

City of Ida Grove  
City Hall  
February 6, 2017

Mayor Pro Tem Cates called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Scott Tomlinson, Doug Clough and Jeff Buehler. Others present were Mayor Devlun Whiteing, Deputy Clerk Heather Sweeden, Attorney Peter Goldsmith, Library Director Angela Scales, John Scales, Library Board Chairman Larry Albrecht, Parks Superintendent Robert Lorenzen, Bethany Jones, Sheriff Wade Harriman, Trent Thevenot, Duane and Theresa Swensen, Marlo Schoer and Verdean Kruse. Council Member Ryan Goodman was absent.

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

The Oath of Office was administered to interim Mayor Devlun Whiteing by Mayor Pro Tem Cates.

Parks Superintendent Robert Lorenzen was present to discuss pricing for purchasing a new mower. He presented a bid to the Council from Noteboom Implement, LLC with two options ranging in price from \$8349.51 to \$9549.51 after a trade in value of \$2750.00 from one of the City's current mowers, a 2006 ZTrak.

Lorenzen also addressed the Council regarding the City's ordinance on owner requirements for displaying house numbers. Several houses in town no longer have the house numbers displayed on them. He pointed out that it can make things difficult for emergency responders and the City crew to easily find a location.

Library Director Angela Scales and Library board Chairman Larry Albrecht were present to address the Council with some concerns they read about in the Courier regarding the Library's FY18 budget. Scales was disappointed that there was Library budget discussion held at the special meeting on January 19, 2017 without Library representation. Scales also noted she was unhappy that she was unaware of the Council's reservations regarding the proposed library budget. Councilman Clough noted his full support of all libraries.

Motion by Council Member Buehler to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, financial report, the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, January 16<sup>th</sup> and January 19<sup>th</sup> minutes, second by Council Member Cates. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Sheriff Wade Harriman was present to discuss the City's portion of the countywide law budget. Currently the City of Ida Grove's portion is \$377,521.00 but Harriman noted he would like to see a decrease in overtime hours so this amount may slightly decrease.

Council Members Clough and Cates have not been able to get a response from Red Oak Glass regarding the frosting doors and windows issues still lingering from the Downtown project. Clough will get in touch with the Contractor from Cornerstone to address these last issues so final payment can be made.

Council Member Clough gave an update on the King Theatre. There is a community meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30 p.m. to look at two interior designs and two façade designs. At that time they will also discuss fundraising goals, demolition, deconstruction and construction of the Theatre. Clough also stated that roughly \$106,000 has currently been raised with little effort.



Attorney Goldsmith spoke with a representative from Verizon regarding the water tower lease and no progress has been made, however Deputy Clerk Sweeden stated there were representatives in town this week taking soil samples under the water tower.

The Council tabled discussion on ACH third party pay, Iowa Municipal Benefits Plan and the discussion on playground equipment at the new ball fields until a future meeting.

Council Member Clough talked about the upcoming economic development SMART conference on May 4<sup>th</sup> in Des Moines. Motion by Council Member Cates to approve paying registration and mileage fees for the Mayor and any Council Members who would like to attend, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Clough to approve Becky Matthies as temporary Office Assistant in City Hall at \$13.00/hr., second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Clough to approve Marlo Schoer as temporary Clerk Consultant at \$50.00/hr., second by Council Member Cates. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Mayor Whiteing announced five tree bids that were received for removing trees from the City right-of-way. The bids were DSW Backyard Tree Services \$22,700.00, Peter's Tree Service \$20,475.00, American Tree Service, \$17,700.00, Jerry's Tree Service \$16,500.00 and Lansink Tree Service, \$10,980.00. Motion by Council Member Cates to approve Lansink Tree Service's bid of \$10,980.00 for removing trees off the right-of-way, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Tomlinson to approve the concession stand agreement between the City and Kiwanis, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Edsen Electric submitted two proposals for new lighting for City Hall. Option #1 is to replace 12 truffers with LED truffers costing \$1340.40 after a \$720.00 rebate. Option #2 is to replace 12 ballasts and 48 bulbs costing \$695.04. Motion by Council Member Clough to approve option #1, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Larry Albrecht expressed his concerns regarding areas of the walking trail between 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> street that have large cracks and need fixed.

Council Member Clough recently attended a training event with Michael Kelly to help keep the City website up to date. Citizens are able to go to the City website and enter their email to be notified whenever a new post is made to the website.

Marlo Schoer was present to answer questions from the Council regarding the FY18 budget. The Council will hold a special meeting February 15, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. to approve the proposed budget and set the public hearing for March 6, 2017.

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.