

**City of Ida Grove
City Council Meeting
September 4, 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 and Ryan Goodman. Doug Clough was absent.

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

Jennifer Bainbridge was not in attendance at the meeting to continue discussion of pouring a cement parking area without a permit. Bainbridge did submit a letter to City Hall on 8-27-2018 suggesting 2 options to remedy the situation. Option 1: rock the entire area enough to cover the slab. Option 2: Pour a new slab of concrete over the top of the existing pad next year. They would also repair their sidewalk at that time. Motion by Ernst to have the Bainbridge's cover the cement pad with gravel for now, have the Mayor and City Clerk come up with an amount and charge them with a municipal infraction, and have the Bainbridge's sign a letter of intent to complete option 2 as stated above, second by Cates. During further discussion, Tomlinson stated he didn't feel these are good options to remedy the situation and they should have to take out the current slab and pour it correctly. Goodman stated he is abstaining due to a conflict of interest. Ernst then rescinded his motion and the item will be placed on the next agenda.

Mark Brenner, Clint Cork and Deb Ullrich were present to discuss ongoing leaking issues at their buildings as a result of the Downtown Revitalization Project. The owners all feel as though they will not get anywhere if they contact Red Oak Glass again to come look at the issues and are looking for help from the City. The owners are concerned that the project is considered complete, final payment has been made, but there are several business owners who are still unsatisfied. Ernst suggests that City Hall file a complaint with the Better Business Bureau and speak with the grant administrator for the project to seek guidance. City Hall will also contact all business owners who were involved in the project to find out if they are satisfied or if they have remaining concerns. After all the inquiries are made, City Hall staff will draft a letter with the help of Attorney Goldsmith to send to RDG.

Ryan Goodman spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce in regards to purchasing benches for the downtown. The Chamber would like to move forward with purchasing two benches and gifting them to the City. Council gave their blessing for the Chamber to move forward with this.

Christie VanHouten gave an update on the Badger Creek Park project plans. Recently, City Crew members installed a sign at the park entrance that says "Zobels Badger Creek Park". VanHouten is very appreciative of this and thinks it looks nice, however, she feels it gives the impression that it is a private park and asks that the City add another sign underneath that says "City Park". A committee has been formed for the park project and they plan to meet on September 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the park. Anyone is welcome to attend. Kandice Tomlinson has teamed up with VanHouten and

is researching any possible grants to help fund the park project. VanHouten also stated there are a few trees in the park that will need to be removed in order to make room for the playground equipment. She feels the neighborhood has the equipment and enough volunteers to take care of most of the tree removal, with the City's blessing. VanHouten is waiting on the park drawings and quotes to come back. Lastly, she mentioned the basketball court at the park has numerous cracks that need filled and asks that the City Crew take care of this.

Sheriff Harriman reported Deputy Schillington resigned from the department to take a new position in Humboldt. At a recent countywide law meeting, Mayor Whiteing proposed separating the jail cost from the rest of the public safety budget.

Motion by Goodman to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list (\$200,532.29), utility deposit refunds, budget report, and minutes from 2 meetings on August 20th, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Ernst to approve a budget of up to \$600 per tablet to move forward with paperless meetings, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Councilman Ernst left the meeting at this time.

Motion by Tomlinson to approve Blacktop Services for street and alley asphalt repair in the amount of \$100,926, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Tomlinson to approve the 1st 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, with the removal of the words “and silt” in the first paragraph, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Mayor Whiteing updated Council in regards to the ordinance violations by James Darnell. Darnell met with City staff recently and verbally agreed to sign a compliance agreement with the City. Darnell has still not signed the agreement and refuses to do so. City Council would like the Mayor, City Clerk, and K. Tomlinson to do what they feel is necessary, including municipal infractions, to remedy the situation.

Mayor Whiteing opened the public hearing on a proposal to enter into a sewer revenue loan and disbursement agreement at 7:08 p.m. No comments were received, written or oral. Hearing closed. Motion by Goodman to approve Resolution 2018-23 taking additional action with respect to a sewer revenue loan and disbursement agreement and authorizing, approving and securing the payment of a \$480,000 sewer revenue loan and disbursement agreement anticipation project note (IFA interim loan and disbursement agreement), second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Mayor Whiteing opened the public hearing on a proposal to enter into a water revenue loan and disbursement agreement at 7:09 p.m. No comments were received, written or oral. Hearing closed. Motion by Goodman to approve Resolution 2018-24 taking additional action with respect to a water revenue loan and disbursement agreement and authorizing, approving and securing the payment of a \$310,000 water revenue loan and disbursement agreement anticipation project note (IFA interim loan and disbursement agreement), second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Cates to approve the Iowa Department of Transportation agreement for city bridge federal-aid SWAP funding, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Goodman to approve City Hall to obtain capabilities for debit/credit payments to be made in City Hall with either GovPayNet or Iowa Interactive, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

City Hall/Council will look into a way to keep citizens and neighbors informed of any building permit applications for garages. Motion by Goodman to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 562 – Pole Barns with the following changes: Section 1 – change R-Zoned to R1, R2, R3 and Section 1, D. should read “Building must cosmetically match the primary structure with approval of cosmetic match to primary structure by building commissioner/City Council at the time the permit is issued”, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

King Theatre Manager being added to payroll was tabled until the next meeting.

Council decided Attorney Goldsmith and Ernst will work on the discussion of AT&T contract negotiations and bring back to Council at a future meeting.

Motion by Tomlinson to approve AT&T to make enhancements to the wireless communications facility located near the water tower, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Sweeden reported in regards to the approval of internet at the WWTP. Bob Bendixen recently stopped into City Hall and told office staff that he is considering pulling out of offering internet in Ida Grove due to having few customers. K. Tomlinson is currently going through the City’s phone/internet bills to obtain quotes to lump all the services together. This item was tabled until the next agenda.

Motion by Goodman to approve Michelle Schmidt as a Rec Center Receptionist at \$7.50 hourly, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

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