



**IDA GROVE  
City Council Meeting  
5:30 p.m., January 2, 2018  
City Hall**

Call to order by Mayor Whiteing at 5:30pm. Council member Scott Tomlinson, Council member Gregor Ernst, Council member Ryan Goodman and Council member Paul Cates present. Absent, Council member Amanda Litchenberg. Others present: Robert Bendixen of Xtreamair, Cody Forch of JEO, Deputy Administrator Heather Sweeden and Fire Chief Scott Van Dusen.

Motion by Ryan Goodman, seconded by Paul Cates to approve the agenda.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

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.)

Water Department Superintendent Lon Schluter discussing a proposed test well for the city. Lon presenting a map of the area where the proposed test well site will be. Talking about contacting Gordon Goodenow to establish a well site on his property. Debating past events and amount of area needed to protect the well head and amounts for land use.

Motion by Ryan Goodman, seconded by Scott Tomlinson to approve the consent agenda.

Discussion of the \$2,000 Simmering-Cory invoice. The invoice is for the Downtown Revitalization Project. Debate as to whether the invoice is for the Downtown project or the bridges. The amount is for the Downtown project for fees from the last draw from the state.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

- a. Claims List
- b. Financial Reports
- c. Minutes – City Council meeting August 7, 2017, Personnel Committee meeting August 10, 2017, City Council meeting September 18, 2017, City Council meeting August 21, 2017, Personnel Committee meeting October 2, 2017, City Council meeting October 2, 2017, Personnel Committee meeting October 10, 2017, City Council meeting November 6, 2017, Personnel Committee meeting November 16, 2017, City Council meeting November 20, 2017, Special City

Council meeting November 28, 2017, City Council meeting December 18, 2017, City Council Budget Workshop meeting December 19, 2017, Special City Council meeting December 27, 2017

d. Liquor License

### **New Business**

Discussion of the standing committee appointments proposed by the Mayor.

Motion by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Ernst to approve the standing committee appointments.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Discussion of the appointment of Heather Sweeden as the Deputy City Administrator. After debating the issue, the council decided Heather's position does not need to be appointed, the Mayor moved on to the next agenda item.

Discussion of the Appointment of Peter Goldsmith and Laurel Boerner as the City Attorneys. Mayor Whiteing combined two agenda items to vote as one regarding Peter Goldsmith and Laurel Boerner being appointed as City Attorneys.

Motion by Council member Tomlinson, seconded by Council member Tomlinson to approve the appointment of Peter Goldsmith and Laurel Boerner as City Attorneys.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Discussion of the appointment of Scott Van Dusen as the City Fire Chief.

Motion by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Tomlinson to appoint Scott Van Dusen as the City Fire Chief.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Discussion of the appointment of Marc Dennison as the City Administrator.

Motion by Council member Ernst, seconded by Council member Goodman to appoint Marc Dennison as the City Administrator.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Discussion of Resolution Number 2018-2 naming United Bank of Iowa and First State Bank as depositories for 2018 for the City of Ida Grove.

Ryan Goodman discussing adding additional vendors during the year.

Motion by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Tomlinson to approve Resolution Number 2018-2 naming United Bank of Iowa and First State Bank as depositories for 2018 for the City of Ida Grove.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Discussion of Resolution Number 2018 –1 naming the Ida County Courier as the official newspaper of the City of Ida Grove for 2018.

Motion by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Ernst to approve Resolution Number 2018-1 naming the Ida County Courier as the official newspaper of the City of Ida Grove for 2018.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Discussion and of a pay rate for Mark Nielsen for consulting on the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Ryan Goodman discussing the Personnel Committee's plan for a rate of \$50/hour. Superintendent of Public Works Gerrod Sholty and City Administrator Marc Dennison will oversee the amount of time for consulting.

Motion by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Tomlinson to approve the \$50/hour pay rate for consulting on the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Discussion of making Gerrod Sholty foreman of the Public Works Department with a \$3 increase in pay. Ryan Goodman discussing the pay increase as a 12% increase, there will be management responsibilities asked of Gerrod. Employee evaluations, pay rate increases and other responsibilities will be expected. The Personnel Committee will need to write up a job description for Gerrod.

Motion by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Cates.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Discussion of hangar rent and contracts. Heather Sweeden discussing hangers and that one small hangar and one large hangar are empty. Ryan Goodman talking about a person that may be interested in a hangar. Deputy Administrator Sweeden notifying the council some contracts have not been returned. Discussion of notifying those that have not returned the contract and those that are behind on payments, they have one week to respond. Talking about other sections of the hangar facility and cost and square feet of those sections. Discussion of the garage, lot, flying club and payment amounts.

Skip discussion of a test well for the city.

Discussion of the 2nd street and Harold Godbersen Drive intersection. Cody Forch of JEO discussing the issue. Near misses at the stop sign and the walkway across the road near the stop sign. Debating doing a formal intersection study. Cody estimates a cost of \$115,000 for intersection improvements, but the city won't see huge benefits for the cost. The city has bigger concerns than the intersection right now. Ryan Goodman asking if new materials are needed to improve the intersection. Cody Forch responding the intersection is much better than others in the city. Cody thinks it should be in a 5 to 10 year maintenance program and CIP list.

Discussion of a general engineering task order. This is not a payment, but an agreement to have small projects up to \$5,000 to have an agreement instead of formal City Council approval at every level. It is a way to streamline things.

Motion by Council member Goodman, seconded by Council member Tomlinson to approve the general engineering task order.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Discussion of Bob Bendixen from Extreme Air Wireless Internet antenna proposal. Right not is not a good time to get up on the water tower to take pictures of the space. Ryan Goodman discussing the antennas and usage costs. No termination clause in the contracts due to not using antennas. Can have antennas right next to each other. Mr. Bendixen's antennas are much smaller than cell phone towers. Bob needs a price and permission to go up on the water tower, but not going up until spring. Gregor Ernst discussing contracts and contract language. Wanting to get pictures soon. Council member Ernst talking about monthly fees and ramping up. Between Gregor Ernst and City Attorney Peter Goldsmith, they will work something up.

Discussion of the AT&T antenna contract. Gregor Ernst talking about the rate reduction and contract terms.

Motion by Council member Ryan Goodman, seconded by Council member Gregor Ernst to approve the AT&T antenna contract.

Discussion of Resolution 2017-10 providing for sale of King Theater property on January 2, 2018.

Motion by Council member Ryan Goodman, seconded by Council member Scott Tomlinson to open the public hearing on the sale of the King Theater property.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

No comments.

Motion by Council member Paul Cates, seconded by Council member Ryan Goodman to close the hearing on the sale of the King Theater property.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Motion by Council member Ryan Goodman, seconded by Council member Scott Tomlinson to approve Resolution 2017-10 providing for the sale of the King Theater property.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Skip discussion of the public hearing notice providing for sale of the King Theater property on January 2, 2018.

Discussion of a cost estimate of a water main extension and fire hydrant along Father Daily Drive behind Midwest Industries. Cody Forch of JEO presenting four estimates. Proposal #1: fire hydrant to driveway and private line to the back of the property. Proposal #2: fire hydrant to driveway and easement so it is city's line. Proposal #3: fire hydrant to driveway and loop along Father Daily Drive. Proposal #4: fire hydrant to driveway and loop owned by Midwest Industries. Discussion of costs and cost

sharing of the different proposals. Ryan Goodman discussing the different loops with Paul Cates and the amount of the water available to Old Town. Council member Goodman discussing keeping major buildings fire protected. Talking about the fire department bringing hose to the area. Discussion of past proposals and talking about the church and issues with water and fire suppression as well as the size of lines in the area. Midwest Industries thinks the offer is nice and wants to get within one length of hose to the building, sees the loop to the benefit of Old Town. Discussion of cost of the project at \$150,800. Would loop near Spotts' property with an easement. Discussion of church and need for water if fire occurred there. Cody Forch of JEO discussing permitting time for the project. Will schedule a meeting to discuss the issue on Monday at noon.

Discussion of a Personnel Handbook. Ryan Goodman talking about the Personnel Committee meeting on the handbook. Debating vacation, sick time and policies as well as the probationary period.

Discussion of a City Administrator job description ordinance. Mayor Whiteing talking about getting information for the Administrator position from other cities.

#### Other Business

- Discussion of Moorehead Avenue Bridge
- Discussion of Fireworks Ordinance  
Ryan Goodman discussing fireworks use on New Years Eve.
- Discussion of Amending the Dangerous Dog Ordinance of the City of Ida Grove  
Ryan Goodman discussing how he was not in favor of any changes. Scott Tomlinson wants to have it on the next meeting agenda.
- Discussion of Development Proposal by Jan Hewitt  
The city council is waiting for the Ida County Economic Development study.
- Discussion of Verizon Wireless Antenna Contract  
Gregor Ernst discussing contract, more antennas and rate is good. Don't start paying until antennas are up. Start paying by a certain date, no reservations.
- Discussion of Trees and Plantings Policy for the City
- Discussion and Approval of the Zobel Addition Pipe Failure  
Waiting for Cody to contact the four local contractors to get a comparison of pricesses.
- Scott Tomlinson discussing coyotes in the area and how to get rid of them.
- Mayor Whiteing discussing an architect to come and meet and do an estimate for renovation of the City Hall as well as estimates for other buildings being used as a City Hall. Devlun talking about mailboxes for the city council members and MLA training for council members.
- Discussion of a recording system for city council meetings which could be audio or audio and video.

Adjournment at 7:34pm by Council member Ryan Goodman, seconded by Council member Scott Tomlinson.

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Marc Dennison, Administrator

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Devlun Whiteing, Mayor