

**IDA GROVE**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**6:00pm, October 2, 2017**  
**City Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Mayor Whiteing.

Roll Call: Scott Tomlinson, Gregor Ernst, Ryan Goodman and Paul Cates present.

Doug Clough not present.

Others Present: Jan Hewit, Bob Lorenzen, Gary Mahood and Heather Sweeden.

Motion by Council member Goodman, second by Council member Ernst to approve the agenda.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Appearances, Petitions and Communications: Kathy Johnson discussing the dangerous dog ordinance and the Staffordshire bull terrier as a breed being targeted. Talking about stereotyping of the Pitbull breed. Unnecessary breed specific legislation. Discussing raising and treating dogs as well as training dogs. Ida Grove is a nice community and would not be a spot for dog fighting or breeding events. Discussing options to consider. Talking about muzzeling a dog when outside the home, insurance requirements or fining owner of dog. Ms. Johnson will come back and discuss further with council.

Motion by Council member Goodman, second by Council member Cates to amend the agenda to allow Jan Hewit to speak. Motion carries unanimously 4-0.

Discussion of development around West 5<sup>th</sup> street. Talking about a housing development and taxbase must be generated to meet the cost of infrastructure. Discussion of a storage building with the apartments being attached. Mr. Hewit was going to put duplexes out there in the past. A lot of houses are empty, but not a lot of good homes are available. Discussion of a ¾ acre 2 or 3 bedroom homes. Talking about street layout and building homes off of it. Discussion about a cul-du-sac being designed for the area. How would the project be staged? Looking to see if the city would do a Fleener type of deal and maybe take a little bit off.

Motion by Council member Goodman, second by Council member Cates to approve the agenda.

Discussing the hangar lease of Don Poggensee and reimbursement. Talking about a revenue report for the library and budgeting for property taxes.

Motion carries unanimously 4-0.

**Old Business**

Discussion of the Downtown Revitalization project. The final payment to RDG is \$3,684.72. Discussion of all the participants and any issues they had. Talking about the Brenner building and the leaking issues.

Motion by Council member Tomlinson, second by Council member Cates.

Motion carries unanimously 4-0.

Discussion of the King Theater. The theater is being worked on and the front of the building looks good with the power washing.

The city will find out if we received any funding for the Pleasant Valley Trail by the next city council meeting.

The city will put sludge on Lanny Cipperly's fields after harvesting.

Skipping resolution 2017-12 providing sale of the King Theater.

Discussing Moorehead Avenue bridge. Talking about a future bridge project. Talking about the timeline on the project. Discussing getting ballpark numbers from Calhoun-Burns next meeting.

Skipping the fireworks ordinance.

Discussing the back yard pool and hot tub ordinance #551. The first reading is 10/2/17. Scott Tomlinson asking if it is one permit per year or a continuous permit. It is a continuous permit. Discussion of defining fence height in the ordinance. As measured from all points from the exterior perimeter of the pool. Talking about owner versus renter of the property and owner of the pool. Whoever owns the pool is responsible for fencing the pool. Discussion of fines and penalties.

Discussion of the employee benefits package. Going to talk to insurance carriers to get various plans. Have some ideas to move forward, but need hard numbers. Will have a proposal for the next meeting.

Discussion of amending Ordinance #557 raising cat and dog licensing fees. Talking about section five regarding kennel dogs and cats and the verbiage "run at large". Discussion of fines, rates for new dogs and timeline to get a license. Talking about animals being confined to their kennel.

## **ORDINANCE NUMBER 557**

### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE III, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, CITY CODE OF IDA GROVE, IOWA, AMENDING CAT AND DOG LICENSING**

#### **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA**

##### **Section 1**

Title III, Chapter 2, Article 2, - The City Code of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa is hereby amended by amendment of the articles as follows:

3-2.0201 OWNER DEFINED. Any person shall be considered the owner of a dog or cat who shall own, or have in charge or harbor the same, or allow it to remain on or about his premises to exceed three days.

3-2.0202 LICENSE REQUIRED. Any owner of a dog or cat within the city limits is required to license the animal the first of each year or when the animal has reached the age of six months. The owner must license the animal within 60 days of moving to town or within 60

days of obtaining a new pet at the January – February rates. The owner will need to provide the breed, sex, color, markings and name of each animal as well as the address and phone number of the owner. It is the responsibility of the owner to present proof the animal being licensed is incapable of breeding, if applicable. The owner must also provide proof of a current rabies vaccination in order to license the animal. The fees for licensing dogs and cats are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Altered</b>	<b>Unaltered</b>
January 1 – February 28	\$10.00	\$15.00
March 1 – December 31	\$20.00	\$25.00

3-2.0203 LICENSE ISSUED. The owner shall annually, before the first day of March, pay the license for that year and secure a license tag from the Administrator for each dog or cat.

3-2.0204 LICENSE TAG. The owner of any dog or cat, after paying such license, shall place upon every such animal a collar, and shall attach thereto the metal tag supplied by the Administrator with the number and year thereon, and such collar shall be kept on such dog or cat during the year for which the license is paid. Any dog or cat found running at large without the license tag attached to its collar or harness shall be deemed unlicensed.

3-2.0205 KENNEL DOGS AND CATS. All kennel dogs and cats which are confined to the kennel shall not be required to be licensed by the city. “Kennel dogs and cats” are defined as those dogs and cats kept or raised solely for the bona fide purpose of sale and which are kept under constant restraint.

3-2.0206 COMPLAINT FILED. Upon the written complaint of two or more affected persons from different households, filed with the City Administrators office, that any dog or cat owned by the person named in the complaint is committing injury to persons or property, or is an annoyance, dangerous, offensive or unhealthy dog or cat, the mayor shall notify the owner to restrain such dog or cat from running at large, and keep such dog or cat upon the premises of the owner, even though the license has been paid.

3-2.0207 CONFINEMENT REQUIRED. Whenever the mayor deems it expedient, or whenever instructed to do so by the council, he shall issue his proclamation requiring all persons owning dogs or cats to confine the same from running at large for a specified time stated, not exceeding 180 days, and it shall be the duty of every person, upon publication of such proclamation, to confine any dog or cat which he owns by good and sufficient means.

## Section 2

When Effective. This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage approval and publication as provided by law.

## Section 3

If any portion of this ordinance is determined to be invalid, such determination will not affect the remainder of the ordinance.

APPROVED AND SIGNED by the Mayor of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Devlun Whiteing, Mayor

Attest:

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Marc Dennison, City Administrator

1<sup>st</sup> Reading –

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading –

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading –

Motion by Council member Goodman, second by Council member Cates to approve Ordinance #557 changes. First reading.

Motion carries unanimously 4-0.

Discussion of a test well and identifying a spot next week.

No discussion of the Urban Renewal Joint Agreement with Ida County as the county has not given the city the agreement with the necessary changes requested by the city.

Discussion of the signs for the Pleasant Valley Trail. Will meet on Friday.

Discussion of Resolution 2017-17 amending the code of ordinances for the City of Ida Grove Iowa by enacting an ordinance to allow the city council to assume the responsibilities of any board, agency, commission or similar entity that does not have a quorum.

Motion by Council member Goodman, second by Council member Tomlinson to approve Resolution 2017-17.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Discussion of Ordinance #558 to allow the city council to act where a city board, agency, commission or other similar body does not have a quorum.

Motion by Council member Goodman, second by Council member Tomlinson to approve Ordinance #557 to allow the city council to act where a city board, agency, commission or other similar body does not have a quorum.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

### **New Business**

Discussion of the tree trimming contract with Ratchet. He is half done with the project and will finish up next weekend. He highly recommends taking down an additional tree. Maybe use alternative funding to get more trees planted. Talking about topping out trees. Council member Ernst discussing the

contract. Ratchet talking about trimming 50 some odd trees marked to be trimmed. Ratchet cutting the dead out of the trees. It takes a lot of time to get it done. Parks Superintendent Lorenzen discussing the trees, no damage to the park. Bob is good with the work.

Discussion of the picnic table policy at City Park.

Skipping the Ida Grove Recreation Valley, Online Asset Management System agenda items.

Discussion of a third party vendor for online bill pay. Talking about fees for paying with a credit card for online bill pay.

Motion by Council member Goodman, second by Council member Clough to go with Forte for the third party vendor for online bill pay.

Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion of storage of dirt and hauling from the highway 20 project. Talking about the amount of dirt needed for the West Access Project. Discussion of the amount of trucks needed to haul the amount of dirt. Talking about the cost, which would be more than \$200,000. Can't justify the cost, but can help them out and take the dirt.

Discussion of the City Hall improvement project. Scott Tomlinson says it will cost a lot of money to fix the inside of the building, more than \$150,000. Does not include painting the outside and tuck pointing the building as well as the leaking around the air conditioner. Discussion of the improvement of the office with new paint and doors possible. Debating renovation vs. purchasing a new building.

Skipping the city hazmat recycling/disposal policy and procedure agenda item.

Discussion of the Urban Renewal Joint Agreement with Ida County. Talking about the wording of the agreement. Discussing getting the correct language for the agreement and agreeing to the joint agreement in two weeks. When the agreement is sent to the City Administrator, he will pass it on to the City Attorney for review.

Motion by Council member Ernst, second by Council member Goodman to approve the Urban Renewal Joint Agreement with Ida County pending the review of the City Attorney.

Motion carries unanimously.

Skipping the capital improvement planning software agenda item.

Discussion of signs for the Pleasant Valley Trail. Talking about the different signs to be used in the different areas of the trail in the city. Debating having a friendly community for recreationalists as well as cyclists. Drivers must be aware of cyclists and yield to pedestrians at the crosswalks. Attorney Goldsmith discussing creating crosswalks where the trail crosses the street with signage and painted lines. Council member Clough will work on this issue.

Skipping trees and plantings policy for the city agenda item.

Discussion of approving the renewal of the city's CoD for 12 months at a rate of 1.25%.

Motion by Council member Goodman, second by Council member Ernst to approve the renewal of the city's CoD for 12 months at a rate of 1.25%.

Motion carries unanimously.

Skipping approval of the variance request for Stan Chisholm agenda item.

Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 payroll audit and audited premium schedule.

Motion by Council member Goodman, second by Council member Cates to approve the FY 2016-2017 payroll audit and audited premium schedule.

Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion of the replacement for the north approach for Zobel's bridge. City Administrator Dennison will work with Streets Superintendent Sholty to contact Godbersen-Smith and work with them to replace the approach to the bridge.

Motion by Council member Goodman, second by Council member Tomlinson to approve the replacement for Zobel's bridge.

Motion carries unanimously.

### **Other Business**

Scott Tomlinson discussing the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> street bridge projects and getting reimbursed for the project. Talking about Stan Chisholm's request for a vacation of the alley behind his house at 707 Elm Street.

Doug Clough talking about the CAT awards.

Gregor Ernst discussing the conditions at the tennis court in City Park. Talking about city taxes for utilities: what is it? Are we getting it? Where is it? Discussion of a plan to replant trees.

Devlun Whiteing discussing the Rec Center for wellness for employees, city crew and supervisor.

Deputy Administrator Heather Sweeden discussing the TV for the city council chambers donated by Kiwanis.

Motion by Council member Goodman, second by Council member Cates to adjourn at 9:20pm.

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Marc Dennison, City Administrator

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Devlun Whiteing, Mayor