talking about storm water issues. Two lanes of traffic and a painted median for Moorehead Avenue. Had lunch with Ron Bresnahan to discuss the history of wells in Ida Grove and discuss placing another well. Ron could do test wells.

Ryan Goodman would like to see paperless City Council Meetings and also video meetings. He would like to compile grants on email and give them to committee members. The City crew should get new shirts or polos with the City logo on them. Discussion of using Fancy Threads or Something Unique or Graphic Edge.

Discussion of the IPERs Audit where two employees were supposed to be covered, but were not.

Motion by Ryan Goodman to cover the employees' payments to IPERS, second by Scott Tomlinson. Motion carries unanimously.

Burn pile discussion. Talking about complaint by a citizen and the convenience of having the burn pile so close for residents. Is the location where it is at the best place for it? The City may need to find a different place for it.

28. Adjournment at 9:03pm Motion by Doug Clough and second by Scott Tomlinson