



**IDA GROVE
City Council Meeting
5:30 p.m., February 20, 2018
City Hall**

Meeting called to order at 5:33pm by Mayor Pro Tem Paul Cates. Council Members Scott Tomlinson, Amanda Litchenberg, Gregor Ernst and Ryan Goodman present, with Mayor Devlun Whiteing absent.

Motion by Council Member Goodman, seconded by Council Member Ernst to approve the agenda.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Appearances, Petitions and Communications – Cody Forch of JEO discussing Hwy M15. Cody talking about the total cost of the project being estimated at \$1.16 million dollars. On the map, the purple side of the project is the City's responsibility with an estimate of \$164,000. There will be a 7" pavement, going back into the approaches for the side roads. Discussion of a loan from the County to the City for 3 years and no interest. The City is asking the County to give the City the agreement and the City Attorney will look it over. Discussion of detour route maps. The County will give the route maps to Public Works Foreman Gerrod Sholty. Council Member Goodman asking about the project timelines and costs. The County Engineer is projecting the work will be done from July to September. Council Member Ernst discussing the payment timeline and budgeting concerns. Council Member Ernst is asking about other joint road projects if the city should account for them. Council Member Goodman discussing the West Access project and a possible joint project with the County.

Motion by Council Member Goodman, seconded by Council Member Litchenberg to approve the consent agenda

- a. Claims List
- b. Financial Reports – Library, Rec Center, Fire Department
- c. Minutes – Personnel Committee December 28, 2017, Steering Committee February 5, 2018, City Council Meeting February 5, 2018
- d. Liquor License – Dollar General Store #10176 (209 Moorehead Ave. Ida Grove, IA 51445) BC0029892

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

New Business

Discussion of amending the dangerous dog ordinance of the city. Ms. Johnson discussing examples in the packet she gave to the City Council Members from the American Kennel Club. Her goal is to get the Staffordshire Bull Terrier breed to be removed from the dangerous dog ordinance. Council Member Goodman discussing the current ordinance. Council Member Ernst stating the intent is to remove the type of breed, but any dog that bites a person is considered a dangerous dog. Council Member Litchenberg asking if there were any attacks in the past from the Pit Bull breed? None known, but the ordinance has been in effect for quite some time. Discussion of various dog breeds and dog attack numbers nationwide. Council Member Ernst asking to have an announcement placed in the newspaper regarding removing Pit Bulls from the dangerous dog ordinance. Council Members Goodman and Ernst discussing ordinance and compliance issues. The City Council wants feedback one and final time from the citizens.

Discussion of the budget request from Ida County Economic Development. Rita Frahm talking about possible developers and funding mechanisms and development incentives. Discussion of the West Access project.

Motion by Council Member Goodman, seconded by Council Member Tomlinson to approve the budget request of \$9,000 in support of the Ida County Economic Development.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Discussion of the internet antenna contract from Bob Bendixen of X-tream Air Wireless. Talking about the contract terms. Bob would like to see the prices lowered to \$100 - \$200 per month. Council Member Ernst discussing major carrier pricing. Mr. Bendixen talking about the amount of traffic he has on his antennas. Four antennas and a dish would be on the water tower. Discussion of liability insurance. Talking about the price negotiation between City Attorney Goldsmith and Bob Bendixen and bring to the council when appropriate. Discussion of allowing Bob Bendixen access to the tower. Council Member Ernst asking Bob to come back with a rate offer and talk to Peter Goldsmith. Council Member Goodman asking how the weather affects his product. Bob says very little.

No discussion of the water line and fire hydrant proposal for Midwest Industries. Jason Buns of Midwest was not present. The Council will discuss the issue at the next meeting on Monday March 5th at 6pm.

Discussion of the Zobel Addition Pipe Failure Project. Cody Forch of JEO says the sealed bids are coming to City Hall by Friday March 2nd and the Council will open and decide on the bids on Monday March 5th.

Discussion of David Wieling's request to re-zone his property from R-3 Residential to Agriculture. Council Member Tomlinson asking why Mr. Wieling is requesting a re-zone. City Administrator Dennison stating Mr. Wieling is requesting the re-zone for insurance purposes.

Motion by Council Member Tomlinson, seconded by Council Member Litchenberg to deny the request to re-zone the parcel.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Other Business

- Discussion of Moorehead Avenue Bridge. Calhoun-Burns will inspect all of the bridges in Ida Grove in the next three weeks.
- Discussion of Fireworks Ordinance. Talking about the windows of opportunity to shoot off fireworks according to State statutes. All of the fireworks shot off late at night violated the city's noise ordinance. Discussion of fines and amounts of the fines for people caught violating the noise ordinance with fireworks.
- Discussion of Development Proposal by Jan Hewitt. City Administrator Dennison will contact Ida County Economic Development rep Rita Frahm and give her contact information, maps and costs of the Hewitt proposal so she can work with Mr. Hewitt to develop affordable housing in Ida Grove.
- No discussion of trees and plantings policy for the City.
- Discussion of Hangar Rent and Contracts. Talking about ICAP wanting bids for the roof damage to the hangars.
- Discussion of a Test Well. Water Superintendent Lon Schluter will talk to Mr. Bresnahan and the DNR rep to go over the test well plans later this month.
- No discussion of a City Administrator Job Description Ordinance.
- No discussion of a Personnel Handbook.
- Discussion of City Hall Architecture Proposal. The City Council will do a walkthrough of the building at 5:30pm on Monday March 5th.
- City Council Member News and Notes: Discussion of vehicles in yards and the office needs to keep on people to notify them they are violating city ordinance by parking on the right of way. Talking about the snow removal from sidewalk ordinance and that people need to shovel snow within 24 hours of the last snowfall.

Adjournment at 6:53pm by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Goodman.

Marc Dennison, City Administrator

Paul Cates, Mayor Pro Tem