

City of Ida Grove
City Hall
February 21, 2017

Mayor Whiteing called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Paul Cates, Scott Tomlinson, Jeff Buehler and Ryan Goodman. Others present were Deputy Clerk Heather Sweeden, Attorney Peter Goldsmith, Library Board Chairman Larry Albrecht, Michelle Bostinelos and Amanda Harper from SIMPCO and Tony Bennett. Council Member Clough was absent.

Council Member Cates asked to amend the agenda to add discussion or voting of Marlo Schoer's hours and also discussion or voting of paying two members of the City's Maintenance Crew for work that took place over the weekend.

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

Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director at SIMPCO and Amanda Harper, Housing Specialist were present to request \$4000 from the City for this grant cycle's Housing Trust Fund. Last year SIMPCO put nearly \$20,000 worth of improvements into 4 Ida Grove homes. They also presented a list of services that SIMPCO provides including mapping, grant writing and training opportunities. Motion by Council Member Buehler to approve payment of \$4000.00 toward the Housing Trust Fund and SIMPCO membership payment of \$2123.00, second by Council Member Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Library board Chairman Larry Albrecht was present to request approval of the Lincoln Center for Performing Arts Agreement. This will allow the library to provide a minimum of six cultural screenings per year, free of charge, to the public. Motion by Council Member Cates to approve the Lincoln Center Agreement, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Albrecht also inquired about whether or not it is required to hire an architect to design the improvements they are hoping to make to the Library restrooms. Council Member Cates has offered to help design the handicap restrooms.

Motion by Council Member Buehler to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, financial reports, the February 6th minutes, a Class B Wine and Class C beer permit for Ida Grove Cenex and the Fire Department, Rec Center and Library financials, second by Council Member Cates. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

On behalf of the Kiwanis organization, Tony Bennett asked for permission from the Council to install playground equipment geared towards children ages seven and younger at the Ball Fields. Tony stated they are not seeking funding from the City for the equipment as they have received a donation and will be applying for a grant to fund the project. Motion by Council Member Tomlinson to approve the Kiwanis to install the playground equipment, second by Council Member Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council Members still have not been able to get in touch with Red Oak Glass regarding the frosting doors and windows from the Downtown project. Council denied making payment of \$3684.72 to RDG Planning & Design until all issues are resolved.

Council Member Goodman stated the King Theatre board is ready to kick off fundraising, have a tentative timeline in place and have already picked up a few major commitments.

Attorney Goldsmith spoke with a representative from Verizon regarding the water tower lease. The lease is nearing completion with the exception of establishing the rental fee.

Council Member Buehler suggested waiting until the City Administrator and Utility Billing clerk are hired to proceed with the ACH Third Party Pay Pricing.

The Council tabled discussion on Iowa Municipal Benefits Plan and New Mower Purchase until a future meeting.

Mayor Whiteing is expecting a call back next week from Sonseeker to get a date set to start construction on the outdoor pool replastering.

Council Members discussed the grant received for the upcoming Airport repair project and the Council is ready to proceed upon review of the grant's stipulations.

Council Members discussed the necessary Pleasant Valley Trail repairs and have asked SIMPCO to look into grant funding to help with the expenses to repair the trail.

Street Superintendent Gerrod Sholty and Water Superintendent Lon Schluter were called over the weekend to assist in repairing a fire hydrant and water main break in Battle Creek. Discussion was held on the most appropriate way of compensating them. Motion by Council Member Goodman to pay Schluter and Sholty through the City's normal payroll system with reimbursement from the City of Battle Creek, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Tomlinson to approve purchasing a set of work platforms costing \$6500.00 from Mid Country Machinery to allow the City Crew to perform aerial work, second by Council Member Buehler. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council denied approval of training from Data Technology for Deputy Clerk Sweeden until the City Administrator and Utility Billing Clerk are hired.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve authorization of Mayor Whiteing to sign at United Bank of Iowa and First State Bank, second by Council Member Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.


Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve payment of \$75.00 for the Iowa Public Airports Association Membership, second by Council Member Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council discussed having Consultant Marlo Schoer continue helping at City Hall 10-20 hours weekly.

Motion by Council Member Tomlinson to adjourn, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.


Heather Sweeden, Deputy Clerk


Devlun Whiteing, Mayor