

**City of Ida Grove
City Council Meeting
July 2, 2018 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: Gregor Ernst, Scott Tomlinson, Doug Clough and Ryan Goodman. Mayor Whiteing was absent.

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

Lane LeBahn with Advanced Systems gave a presentation on Laserfiche. Advanced Systems currently works with roughly 40 Iowa cities that use this product for their electronic document storage. Laserfiche is used to identify documents in an efficient order for easy lookup. The City could scan all previous ordinances, resolutions, minutes, etc. into Laserfiche as an electronic, searchable, copy. Laserfiche is compatible with the city's accounting software and is capable of printing accounting reports directly into Laserfiche. This also creates easy access for the City's auditors to have full access to all city documents at their fingertips. LeBahn stated that the city is welcome to borrow a scanner from Laserfiche in order to scan in older documents at a much faster rate. The installation of the software would be done in the background and training employees on the system would take roughly one hour. Council asked Sweeden to find out where this would fit in the current budget and bring back to the council at the next meeting.

Water Superintendent, Lon Schluter, presented results from his recent sanitary survey conducted by the DNR. The DNR does not require cities to feed fluoride anymore. Fluoride is naturally found in toothpaste, water, etc. The City of Ida Grove's water supply contains .4 mg/l of fluoride naturally, with the limit set by the DNR at .7 mg/l. Schluter consulted with several surrounding towns to see if they ever have or still are treating for fluoride. Of the towns he spoke with, none of them are currently treating their water. Schluter also stated that if the council wishes to continue fluoride treatment, the city would need to purchase a new pump and a smaller, 5-gallon tank, per the DNR. Motion by Clough to discontinue fluoride treatment, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

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

Approval of the Capital Improvement Plan will be delayed until the July 16th meeting.

Cates opened the public hearing on the Midwest Industries water main extension bid award. No comments were received, written or oral. Public hearing closed. Motion by Tomlinson to award the bid of \$108,810 to King Construction, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Approval of a task order, not to exceed \$6500, for JEO to continue assisting the city with the flood insurance rate map was tabled until the July 16th meeting. Council directed Sweeden to see where this money could come from in the budget before approving.

No action was taken on the approval of payment to farmers for sludge hauling. Wastewater Superintendent, Shannon Hazelton, was directed to continue working on finding a place to haul the sludge. Council is hoping to be able to utilize the landfill for dumping sludge. The DNR has given their blessing to dump sludge at the landfill, however, Goodman will talk with the County to find out if they are willing to allow it. Council gave the go ahead to find low cost or no cost options for dumping, which can be approved by supervisors.

A few citizens were present to voice their opinion on whether or not the city should spray for mosquitos. Of the three citizens who spoke during the meeting, all of them were opposed to spraying. Jess Bluml presented several facts she found on a link from Mosquito Control of Iowa's website. Included in her comments were the following: children are the most vulnerable to the chemicals used in spraying, pesticide exposure is cumulative and may not show any side effects immediately, the buildup of these chemicals can cause cancer and immunity issues. Motion by Clough not to spray for mosquitos, in the interest of public safety, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Several citizens were present to be appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission as well as the Board of Adjustment. Motion by Goodman to appoint Cody Lomholt, Stu Sheer and Reynold McLead to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 3-year term, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Motion by Goodman to appoint Adam Wunschel, Kip Gebel, Jess Bluml and Jeff Gilbert to the Board of Adjustment for a 5-year term, second by Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Clough to approve the final reading of Ordinance 559 – amending the code of ordinances of Ida Grove by amending the mowing requirements of properties within city limits, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. The passing of this ordinance will change the vegetation height limit from 12 inches to 8 inches.

Motion by Ernst to approve Resolution 2018-12 amending the code of ordinances of Ida Grove by amending the mowing requirements of properties within city limits, second by Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Approval of Ordinance 560 – adding a subsection to ordinance 556 regarding camper/trailer parking was tabled until the next council meeting.

City Crew Foreman, Gerrod Sholty, presented a street repair list to the City Council for asphalt, crack sealing and patch work repairs that he feels are priority for FY19. Council directed Sholty to consult with Cody Forch of JEO to get his opinion on the list. Motion by Goodman to give Sholty authority to get as many bids as necessary and make a recommendation to council for the streets he wants to repair as he feels appropriate, second by Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Clough to approve Resolution 2018-15 setting salaries and wages for FY19, second by Goodman. Tomlinson abstained due to a conflict of interest. Ayes: Clough, Goodman, Ernst, Cates. Nays: None. Abstain: Tomlinson. Motion passes 4-0.

Motion by Clough to approve Resolution 2018-16 setting social media policies for the City of Ida Grove, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Council also discussed amending the current employee handbook to include the new

social media policy and have all employees sign that they have received, read and will abide by the policy.

Motion by Clough to approve cigarette permits for FY19 for Dollar General and Casey's General Store, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Clough to approve a City of Ida Grove Kiwanis membership in the amount of \$105.00 and weekly meals at \$5.00 per attendee, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Sweeden reported that she received a rough draft of the City Hall renovation RFP. She will review it with Project Management Clerk, Kelly Young, and have an update of the progress at the next council meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Paul Cates, Mayor Pro Tem