

**City of Ida Grove  
City Council Meeting  
August 6, 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 Clough to approve the agenda, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Sheriff, Wade Harriman, was present to give his sheriff's report. There have been several personnel changes at the Sheriff's Office including a new dispatcher, jailer and comm center hire. They recently upgraded their records management system with money that was left over from FY18. Harriman noted his appreciation of the City Crew for all the assistance they have recently provided with the recent dog issues around town. The Castletown Brewery dogs have been cited, however, Harriman is unsure if they have been to court for the charges yet. Clough noted the dogs have been at-large again since the most recent attack on Tracey Johnson's dog. He is questioning when these dogs will be removed from town. Attorney Goldsmith noted he is moving forward with the municipal infractions but the City cannot just deem the dogs vicious. He said there must be a public hearing set in order to deem the dogs as vicious. Mayor Whiteing recited a section from the July 16, 2018 minutes where Goldsmith stated "a public hearing is waived in the event the dogs meet certain criteria which the Council find they do". At the July 16 meeting, Goldsmith volunteered to write a letter to the owners stating they have a set number of days to remove their dogs from town or will be cited with a municipal infraction of \$750.00 per dog, per day. Goldsmith rescinds his previous statement about setting a public hearing. He will move forward with sending a letter asking that the dogs be removed from town by Friday, August 10, 2018. Harriman added that when a dog bites a human, Ed Sohm is contacted to quarantine the animal and the deputy does an investigation. Council would like City Hall to work something out with Ed that there is communication from him whenever there is a situation like this. The Council also asks that City Hall place communication on the City's Facebook page to let citizens know that all dog at-large calls should first be reported to the Sheriff's Department.

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

Council discussed the draft Ordinance 560 – Adding a Subsection to Ordinance 556 Regarding Camper/Trailer Parking. They would like a time period of 24 hours added to the draft for loading and unloading, no campers to park on the street at all with the exception of the 24-hour period and to remove the section regarding the 14 consecutive day parking. City staff will make these changes and present the Ordinance for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the next council meeting. Residents from Schmidt's Addition were present for the discussion and mentioned that the streets in Schmidt's Addition are not very wide. With residents in the neighborhood parking on both sides of the street, it makes it difficult to navigate at times. The possibility of having parking on one side of

the street only was mentioned. The residents present at the meeting will discuss and come back to City Hall with suggestions if they would like the issue on a future agenda.

Mayor Whiteing opened the public hearing for the Capital Improvement Plan Adoption. No comments were received, written or oral. Public hearing closed. Motion by Goodman to approve Resolution 2018-19 – Capital Improvement Plan Adoption, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council discussed a concrete pour that was done without a permit on June 28, 2018 at 309 Burns Street. The property owner wrote the City Council a letter asking for forgiveness on the matter and stated they did not know they needed a permit to pour concrete until after the fact. When they found out a permit should have been obtained, they did come to City Hall and return a permit application on June 29, 2018. To date, the permit has still not been approved. Council asks that the residents write a letter to the City including a solution to the problem. They would like the letter to be received in City Hall no later than August 14<sup>th</sup> and request the resident's attend the August 20 council meeting for a final decision on how to remedy the situation.

City Hall received a quote from Orkin to continue pest control for the Maintenance Shop, Fire Department, and City Hall in the amount of \$2,015.16 for one year. Plunkett's Pest Control also submitted a bid for the same buildings in the amount of \$1,980.00 for one year. Motion by Goodman to approve not renewing the City's contract with Orkin and beginning a contract with Plunkett's Pest Control including coverage for the Maintenance Shop, Fire Department and City Hall for \$1,980.00 per year, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Cody Forch of JEO was present to discuss an amendment to the Midwest Water Main project. He reported work should begin on the project within the next couple weeks, but an amendment in the amount of \$1,100 was needed for staking, pre-construction meeting and shop drawing reviews. Forch reported that even with this addition, the total project should come in under the original estimate. Motion by Goodman to approve the construction amendment of \$1,100.00, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Clough to approve Devlun Whiteing, Kelly Young and Heather Sweeden to attend the LEAN Governmental Exchange Workshop in Des Moines on August 30, 2018 for a total cost of \$150.00, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Clough to approve Galen Peery to be appointed to the Rec Center Board for a term of 3 years, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Tomlinson to approve purchasing a sampler controller for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$1,965.00 from GPM, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council tabled Resolution 2018-18 – Setting a Public Hearing for Entering into Water Revenue Loan & Disbursement Agreement until the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Council discussed whether the City or homeowner are responsible for tree clean-up when the tree, limbs or branches fall from a tree in the City right-of-way. Council stated that if the tree, limb or branch fall into the actual street and is impeding traffic, it would be the responsibility of the City Crew to clean up. If a tree located in the right-of-way loses branches or limbs and falls anywhere other than the actual street, it is the

responsibility of the homeowner due to the fact that City Code states it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain all trees on their property. Council stated weather is irrelevant in this situation. Council asked that this information be shared on the City's Facebook page and website.

Motion by Clough to approve Tabitha Gonnerman and Allyson Schable to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term of 3 years, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council discussed allowing vs. not allowing pole barns to be built in city limits. They feel it is important to put an ordinance into place to prevent these types of structures from being built in the city limits in the future. City staff has been instructed to look into how other cities handle pole barns in their communities and draft an Ordinance.

Motion by Goodman to approve the swimming pool permit application with the following additions: One time \$10 permit fee for permanent and temporary structures, define in permit that if the location, size or make and model of the pool is altered, a new permit will be needed, second by Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

In other business, the Council discussed concerns that were raised regarding the outdoor pool lifeguards. There have been concerns brought to the attention of City Hall staff in regards to lifeguards on duty not paying attention to the kids that are swimming and not sitting in their lifeguard chairs during duty. There is a mandatory meeting being held at the Rec Center on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> to address these issues. Goodman requests one of the Councilmen attend the meeting. Clough recommends that Chelsea create a survey to be sent out to all season pass holders to get their input on how the season went. Sweeden is directed to put this discussion on the August 20 council meeting agenda.

It was also asked that City Hall post on Facebook and the website that trees are to be maintained by the property owners with the following information: Trees must be trimmed to at least 15 feet above the streets and 8 feet above sidewalks.

Council discussed whether the agenda format should be changed and placed on a future agenda adding a citizen comment section. No changes are needed.

Jamie Hewitt was present to present some concerns he has. He is wondering when the equipment by Pizza Hut will be cleaned up. Sweeden reported that Northern Natural Gas is still in the process of doing their improvement project on the levee, but that NNG has communicated they will come mow around the equipment. He is also concerned about Quimby Street from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. He stated there is currently not much of a curb there due to previous overlays and wonders what will happen if another overlay is done. He spoke with Foreman, Gerrod Sholty, who directed him to speak to the City Council. Council said we will check into whether or not the street should be milled. Lastly, with the recent weight limit postings on the Moorehead Avenue bridge, Hewitt has noticed truckers coming into town, going past Food Pride, and still going on the bridge. He is concerned with harvest coming up that semis could ignore the signs, causing further damage. He suggests the city place truck route signs coming into town and near Subway/Pronto as well to alert the truckers not to go in that direction and to use one of the other options of getting into town. Council would like Sholty to discuss this with city engineer, Cody Forch.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

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Devlun Whiteing, Mayor