



**IDA GROVE
City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., March 5, 2018
City Hall**

Call to order at 6pm by Mayor Whiteing. Council Members present; Scott Tomlinson, Gregor Ernst, Ryan Goodman and Paul Cates. Council Member Amanda Litchenberg absent.

Motion by Council Member Tomlinson, seconded by Council Member Goodman 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.)

Sheriff Harriman could not make the meeting as there were multiple accidents due to the inclement weather.

Rick Snider of Liberty National did not appear at the meeting.

Shannon Hazelton, the Waste Water Treatment Plant Supervisor wants to start a discussion of drying biosolids. Mr. Hare is going to charge the city. Discussion of options available to the city. Looking for input. Frequency is once a month. Two to three acres per day the city hauls. Possible option to spread two miles or so from town, it is almost 3 acres. Discussion of drying and storage system, perhaps \$60,000 for a cost. Council Member Goodman discussing possible options and putting an announcement in the newspaper and then look at drying options. Get it in the newspaper and move forward. Council Members will look at Sac City on Friday for how they do their drying system. Council Member Tomlinson discussing drying options.

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

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

- a. Claims List
- b. Financial Reports – Library, Fire Department, Rec Center
- c. Minutes – City Council Budget Workshop and Special Meeting January 31, 2018, City Council Budget Workshop and Special Meeting February 13, 2018, Steering Committee Meeting February 20, 2018, City Council Meeting February 20, 2018
- d. Liquor License – LC0026387 Hillside Pub of Ida Grove, Inc. (104 Main Street, Ida Grove Iowa, 51445)

New Business

Discussion of amending the dangerous dog ordinance of the city. Mayor Whiteing reading the ordinance to the attendees. Cathy Johnson wants Staffordshire Bull Terrier breed to be removed from the ordinance. It is a good ordinance that is very clear regarding dangerous dogs. People shouldn't have a dog if they can't control one. Tim Anderson is against the proposed change in ordinance. His child has been bitten by the Staffordshire Pit Bull cross breed of dog. Mr. Ernst sent information to the City Council regarding deaths caused by the breed. He doesn't think they belong in town. Jane Petersen, says she has friends that raised the breed and doesn't want them in town. She walks and doesn't want to come across one. They are protector dogs. Ms. Johnson says there are bad dogs in every breed. There have been calls to the City Hall where people say they don't want a change in the ordinance. Council Member Goodman says the language of the ordinance is right. In his opinion if the ordinance is changed and a Pitbull attacked a child it would be on the council. Council Member Ernst discussing a website called dogsbite.org. Council Member Ernst discussing the training and ownership of dogs. Asking if there is a trend for breed specific bans going away? Possibly. Discussion of Sioux City issues with dog breeds. Cathy Johnson discussing breeds and behaviors. Council Member Ernst discussing muzzle, insurance and leash laws. Ms. Johnson stating that it is not normal behaviors with some of the sensational dog attack cases. Council Member Ernst and Ms. Johnson discussing good canine behavior training. Council Member Ernst discussing liability of the city regarding changes that could be made to the ordinance and those cities that don't change ordinances. City Attorney Goldsmith says it would open the city up to litigation. Cathy Johnson would like to withdraw her request. Ms. Johnson stating she wouldn't have moved to Ida Grove if she had known what the ordinance was.

Discussion of the internet antenna contract from Bob Bendixen of X-tream Air Wireless. City Attorney Goldsmith has been negotiating with him. Council Member Ernst discussing rate increments per amount of users of the system. Council Member Ernst discussing possible options and services to negotiate on behalf of the city. Council Member Goodman wants Council Member Ernst and City Attorney Goldsmith to negotiate with Bob and get back to the council. Discussion of possible savings for the city.

Discussion of the water line and fire hydrant proposal for Midwest Industries. Mr. Jason Buns from Midwest took the proposal to his board. Changes to the city's proposal as there is infrastructure from Midwest where the planned water line will go. He would like to fine tune it and move forward on the proposal. Midwest will take care

of option B. Cody Forch of JEO is describing the possible project timeline with the changes in the plan.

Motion by Council Member Goodman, seconded by Council Member Cates to approve the water line plans for Midwest contingent on the latest plan and bid approval.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Discussion of the 28 E Agreement with Ida County on the M15 Road Project. Cody Forch of JEO discussing the agreement and describing where the project is located at. Council Member Ernst discussing additional justification of the project. Talking about financing options.

Motion by Council Member Goodman, seconded by Council Member Tomlinson to approve the 28 E Agreement with Ida County on the M15 Road Project.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Discussion of the Zobel Addition Pipe Failure Project. Mayor Whiteing opening three bids for the project. The bids are the following:

- Godbersen-Smith at \$29,240
- King Contracting at \$33,800
- Kjar Farm Drainage at \$22,000

Motion by Council Member Cates, seconded by Council Member Goodman to accept the bid by Kjar Farm Drainage for \$22,000.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Discussion of the Employee Health/Dental Insurance Plan. Council Member Ernst asking who is our carrier. Council Member Goodman saying he thought the dental plan was the same as the health insurance or medical plan and it should not go back in arrears. The City will talk to Delta Dental to get additional quotes.

Discussion of the airport liability insurance from the Hoffman Agency.

Motion by Council Member Tomlinson, seconded by Council Member Ernst to approve the airport liability insurance from the Hoffman Agency.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Discussion of the City implementing testing of raw water samples. Council Member Ernst discussing why the well plan is in the same area as the others. Is it the right place for it? Ronnie Bresnahan feels there is quantity and quality of water the city wants in that area. Council Member Ernst asking what our cost per test is. City Administrator Dennison will talk to Water Superintendent Lon Schluter what the cost to the city would be.

Motion by Council Member Ernst, seconded by Council Member Tomlinson to perform weekly tests of well water and river water until otherwise notified.

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Other Business

- Discussion of Moorehead Avenue Bridge. The bridges in the city were inspected this last week. The City will hear back from Calhoun-Burns regarding the inspections.
- Discussion of Fireworks Ordinance. City Administrator Dennison asked the Council to address this issue sooner rather than later if there is to be enough citizen input into the decision making.
- No discussion of the development proposal by Jan Hewitt.
- Discussion of Trees and Plantings Policy for the City. Council Member Ernst has recruited two people to sit on the Tree Board and is going to contact the people who have done the plantings.
- No discussion of Hangar Rent and Contracts. This issue will be removed from the agenda.
- No discussion of a Test Well.
- No discussion of a City Administrator Job Description Ordinance.
- No discussion of a Personnel Handbook.
- Discussion of City Hall Architecture Proposal. The City Council did a walk through earlier in the day to see the City Hall/Community Hall in its entirety. The City Administrator will notify all groups and organizations that currently use or would like to use the Community Hall to meet to discuss what they would like to see happen with the building renovation.
- City Council Member News and Notes: Council Member Tomlinson discussing snow removal letters. Talking about why the letters went out. Discussion of complaints and ordinances. Discussion of construction on homes. Council Member Ernst discussing vehicle parking ordinance violations. Wants to partner with the King Theater to have community event announcements on a digital marquee in the future. Kiwanis Soccer will use the fields in three weeks and games will be starting April 7th. Mayor Whiteing wants to keep the City web site up to date on pictures. Council Member Goodman discussing budget line items in the City budget. Council Member Cates discussing a recliner outside a house on Main Street.

Adjournment at 8:01pm by Council Member Goodman, seconded by Council Member Tomlinson.

Marc Dennison, City Administrator

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor