

**City of Ida Grove
Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 29, 2020 5:00 p.m.
Due to the COVID-19 crisis, this meeting was held electronically.**

Mayor, Devlun Whiteing, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Jason Schable, Jared Bogue, Reynold McLead, Ryan Jordan and Gregor Ernst. In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the meeting was held electronically via GoToMeeting.

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

Whiteing started by reviewing the Governor's Proclamation which allows recreation centers and libraries to open at 50% capacity, beginning on May 1, 2020. Whiteing has asked the Rec Center, Library and City Hall staff to develop proposed plans for opening so that the City is prepared when the Council gives the go ahead to open. Whiteing noted the Governor has not yet allowed opening pools. No official action was taken, however, Council all agreed during discussion that the City should wait a couple more weeks before opening City facilities to the public due to several concerns. Some of the concerns were how to regulate 50% capacity, how to sanitize with limited supplies, availability of receiving additional cleaning supplies, having proper PPE, and having an official safety plan in place prior to opening. The Council set a target date of May 15th to have an official proposed plan and hope to finalize and approve the plan at their May 18, 2020 regular council meeting. Council did hear from a few citizens as follows: Melissa Ausborn agreed not to rush into opening. Christi Ladwig encouraged council to work towards their goal date and noted there is potential for loss of memberships the longer the Rec Center stays closed. Shawna Leonard added that she appreciates the efforts being made to get facilities opened and also encourages opening with policies/restrictions set as soon as possible. Sweeden was directed to contact the local churches to find out if they plan to continue electronic or start in-person services. Whiteing would like to discuss the possible opening of Parks (equipment would still be off limits) at the regular council meeting on Monday, May 4, 2020.

Motion by Ernst to adjourn, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor