

CITY OF IDA GROVE

CITY HALL

January 3, 2017

Mayor Morris Hurd called the meeting to order with the following council members present: Jeff Buehler, Paul Cates, Doug Clough, Ryan Goodman, and Scott Tomlinson. Others present were: City Clerk Edie Ball and Assistant City Attorney Peter Goldsmith.

A motion was made by council member Buehler to approve the agenda and was seconded by council member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The council discussed final payment of the downtown revitalization contract. Scotney Fenton and Jason Kentner were present to request the payment that was denied at the last meeting. Kentner said that he would stand behind his work and come back to town to remedy any problems. Fenton reminded the council that there was a one year warranty required in the bid documents. Kentner also said that if he did not complete the work then his performance bond would be available to ensure that he completed any additional work. The council's main concerns were doors that were frosting over and apparently were not hung properly because light could be seen between the doors. A meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4th to continue discussing the specific items so that the contractor would know the necessary repairs.

Council member Clough moved to approve pay application #10 to Cornerstone Contractors in the amount of \$35,411.60, seconded by council member Tomlinson. On unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by council member Buehler to approve the consent agenda consisting of claims list, clerk's report, financial reports, minutes of the December 19, 2016 meeting, class C liquor license for Sunday sales for the Skate Palace and Class B wine and Class C beer and liquor license renewal for Ida Grove Cenex, seconded by council member Tomlinson. On unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council member Clough provided an update on King Theater. Last month the committee sponsored a movie at the REC Center, including a concession stand. Approximately 30 people attended. On January 24th, there will be a community meeting to discuss plans for the theater and mode of fundraising.

Scott VanDusen was present to report on his property at 705 Maple Street. He says he has started working on the property and there is a hole in the roof because of the fire. VanDusen plans to get the property repaired as soon as he can so that he can rent it. The property is locked so that no one can access it.

Edie Ball reported on the property at 201 Court Street. She stated that she was not present at the last meeting, when this property was discussed.

The car at the Main Street property has been moved farther from the street and partially behind a garage.

Council member Tomlinson moved to approve Edie Ball as City Clerk, second by council member Clough. All five councilman voted nay so this motion was defeated. At this point, Edie Ball left the meeting.

Council discussed a replacement clerk, interim clerk, a search coordinator and filling the utility billing clerk position. Council member Cates moved to give council member Buehler authority to talk to potential interim city clerks, seconded by council member Goodman. On unanimous vote, motion carried.

There will be a meeting on January 4, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. of all employees to discuss procedures in the absence of the city clerk.

Motion by council member Goodman to remove Edie Ball from signature cards at the bank, seconded by council member Clough. On unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by council member Cates to approve Scott VanDusen as fire chief, seconded by council member Goodman. On unanimous vote, motion carried.

Oath of office administered to Scott VanDusen by Mayor Morris Hurd.

Mayor Morris Hurd appointed Paul Cates as Mayor Pro Tem. On unanimous vote of the council, this was confirmed.

Mayor Morris Hurd reappointed all persons to the same standing committees as for 2016. Council member Tomlinson moved to confirm this, seconded by council member Clough. On unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council noted, for future business at the next meeting, items should be included for appointment of a city treasurer and appointment of city attorney and assistant city attorney.

Discussion of flood plain study update. Council member Goodman volunteered to contact JEO to discuss the update.

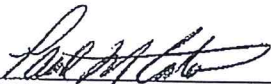
Council member Tomlinson moved to approve payment to JEO of \$13,770, seconded by council member Buehler. On unanimous vote, motion carried.

Discussion of budget procedure. Deputy City Clerk Heather Sweeden was asked to send copies of last year's budget to all departments (fire department, Rec Center and library).

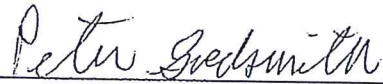
Council member Goodman moved to approve naming the Ida County Courier as the official newspaper for the City, seconded by council member Cates. On unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council member Cates moved to name United Bank of Iowa and First State Bank as official depositories of the City, seconded by council member Tomlinson. On unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council member Clough moved to adjourn, seconded by council member Tomlinson. On unanimous vote, motion carried.



Paul Cates, Mayor Pro Tem



Peter Goldsmith, Interim Secretary

