

City of Ida Grove
City Hall
Transportation Committee Meeting
November 9, 2017 11:30 A.M.

Mayor Whiteing called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Paul Cates and Ryan Goodman. Others present were Deputy Administrator Heather Sweeden, JEO representatives Cody Forch and Justin Vogel, SIMPCO representative Michelle Bostinelos, Dakin Schultz with the IA DOT, Ida County Engineer Jeff Williams and Rita Frahm with Ida County Economic Development.

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

The City is in the process of collecting surveys regarding the City Comprehensive Plan and getting citizen input on what projects they would like to see take place over the next several years. A couple large projects the City faces are reconstruction of the Moorehead Avenue bridge as well as development of the West Access. Schultz has been involved going back to 2001 with the County wanting to develop the West Access. At that time, the City did not own the land to begin the development. Currently, the City owns the land but has not annexed it. Councilman Goodman discussed the City's need to develop a plan and get RFP's out in order to start moving forward with the project. Whiteing stated there are businesses that are interested in building once the West Access development is started. Schultz asked if they were commercial or industrial businesses that were interested. There is a RISE grant available to help with paving the roads if an industrial or manufacturing business were to build on the land. The amount of money available is based on the amount of jobs the business would supply. If a portion of the development is industrial, there is also a 50/50 RISE grant available that goes towards preparing the land to be developed. The County and City would need to work together to apply. Schultz mentioned there are not a lot of options out there as far as funding for the West Access Bridge since it would be new construction. Schultz also said the DOT will require the City to have a traffic impact study performed. Schultz recommends going at the West Access in two phases. He also mentioned that it's great to apply for funding, but make sure to have a plan B as far as how the City will pay for the development if funding falls through.

Discussion was held on how to run utilities out there and the cost of doing so. There are not a lot of options for grants for water and sanitary sewer. The City will plan to sit down with their City Engineering Firm, JEO, at a later date to get a scope of the project and a definite plan started.

Council Member Cates asked what would be the best way to get funding to repair the Moorehead Avenue bridge. Schultz stated there is 80/20 money up to \$1 million available. The bridge has to meet certain criteria in order to apply for that grant. The City does not see closing that bridge as an option at all. Schultz asked if the City has ever considered making Moorehead Avenue a 3 lane roadway with a center turning lane which would help to lessen the weight on the bridge and lengthen the bridge life. The City will plan to work with Calhoun Burns to see what the options are at this time.

Motion by Council Member Cates to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Goodman. On a unanimous vote motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, Deputy Administrator

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