

City of Ida Grove
Bowling Alley
Transportation Committee Meeting
April 6, 2018 - Noon

Transportation Chairman, Scott Tomlinson, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Paul Cates and Gregor Ernst. Others in attendance were: Mayor-Devlun Whiteing, Deputy Administrator-Heather Sweeden and City Attorney-Peter Goldsmith.

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

This meeting was called to order to discuss the current sidewalk ordinance during the snow season. Citizens living in the Twin Pines neighborhood recently attended a City Council Meeting to express concerns with scooping their sidewalks according to the City's ordinance. They have extenuating circumstances at Twin Pines, as the sidewalk is right next to the curb/street. Twin Pines residents say no one uses the sidewalks in the neighborhood so they don't feel it's necessary to scoop their walks. Discussion today on different options the Council could give the residents include: the neighborhood signing a mutual agreement to hire the same contractor to remove snow from the entire neighborhood's sidewalks and split the cost amongst homeowners, not to enforce the shoveling ordinance for them, City Maintenance to clear the snow as a paid service, assess all sidewalks in town and make the ordinance location specific; however there are liability issues with sidewalks not being scooped. Another option was to ask City Maintenance crews to plow towards the middle of the street on both sides, in order to minimize the amount of snow piling on the walks.

Motion by Council Member Ernst to have Sweeden discuss with the City Maintenance crew to attempt to minimize the amount of snow pushed on the sidewalks because of the unique situation at Twin Pines. Second by Council Member Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Ernst to adjourn, second by Council Member Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, Deputy Administrator

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor