

City of Ida Grove
Special Meeting – Budget Workshop
January 31, 2019 12:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Mayor Whiteing called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm with the following council members present: Paul Cates, Ryan Goodman, Gregor Ernst, Doug Clough and Scott Tomlinson. Parks Superintendent, Bob Lorenzen, was also in attendance.

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

Council reviewed the flood control and parks budget line by line. Goodman was concerned with budgeting \$40,000 in the flood control budget for repairing the Maple River levee as this expense comes from the general fund. Goodman suggests bonding for this repair as well as one other levee that will need repair in the next couple years. Ernst questions if the City can justify paying interest for bonding just to lower the general fund expenses for now. After discussion, Council decided to leave the \$40,000 budgeted for now and could bond at a later date if needed. Ernst challenged Lorenzen to run his budget like a business; to do the best he can to come in under budget. Council asked City Hall staff to research grant opportunities that may be available for parks and recreation.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

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