

**City of Ida Grove
City Council Meeting
September 17, 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 and Ryan Goodman. Mayor, Devlun Whiteing and Councilman, Doug Clough were absent.

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

Jennifer Bainbridge was present to continue discussion on a concrete pad that was poured at her residence without a permit from the City. Council decided to send this item to the Committee on Buildings and Property for further discussion. The committee consists of Goodman, Cates and Tomlinson. Goodman plans to abstain from any voting on the matter due to a conflict of interest as their neighbor; he asked Ernst to attend the meeting in his place. The committee will meet Thursday, September 20th at noon in the Council Chambers.

Motion by Goodman to allow PowerWash USA to move forward with installation of water and sewer lines to accommodate their new building located at 304 E Hwy 175; sewer lines to be placed along the East side of the alley; water lines to be connected to the water main, second by Ernst. Daniel Gesy, owner, was instructed to work with Gerrod Sholty, Lon Schluter and Shannon Hazelton to ensure placement of the lines are correct. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Dan Remer asked the council to allow him to remove the sidewalk located at his 904 Fifth Street residence and not replace it, due to it being a dead-end sidewalk. Council referenced a similar situation in which they granted the homeowner permission to remove the sidewalk and not replace it, so long as they signed an agreement with the City stating that if the City Council ever asked them to replace the sidewalk in the future, they will agree to do so. Remer expressed that he would be willing to sign an agreement as such, but would like a stipulation in the agreement that states that if the City were to ever implement a comprehensive sidewalk plan that involved city funds with a homeowner match, Remer would be able to participate. Motion by Ernst to allow Remer to remove sidewalk and not replace, providing he sign an agreement with the stipulation included, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Jeff Gilbert was present to get permission to place a culvert in the ditch along the East side of his property (along Rohwer Street), to allow ease of maintenance and access to his back yard. Gilbert will discuss this with Crew Foreman, Gerrod Sholty, and come back to the Council for further discussion and a decision.

Stu Sheer was not present at the meeting to discuss the First Street ditch cleaning.

Cody Lomholt spoke on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The commission was fully staffed with seven members until a recent resignation from Kevin Nulle. There is currently one opening on the board they are trying to fill. They plan to continue meeting monthly until the commission can get a handle on the building permit review process. Recently, City staff along with the commission, came up with a plan to

send all building permits to the Commission for all seven members to review, instead of just the Chairman. They have an educational seminar coming up on October 10th with Iowa State University. Lomholt also asked for the Council's blessing to look into some of the City's ordinances pertaining to their positions to assist in getting them updated and non-conflicting with other City ordinances. Council looks forward to their recommendations.

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

Motion by Goodman to approve the second reading of Ordinance 561 – An Ordinance amending the code of Ordinances of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa, by amending the maintenance requirements of properties within the City limits of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Lomholt spoke in regards to the second reading of Ordinance 562 – Pole Barns. The Planning and Zoning Commission have some concerns with the wording of the Ordinance. They feel the goal of what is trying to be prevented is not being captured within the Ordinance. They also have concerns about being able to properly approve permits under this ordinance. On behalf of the Commission, Lomholt offered their assistance in helping to redraft the Ordinance. Ernst recommends the Commission work with Community Development Clerk, Kandice Tomlinson, to redraft and bring the Ordinance back to Council for approval. Lomholt mentioned the Commission has an upcoming meeting; Ernst asked that someone from the Council in addition to K. Tomlinson attend this meeting.

Council requested to remove “approval of adding King Theatre Manager under City payroll” from future agendas.

Cates opened the one bid received for ditch cleaning. Lukins Construction bid \$1,250.00. Motion by Goodman to approve Lukins Construction for ditch cleaning in the amount of \$1,250.00, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Councilmen Ernst requested a copy of the final agreement with AT&T that was completed in the beginning of 2018 before moving forward with AT&T's request to renegotiate terms. Sweeden will get the agreement to Ernst, who will then work on this item with Attorney Goldsmith.

Motion by Goodman to let Crew Foreman, Sholty, handle the Badger Creek storm drain repair as he sees fit, second by Tomlinson. If the repair to the project exceeds spending limits of the Foreman, he will need to bring it back to the Council for approval. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Cates announced that he has ordered the fencing for the Badger Creek Park, which should arrive in a couple of weeks. Goodman stated he has received a citizen complaint in regards to the Park; some citizens are not in favor of major changes to the Park and equipment. A letter was also received in City Hall with some citizen concerns. Lomholt stated that he is also part of the Badger Creek Park Committee and they are in the process of scheduling an educational meeting with the park equipment vendors. After that meeting the committee plans to hold a public meeting, which will be advertised, so the public can attend and speak in regards to the proposed park updates.

Motion by Ernst to amend the map that was placed in the Council packets in regards to handicap parking spaces in the downtown, with the addition of a 5th space in front of the King Theatre, second by Tomlinson. City Hall will reach out to any possible

affected business owners to inform them of the Council's plan of additional spaces. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

In other business, Stephanie Konradi asked the Council when Ordinance 560 – Camper/Trailer parking will be back on the Agenda for voting as it has been put off for several meetings now. The committee on Ordinances met a few weeks ago to discuss this topic. City Hall staff will revise the Ordinance with the requested changes and get it on the October 1 Council Meeting agenda. Sweeden updated the Council in regards to the Downtown Revitalization project issues. City Hall sent a letter to all business owners who participated in the project and asked for any input to be returned in writing to City Hall by October 1st. Councilman Tomlinson stated the house on Moorehead Avenue which was torn down several months ago, is now getting cleaned up. Sweeden reported that Kelly Young, Project Management Clerk, completed the ordering of tablets that were approved at the last Council Meeting. Young is working to get all the tablets up and running and hopes to have them ready for the October 1st meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Paul Cates, Mayor Pro Tem