

**City of Ida Grove
City Council Meeting
August 20, 2018 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

Mayor Whiteing called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Paul Cates, Gregor Ernst, Scott Tomlinson, Doug Clough and Ryan Goodman.

Motion by Tomlinson to approve the agenda, with the following changes: move the pool survey and Kolb Lane discussion to appearances as both parties were in attendance, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Jennifer Bainbridge asked the City Council to forgive her concrete pour that occurred on June 28, 2018 without a concrete permit from the City. She stated that her husband works for GCC and was offered free concrete that was otherwise going to be dumped. The Bainbridge's were not aware a permit was needed with the City in order to pour the concrete. They poured it without any plan, permit, forms, etc. Council discussed several options including: requiring the Bainbridge's to tear up the pad, filing a municipal infraction for pouring without a concrete permit, pouring more concrete over the top or breaking up the existing concrete to make it a crushed rock driveway. Motion by Clough to have Bainbridge's come up with a solution or suggestions and deliver the written document to City Hall by August 27, 2018. The Council will then come up with a final decision at the September 4, 2018 Council meeting, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Dawn Ericson, ISMILE Coordinator with Mid Sioux Opportunity, was present at the meeting to discuss the City Council's recent decision to discontinue fluoride treatment. The optimal level of fluoride in order to prevent tooth decay is 0.7 mg/L. The City of Ida Grove has recently been at an average of 0.4mg/L without the addition of fluoride. The current fluoride tank is deemed too large by the DNR and would need replaced with a smaller tank as well as a new pump. Dawn mentioned there are funding opportunities through Delta Dental that the City could apply for to help with the purchase of a new tank and pump. Council stated their decision to discontinue fluoride treatment was not based on saving money, but based on the fact that the city's natural fluoride level is close to the 0.7mg/L and there are fluoride additives in many toothpaste's, rinses, foods and drinks. After much debate, Council directed City staff to ask a representative from the DNR to attend the next meeting, if possible.

Water Superintendent, Lon Schluter, spoke regarding his recent sanitary survey which is done every three years. The DNR is requiring the City to have another crew member licensed in water distribution other than Schluter. Gerrod Sholty and Kris Taylor have offered to take the test required to become licensed. Included in the survey were also the following recommendations: improve the gas chlorine room for safety concerns, meter all service connections to monitor water loss, replace fire protection lines with 6-inch mains, exercise all valves annually and supply a means to provide auxillary power in the event of loss of normal power. Mayor Whiteing suggests Schluter obtain quotes to repair the door to the chlorine room.

Council addressed Tory Greder regarding numerous nuisance complaints received for his dogs running at-large. Greder stated that he thought he had his fence fixed at one time and later found out the dogs were still getting out from another portion of the fence. Within the last couple weeks he has installed a new kennel for his dogs to prevent them from leaving his property. He also stated that one of the dogs in question was not his and has recently had the pet owner remove the dog from his property. Since the installation of the kennel (on or about August 1st), Mayor and City staff report they have not received any further complaints. To date, the City has issued 2 sets of municipal infractions: one set for at-large and one set for unlicensed dogs. Council feels Greder is now making the right efforts to correct the situation. Greder was directed by Mayor Whiteing to register his dog with the City of Ida Grove by Friday, August 24, 2018.

Chelsea Gross presented a survey she put together in regards to the outdoor pool. Council is pleased with the survey and would like it available to citizens from September 5th to September 19th. Gross will compile the results and present them along with the end of season pool report at the October 1st Council Meeting.

Jan Svendsen asked the Council for permission to install an extender tube in the ditch to the East of her property in order to prevent her driveway from further undermining. The tube would be located in the City right-of-way, however it would be partially on her property and extend onto her neighbors property. Motion by Goodman to approve Jan Svendsen to install the tube at her cost, if she obtains written consent from her neighbor, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Svendsen also requested the City clean out the ditch in the meantime as it is currently backed up. Council considers this routine maintenance and gives permission for the City Crew to take care of it.

Mayor Whiteing opened the following two street bids which contained numerous sections of street in town: Blacktop Services - \$177,230 and Barkley - \$170,300, however Barkley did not bid on line item 7. Council directs Sholty to look at the bids and make a recommendation at the next council meeting. Council will make official vote of the bid award at the September 4, 2018 meeting.

Sholty reported there is a failed storm pipe on the Badger Creek Levee. He requests permission from the Council to have the pipe televised to locate any issues. Motion by Tomlinson to approve Sholty to have the storm pipe televised, second by Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Sholty also discussed concerns with 255th Street (gravel road behind High School) washing out whenever it rains. Council suggests Sholty speak with the City Engineer and have him take a look at it next time he is in town.

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

Council discussed pending Ordinance 560 – adding a subsection to Ordinance 556 regarding camper/trailer parking. Council does not want recreational vehicles parked in front yards year-round. After much debate on whether or not to allow parking in side yards and rear yards for long periods of time, setting a time frame for allowance of parking recreational vehicles in the front yard, and how to address homes on corner lots Council tabled the approval and would like the Committee on Policy and Planning to address this Ordinance and bring back to the Council for approval at a future meeting.

Motion by Goodman to approve Russell Brummer as a Rec Center lifeguard at \$9.00 hourly, second by Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Goodman to approve Heather Sweeden's salary of \$48,000 yearly, beginning on Thursday, August 23, 2018, second by Clough. Councilman Tomlinson abstained for personal reasons. Ayes: Clough, Goodman, Cates, Ernst. Nays: None. Abstains: Tomlinson. Motion passes 4-0.

Motion by Goodman to approve Resolution 2018-18 to fix a date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into a water revenue loan and disbursement agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$310,000.00, second by Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Goodman to approve Resolution 2018-22 to fix a date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into a sewer revenue loan and disbursement agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$480,000.00, second by Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Goodman to approve Resolution 2018-20 Transfer of funds, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Ernst to approve Resolution 2018-21 Transfer of certificate of deposit, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council discussed whether or not the City could legally add the King Theatre Manager under the City payroll. The Theatre is currently owned by the Ida Grove Foundation. City Attorney, Peter Goldsmith, explained the money would come from the Foundation to cover the payroll, they are just asking the City to execute the check. Questions were asked as to whether it would be required to be done through payroll or if the Manager would be considered a 1099 vendor. Sweeden will check into the legalities and Clough will talk with the Holstein Development Authority to see how they handle this similar situation.

Motion by Goodman to apply to be a RAGBRAI host in 2022, second by Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Goodman to allow Vetter's to use the runway to test a tractor so long as the proper communications are made to the FAA, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Goodman to allow two office staff to attend the Fall IMFOA Conference at \$125.00 per attendee, second by Clough. Tomlinson abstained due to personal reasons. Ayes: Goodman, Clough, Cates, Ernst. Nays: None. Abstains: Tomlinson. Motion passes 4-0.

Motion by Goodman to approve the Firemen Bell to be placed in Godbersen Park, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. City Crew will look at the Park and find a spot to place it as well as how it should be installed. City Hall will look into having a plaque placed at the site.

Council tabled approval of internet at the Wastewater Treatment Plant through Evertex for now. City staff will look into the contract they have with Extreme Air which offers up to 5 free locations of service for the City.

Motion by Goodman to approve blocking a section of 1st Street (near the Fire Department) on September 20th from 4:30-6:30 for a community event, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

In other business, Mayor Whiteing asked Goldsmith to check on the status of the Verizon Wireless contract. Ernst suggested talking with Extreme Air about the possibility of offering free w-fi at the City Park. The next City Council meeting will be moved to Tuesday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day. Council discussed ongoing issues two business owners are continuing to have from the Downtown Revitalization Project. Sweeden reported City Hall is trying to make contact with the contractors to help the business owners as much they can. Council would like to see the business owners make contact with the contractors as well.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor