

Ida Grove

City Council Special Meeting and Budget Workshop

6:00pm

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

City Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by Mayor Whiteing. Council Members Scott Tomlinson, Gregor Ernst, Ryan Goodman and Paul Cates present with Council Member Amanda Litchenberg absent. Also present: Deputy Administrator Heather Sweeden, Library Director Angela Scales, Parks Superintendent Bob Lorenzen, WWTP Operator Shannon Hazelton and Rec Center Director Chelsea Gross.

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

Motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

1. FY2019 Budget

a. Fund Balance, Revenue and Expense Review and Recommendations on Adjustments if Needed

Discussion of the Rec Center budget. Inspections of the pools, wages, maintenance, doors were discussed at length. Discussion of the summer rec, soccer program, Heritage Days and duck race donations and expenses. The City Administrator will talk to the City Auditor to see if the City can start a depreciation fund for the Dectron. Discussion about budget line items 001-910-6910 and 110-910-6910 and investigate them more. The City Administrator will contact JEO to see if there are any funding mechanisms for dry storing of sludge. Debating if the city can start a depreciation fund for the Dectron. Discussing the Fire Department budget and the line item for physicals for the fire fighters and if the new trainees receive a physical before they start. Looking to contact other communities to see if they would like to host physicals in different years to disburse costs among individual fire departments.

Talking about the 112-150-6183 budget line items and if physical costs can be taken from there instead of a different budget line item. Discussion of if physicals can be taken out of the depreciation fund and if the depreciation fund can be moved or carried over into another account. Discussion of what can be used for the Road Use Tax and if it should be accounted for in the streets budget. Discussion of creating a depreciation fund for the sewer plant. Talking about wages, capital improvement and the sewer plant. Discussion of sludge storage and application. Looking at drying and storage. Possibly take it to another plant to be processed. Debating on using budget line 119-910-6910 or 121-910-6910 for a depreciation of office equipment. Discussion of the structure of budget meetings. Talking about countywide law costs.

Other Business

Adjournment at 8:41pm by Council Member Tomlinson, seconded by Council member Goodman.

Marc Dennison, City Administrator

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor