

**City of Ida Grove  
City Council Meeting  
November 5, 2018 6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers**

Mayor Whiteing called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Ryan Goodman, Paul Cates, Doug Clough, Gregor Ernst and Scott Tomlinson. City Attorney, Peter Goldsmith was not in attendance.

Motion by Tomlinson to approve the agenda, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Aaron Smith of D.A. Davidson was present to give a financial service presentation regarding funding for the upcoming City Hall renovation. According to Smith, under Iowa Code, improving a municipal building is classified as a general, non-essential use that requires specific restrictions in the areas of financing. Smith went on to explain various options available to the City, including eligibility to utilize Urban Renewal statutes in the Iowa Code to assist in the debt financing process. Issuance of bonds using this statute is subject to a reverse referendum process – any debt issued will be secured by property taxes. Goodman inquired to Smith as to how his company was different from the rest in terms of options, rates, etc. Smith explained it comes down to track record and fees. Smith went on to answer questions regarding financial advisors, length of time to secure funds and early payoff penalties. Council was informed that financial advising would be necessary for this sum, and the approximate length of time would be four regular meetings but once bonds are issued it would be just a couple of weeks. Call protection would expire after 5 years at which time, you may pay down the debt. Goodman commented with new properties and business coming to town, 5 years from now it would be nice to see money available for use in the general fund in order to pay any debts. Smith felt this project would be a strong center piece to downtown and would drive economic development thus improving property values.

Roger Hayes from Landus was next on the agenda but not present as he requested earlier in the day due to unfinalized details. Hayes will attend the next Council meeting to discuss sidewalk removal and an exit drive.

Reynold McLead updated the Council regarding the City's Planning and Zoning Commission. McLead discussed the progress they have made and the Ordinance Sub-Committee they have formed. The commission meets later this week to finalize changes to ordinances before presenting to the Council. Mayor Whiteing thanked McLead and the commission for all their time and efforts.

Christie Van Houten was present to update the Council on the Badger Creek Park Project. Van Houten is asking the City to set up a ledger for the park committee's finances, similar to what the City had done with past parks. Mayor Whiteing stated the staff at City Hall would be directed to look into this. Goodman inquired if there were plans for a public meeting to inform citizens of their vision for the area. Van Houten said once the committee is formed, they want to have the community assist in helping pick final design options. Goodman stated he's had people request they not renovate the park so he thought a public meeting might give those with questions a voice in the matter. Van Houten felt there had been misunderstanding previously. The next park meeting will be posted in the paper and she encourages the public to attend for better

understanding of the project's goals Ernst inquired if there would be phases for the project from a financial standpoint but Van Houten stated they are not that far yet. There are plans to apply for grants and figure out all available resources.

Sheriff Wade Harriman was present to update the council on the Sheriff's Department. Harriman stated in the month of October over 300 patrol hours were logged in Ida Grove with 169 citations and 34 arrests issued. The winter parking ordinance now being in effect was discussed next. Ida Grove differs from other nearby towns by restricting street parking only when it snows if streets need plowed. The other four towns in the county have no parking on streets November 1 – April 1. Harriman then discussed the matter of narcotic arrests. He feels once numbers are tallied for this year, this year's drug arrests will far exceed those from past years. Approximately 70% of arrests are drug related. Most recently, in the 400 block of Main Street, a search warrant was executed at a residence resulting in the seizing of methamphetamine, marijuana, cash and firearms. Harriman voiced his appreciation for the hard work of his deputies and wanted to thank the public for their phone calls and Facebook messages. Goodman asked if Ida County was above average in drug activity but Harriman did not feel this was the case. Sheriff Harriman stated he and his deputies are doing everything possible to get drugs out of our communities.

Next was Zanet Thies with a Heritage Days Committee report. Thies and her husband will step down from running the event after 6 years and in their departure the couple wishes to disperse the remaining funds from the Heritage Days proceeds, to community groups and repay the city their initial startup funds in the amount of \$3,000. The Mayor and Council thanked the Thies' for their efforts and asked what she thought the future vision was for Heritage Days. Thies was unsure as most of the members and volunteers were stepping down. Ernst told Thies they'd done an amazing thing for 6 years and he hoped there was a plan for the future. When asked for more details, Thies explained they want to divide \$25,000 up between the fire department, ambulance, hospital, Kid Zone and the Girl and Boy Scouts. She stated their initial vision had been to have a big act or band come to town but the price was prohibitive. The Mayor and Council appreciate the Thies' hard work but felt the money from Heritage Days should be used for the same purpose it was raised. Mayor Whiteing wants Heritage Days to move forward and grow so therefore the money should stay with Heritage Days to help it prosper. Tomlinson voiced he felt giving back was a great idea but the funds ultimately belonged to Heritage Days despite a lack of volunteers or any other reason. Tomlinson asked Thies if she would return with figures so the Council could take some time to consider possible disbursement of funds.

Motion by Goodman to approve the consent agenda items, second by Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Ordinance 560 Regulating Recreational Vehicle Parking was next. Mayor Whiteing read the ordinance out loud. After discussion Council chose to remove one word before approval. Motion by Tomlinson to approve and wave the second and third readings, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018 - 30**  
**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE REGULATING**  
**RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ida Grove, Iowa has determined that recreational vehicles shall not be parked in front yards of residentially zoned areas except in driveway portions; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Ida Grove, Iowa has determined that recreational vehicles shall not be parked in the City right of way, blocking City sidewalks, or on City streets, with the exception of loading and unload and not for a period to exceed 24 hours; and

**WHEREAS**, an ordinance has been presented to the City Council that prohibits such acts.

**IT WAS THEREFORE** moved by council member Tomlinson and seconded by council member Goodman that the ordinance set forth in the attached Exhibit A be approved.

Said resolution is passed by city council by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

Ayes – in favor of enactment of the resolution.

Gregor Ernst  
Paul Cates  
Doug Clough  
Ryan Goodman  
Scott Tomlinson

Nays – namely opposed to the enactment of the resolution.

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

Community Development Clerk Tomlinson has come across an opportunity for the City to purchase a piece of property, Lots 5 & 6 of Block 11 in the Village of Ida. The property could be used as recreational area for the North side of town. Councilman Tomlinson stated there is no park on that side of town but numerous children who live in the area who could potentially utilize it. Clough thought it was a great idea contingent on purchase price so Councilman Tomlinson will get more information and a price to bring back to council.

Motion by Clough to approve partnering with the Chamber of Commerce to split the purchase of greenery for the planters located throughout the downtown business district in the amount of \$900.00, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council discussed fluoridation reinstatement next. Patti Andrews reminded the Council about the information that has been presented to the Council to continue fluoridating the drinking water. Clough felt until we find a well that brings us back up to .07 fluoride needs to be in the water. Ernst was concerned they didn't know what other biproducts or chemicals were in it and said he's very torn as it's a debatable topic.

Tomlinson felt there was naturally enough fluoride in the water. Clough made a motion to add fluoride back to the water, second by Goodman. Ayes: Clough, Goodman. Nays: Ernst, Tomlinson. Motion defeated. Goodman made a motion to revisit this at the next meeting.

Motion by Goodman to approve the levee drainage structure pipe rehabilitation for \$13,800 second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion passed.

Council then reviewed the unpermitted concrete pour case next. A letter from citizen with a final alternative was received. The City maintenance crew will remove the concrete in the next few weeks charging the home owner \$600.00 and the City will allow a repayment plan with the citizens.

Mayor Whiteing opened the two proposals received for City Auditor for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021. The bid received from Hunzelman, Putzier & Co. was for \$9800, \$10,000 and \$ \$10,300 and the bid by Williams & Co. was \$12,450 per year. Motion by Goodman to approve Hunzelman, Putzier & Co. to continue as City Auditor, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Goodman to approve the City's Annual Financial Report, second by Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

In other business, Mayor Whiteing updated the council that he has scheduled the contractors from the Downtown Revitalization Project to visit the various businesses who continue to experience leaks and problems, later this week to determine if the issues are problems of the contractor or the business owner. The Levee Maintenance Site Clean-up efforts by Pizza Hut are now complete. No other business was presented.

Motion by Goodman to adjourn, second by Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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Kelly Young, Project Management Clerk

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