

**City of Ida Grove  
City Council Meeting  
February 18, 2019 6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers**

Mayor Pro Tem, Paul Cates, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Ryan Goodman, Doug Clough, Gregor Ernst and Scott Tomlinson. City Attorney, Peter Goldsmith was also in attendance.

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

Motion by Goodman to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, Budget, Treasurer, Revenue reports, and the 2/4/2019, 2/7/2019 and 2/12/2019 minutes, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

City Hall staff further researched trademarking the City of Ida Grove as "Castletown USA" and discovered the cost will be about \$400 more than originally anticipated. Council discussed the value a trademark could bring to the City. Motion by Ernst to approve moving forward with trademark filing "Castletown USA" in the amount of \$1100-\$1400, second by Clough. Council questions where the funds will come from in the City budget; Sweeden will pay from the Mayor/Council fund. Council also wonders what happens to the trademark if they decide not to renew in the 5-6 year timeframe. City Hall will investigate this. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Goodman to approve Resolution 2019-6 Transfer of Funds as proposed by Northland Securities, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-6  
Transfer of Funds**

The City of Ida Grove's General Fund balance is -\$435,091.38 as of December 31, 2018.

The City of Ida Grove resolves to do the following transfers between City fund accounts as listed below:

Transfer \$130,000 from the Local Option Fund to the General Fund to assist in funding the General Fund deficit.

Transfer \$119,200 from the Local Option Fund to the Equipment Fund for Fire Department depreciation for FY18 \$40,800, FY19 \$58,400 and a \$20,000 reimbursement from the Fire Department for a portion of a fire truck purchase.

Declare a surplus in the Water Fund and transfer \$320,000 from the Water Fund to the General Fund to assist in funding the General Fund deficit. This will leave \$111,632.47 in the Water Fund as of December 31, 2018 which is approximately 6 months operating expenditures. See Attached Exhibit A

Total transfer to General Fund \$450,000

Total transfer to Fire Depreciation \$119,200

Said resolution is passed by City Council by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

Motion by Goodman to approve Resolution 2019-7 Resolution Supporting the Submittal of a Grant Application Through the Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association for Funding for the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 7**  
**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION**  
**THROUGH THE SIOUXLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**  
**ASSOCIATION FOR FUNDING FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE**  
**PROGRAM (TAP)**

WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove, Iowa, is desirous of submitting an application to the Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association's Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), for the pedestrian walkways attached to the Moorehead Avenue Bridge replacement project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ida Grove is authorized to submit a grant application to the Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Ida Grove is committed to fund twenty percent (20%) of the total project costs. The City further agrees to adequately maintain the completed project for its intended public use for a minimum, but not limited to, twenty (20) years following project completion.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

Motion by Goodman to approve Resolution 2019-8 Resolution Supporting the Submittal of a Grant Application Through the Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association for Funding for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), second by Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 8**  
**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION**  
**THROUGH THE SIOUXLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**  
**ASSOCIATION FOR FUNDING FOR THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK**  
**GRANT (STBG)**

WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove, Iowa, is desirous of submitting an application to the Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association's Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) for the Moorehead Avenue Bridge replacement project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ida Grove is authorized to submit a grant application to the Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Ida Grove is committed to fund twenty percent (20%) of the total project costs. The City further agrees to adequately maintain the

completed project for its intended public use for a minimum, but not limited to, twenty (20) years following project completion.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

Motion by Clough to set the Public Hearing for FY20 Budget as March 4, 2019 at 6:00 pm to be held in the City Council Chambers, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Tomlinson to approve April Reitz and Sam Sadler as Rec Center Receptionists at \$7.50/hour, second by Ernst. Clough abstains due to a personal conflict. Motion passes 4-0.

Ernst recommends all city council members personally donate \$10 to the OABCIG Music Boosters instead of making a donation from the City funds. All members are in agreeance.

Motion by Ernst to approve a city employee to attend the water distribution class through Kirkwood, second by Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Clough to approve City Clerk, Heather Sweeden and Project Management Clerk, Kelly Young, to attend IMFOA Spring Conference, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council discussed which type of fluoride they would plan to use if, after the water bill vote, the City moves forward with fluoridation. Goodman states he knows the powder form is harder to deal with. Clough and Tomlinson state that it is also more dangerous to handle and the City does not have adequate storage available. Sweeden states that her understanding is once the powder form is mixed, it is the equivalent of the liquid form; Clough agrees. Not only is the powder form dangerous for employees to handle, it is understood that it is also a higher cost. Clough feels the City needs to listen to the professionals (IDPH, ADA, Lon). Council needs to make a decision on the type of fluoride that will be used, pending the revote, so that the city may apply for a grant to purchase fluoridation equipment. Motion by Clough to approve hydrofluorisisilic acid, pending potential revote on March 18, second by Cates. Ayes: Cates, Clough. Nays: Goodman, Tomlinson, Ernst. Motion fails. Motion by Goodman to approve sodium fluoride, pending potential revote on March 18, motion dies for lack of a second. Ernst states that he agrees with Goodman on using sodium fluoride, should the city begin fluoridating again, but not enough to second his motion. Fluoride type will be placed on the March 18 agenda.

Council discusses what should be considered worked hours towards overtime. Council has conflicting opinions as some feel all vacation, sick, holiday and physical hours worked should count towards overtime and others feel only holiday and physical hours worked should count. Currently, sick leave, holidays, and physical hours worked count towards overtime. Motion by Ernst to remove sick leave as hours worked towards overtime and insert vacation hours, second by Clough. Tomlinson abstains due to personal conflict. Ayes: Cates, Ernst, Clough. Nays: Goodman. Motion passes 3-1.

In other business Sweeden states the City has received \$570 in nitrate sampling reimbursements to date and the nitrate levels are coming down, per Lon Schluter. Council discussed several complaints they received in regards to snowmobilers. The city does have an ordinance regulating streets snowmobiles may operate on. Council urges citizens to take pictures of any snowmobilers trespassing and turn them into the Ida County Sheriffs Department. Soccer registration forms have been sent out and

Ernst will work with Public Works to get the fields ready for practices. Council would like City Hall to post on Facebook and the website to remind citizens to get their sidewalks scooped per City Ordinance. Public Works did an excellent job on snow removal this past week.

Motion by Ernst to adjourn, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

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Paul Cates, Mayor Pro Tem