



**IDA GROVE  
City Council Meeting  
6:00 p.m., December 4, 2017  
City Hall**

Mayor Whiteing called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Council members Clough, Tomlinson and Cates in attendance with Council Members Ernst and Goodman absent. Others present at the meeting were; City Administrator Dennison, Amanda Lichtenberg, Lisa Thompson of AFLAC, Cody Forch of JEO, Fire Chief Scott Van Dusen, Rhett Leonard, County Engineer Jeff Williams.

Motion by Doug Clough, seconded by Scott Tomlinson to approve the agenda.

Motion carries unanimously, 3-0.

Appearances, Petitions and Communications

Presentation by Lisa Thompson of AFLAC. Ida County has had AFLAC for many years. Information presented why government employees are turning to AFLAC. AFLAC has rate stability, will pay cash to the policy holder and not tell them how to spend it. The rate is portable, discussion with employees on a budget level. Discussion of statistics of retaining employees. Easy to administer, direct help with claims. Provide a group discount for enrollees in the program with a minimum of three. Tax savings, no direct cost to the City so it is a cost savings. AFLAC has an accident policy, wellness benefit, hospital confinement, physician visits and critical care program. Enrollment conditions will be explained sitting down one on one with staff. If there is a claim, can call Lisa. Doug Clough asking what the timeline is for a one on one meeting. Lisa Thompson responding, 30 minutes tops. Doug Clough stating the employee can contact Lisa if they want to go with AFLAC.

Discussion of the architect fees for the King Theater and other purchases for the King Theater fundraising.

Motion by Paul Cates, seconded by Doug Clough to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carries unanimously, 3-0.

- a. Claims List
- b. Financial Reports
- c. Minutes – Board of Adjustment November 6, 2017, Board of Adjustment November 27, 2017, Transportation Committee November 9, 2017, Special City Council Meeting November 9, 2017
- d. Liquor License

## Old Business

Discussion of the King Theatre update. Grant Patera of the Hoffman Agency is still working on the last of the insurance issues. When that is done City Attorney Goldsmith will transfer to the theater to the Foundation. The drain has been placed, the alley will be ready to be opened up soon.

No discussion of Resolution 2017-12 Providing Sale of the King Theater Property

No discussion of the Moorehead Avenue bridge.

No discussion of the fireworks ordinance.

Short discussion of the test well proposal. Ronnie Bresnahan will be meeting with Water Superintendent Lon Schluter sometime soon.

Discussion of signs for the Pleasant Valley Trail. Concrete is going to be the largest expense. Painted lines, signs and emblems on the road showing where to go to ride. An issue near where Trendu is located at. Godbersen-Smith's Kim Triggs will drive the trail and see what the costs are. \$1,356 for signs and stencils without paint. Discussion of responsibility or liability of the city if someone gets hit crossing the street. Discussion of signs denoting bike crossing.

Motion by Doug Clough, second by Scott Tomlinson to buy signs, posts, stencils and paint.

Motion carries unanimously, 3-0.

No discussion of amending the Dangerous Dog Ordinance.

No discussion of the development proposal by Jan Hewitt.

Discussion regarding the Verizon Wireless antenna contract and the AT&T antenna contract. City Attorney Goldsmith is working on it. One of the vendors has proposed a revised contract while the other has not provided a copy of a contract. Gregor Ernst will give his approval as this is his area of expertise.

No discussion of the trees and plantings policy.

Discussion of the Personnel Handbook. Doug Clough is working on it and it is almost done.

Discussion of a cost estimate of a water main extension and fire hydrant along Father Daily Drive, behind Midwest Inc. Midwest had one major fire and another big fire at the plant. There was a long time to get the hoses run as the nearest hydrant is a ways away. Had the fire moved a little bit, it would have shut down the plant and cost a lot of business for Midwest Inc. Fire Chief Scott Van Dusen said the fire was knocked down by Midwest employees, which helped the situation immensely. The Fire Chief says there is a 4" main in Old Town and it is not enough to allow the

pumper truck to have a consistent flow to put out a fire. A proposal was brought forward by Cody Forch of JEO to hook into a 6" line by the Super 8 Motel and lengthen the main to the driveway into Midwest Inc. The cost to the city could be \$80,000 and the cost to Midwest could be \$35,000. Discussion of hydrant placement, looping the water line and an easement by Midwest. The City would like to take the line to the driveway, Midwest will be able to take it to their board.

No discussion of the consultation fee for the health insurance data gathering. Subject is going to be discussed at the December 18<sup>th</sup> city council meeting.

### **New Business**

Discussion of the purchase of Public Works equipment and a snow blower. Discussion of the bucket loader needed by the Public Works Department to clear snow. Discussion of the snow blower needed to replace the old piece of equipment.

Motion by Scott Tomlinson, seconded by Paul Cates to purchase the loader bucket and snow blower.

Motion carries unanimously, 3-0.

Discussion of Shirley Hayes and Jennifer Erickson appointments to the Ida Grove Library Board.

Motion by Doug Clough, seconded by Scott Tomlinson to approve Shirley Hayes and Jennifer Erickson appointments to the Ida Grove Library Board with the terms expiring on June 30, 2023.

Motion carries unanimously, 3-0.

Discussion of task order #2 for CIP development. Mayor Whiteing wants to have a CIP in place and is in favor of it. Starting price was \$65,000, JEO can give the city a rate reduction to \$57,600. Boots on the ground costs are minimal. Can eliminate street evaluation, saving \$14,000 and would cap the City at 5 years. \$43,800 reduction with PASER ratings. Discussion of policies and procedures and allowing JEO to be responsible for the street evaluation. The Mayor wants things done the right way and doesn't want to take short cuts.

Motion by Scott Tomlinson, seconded by Doug Clough to go with the \$57,600 proposal by JEO with the cap.

Motion carries unanimously, 3-0.

Discussion of estimates for new computer equipment for City Hall. The City Administrator talking about the equipment situation for receipt management. He looked to use an old tower, but found the operating system in the tower was too old and could not be used with the new receipt printer.

Motion by Scott Tomlinson, seconded by Doug Clough to approve the Harland proposal with 24" monitors.

Motion carries unanimously, 3-0.

Discussion of the Zobel's Addition pipe failure. Talking about the drainage pipe that leads to Badger Creek. If the levy at Badger Creek is a certified levy, it would require more permits from the Army Corps of Engineers. JEO is working with the Army Corps on the permitting process. It is an issue that needs to be addressed within the next couple of years. Cody will come back with some estimates at the next city council meeting.

Discussion of the Harold Godbersen Drive Project and M-15 Project. The county is replacing the road from GOMACO to the railroad. The road south the railroad tracks would be the city's responsibility. Discussion of the intersection. It would be nice to build at one time instead of twice. The county wants to start this summer. Discussion of having Horn Medical Center have some input into the intersection.

Other Business:

Scott Tomlinson discussing the committees for council members.

Mayor Whiteing talking about walkthrough/orientation with the city and buildings for the employees and council members. Mayor Whiteing wants to have orientation on Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Mayor Whiteing and Scott Tomlinson met with the representative of Landus to discuss the trains blocking the roads. The Mayor is going to discuss the issue with the railroad company. Mayor Whiteing discussing a holiday gift to the city employees, to be discussed at the next city council meeting.

Doug Clough talking about the Water Source Protection meeting at 11:30am on Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Cates discussing a health program with the Rec Center and hospital.

Motion to adjourn at 7:47pm by Scott Tomlinson, seconded by Paul Cates.

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Marc Dennison, City Administrator

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