



**IDA GROVE
City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., July 17, 2017
City Hall**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Devlun Whiteing at 7:17pm. Council members Tomlinson, Ernst, Goodman and Cates present. Council Member Doug Clough absent. Also present: City Attorney Peter Goldsmith, City Administrator Dennison, Cody Forek, George Parris of JEO, Viv Novotny of JEO, Jamee Dittmer, Gary Albrecht, Janice Nelson, Roger Harrington, Deb Loger of the Courier, Lex Jacobson of Kid Zone, Michelle Bostinelos of SIMPCO, Sarah Sholty, Amanda Tlach, and George Weis.

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

Motion carries unanimously.

Appearances, Petitions and Communications – Lex Jacobson talking about the Kid Zone project. They are in the process of installing playground equipment. The Kid Zone Board would like to utilize the right of way area and want to ask the City for a vacation of the planned road. Mr. Jacobson describing the area of where Kid Zone would like to have the equipment. Talking about the process of planning the playground. Discussing development in Ida Grove. Ryan Goodman asking Lex Jacobson if the surveyor caught the issue. Mr. Jacobson said Kid Zone did not get a survey done. Discussing allowing Kid Zone to use the City right of way and rent it to them. City Attorney Goldsmith talking about a terminal rental agreement.

Amanda Eason not present to discuss Zobel's Block Party.

Larry Albrecht of the Library Board discussing the library update. Mr. Albrecht talking about finances as three air conditioners for the building were replaced at the end of the fiscal year. Discussing refurbishing the slate floor in the library. Talking about repairing the brick walls and tuck pointing. Summer reading program had 129 children attend. Talking about the solar eclipse and providing glasses. Discussion of the budget with grants lined up and fundraising. Talking about historical documents being available on line now. Ryan Goodman discussing how his nephew loved the kids room at the library. Talking about the roof and if there were any leaks.

Discussion of additional modules for ACH Payment System and Receipt Management. Talking about the add-ons to the current utility billing software. Discussing utility billing and receipt management. Talking about the gateway payment vendors and the process used for the city to use the software program. Discussion of ACH process and rules regarding signing up employees to the program. Talking about fees and charges for using credit cards and who would be charged.

Discussing autopay and information on the program. Does software provide for email billing? Gregor Ernst talking about his concerns regarding the process. Talking about having a web conference to view the software in person. Discussion of computer capacity and a quote for support and a basic cost.

Discussion of JEO as a city engineering firm. Viv Novotny of JEO talking about informal discussions and introductions of JEO staff and history. Ryan Goodman discussing the value of having an engineering firm. Do not do contract work, do Request For Proposals and Request For Qualification work in Iowa. Debating a master services agreement. Talking about federally funded work and JEO as the City's engineer. Discussion of bringing in the JEO people and getting familiar with the City's systems. Looking to focus on being the city engineer. Talking about client management. Gregor Ernst going through the possible process between the City and JEO and debating a preferred vendor system. Talking about contract language in an MSA. Ryan Goodman saying the City should put out for a RFQ for a city engineering contract. Scott Tomlinson has a concern, is if we call the firm, will they come or will they put us off. It is a good idea and would like to move forward on it.

Discussion of a Strategic Plan proposal by SIMPCO. Michelle Bostinelos talking about the services provided by SIMPCO. Debating about a strategic plan and a comprehensive plan. Discussing the option for a comprehensive plan. Talking about the history of Ida Grove's comprehensive plan. Holstein is working through their comprehensive plan process. The last comprehensive plan was done in 1995.

Discussion of bringing back the taxi service. Talking about transportation services for families. Information provided about statistics in regard to transportation. Discussion of regional transportation services through SIMPCO. Talking about giving notification 24 hours in advance for transportation.

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

- a. Claims List
- b. Financial Reports
- c. Rec Center, Library, Fire Department Financial Reports
- d. Liquor License –
 - 1.) Minutes: City Council meeting June 19, 2017, Special City Council Meeting June 28, 2017

Motion carries unanimously.

Old Business

Discussion of Resolution 2017-12 Providing for Sale of King Theater Property. Ryan Goodman talking about insurance issues for the building. Mayor Whiteing opens the public hearing on the sale of the King Theater property asking if there are any bids or comments. No bids or comments were given. Mayor Whiteing closed the public hearing after receiving no feedback.

Motion by Ryan Goodman, seconded by Scott Tomlinson to table the sale of the King Theater property to the next City Council meeting.

Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion of the King Theatre update. Doug Clough procured a CAT grant for \$62,000 for the King Theater.

Discussion about future sludge hauling sites. The City Administrator will research different areas to dump sludge at.

New Business

Discussion of the Steve Iverson/Bob Groene Alleyway. The Mayor received an email about the alleyway. The City Council talked about past actions that were discussed. Superintendent of Streets Sholty and City Council members will go see the area and talk about it at the next meeting.

Discussion of a pay increase from \$8.05 per hour to \$9.05 per hour (WSI certified) for Sydney Bauer, beginning pay period 7-3-17.

Motion by Paul Cates, seconded by Ryan Goodman to increase pay for Sydney Bauer from \$8.05 per hour to \$9.05 per hour for getting WSI certification.

Motion carries unanimously.

Other business discussed. Scott Tomlinson talking about the skirting on the trailer homes, will drive by and see and will email the City Administrator with what he finds. Gregor Ernst discussing elevated sidewalks and talking about inappropriate language used by the outdoor pool staff. Ryan Goodman talking about the candidates for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator position the Personnel Committee interviewed. Ryan wants to send a candidate information about City benefits. Discussion of the treatment plant and future plans as well as budgeting for the current plant. Talking about the history of City wells and the City's backup well. Discussion of getting Ronnie Bresnahan to talk to Water Department Supervisor Lon Schluter. Paul Cates asking for more information on the second water meter. Discussing new TV's for the Rec Center and selling ads for those TV's. The glass guy is in town for the Farm Bureau. Peter Goldsmith discussing water and sewer rate sheet.

Motion by Ryan Goodman, seconded by Paul Cates to adjourn. Adjournment at 8:08pm.

Marc Dennison, Administrator

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor