

City of Ida Grove
City Hall
July 5, 2016

Mayor Hurd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Paul Cates, Scott Tomlinson, Ryan Goodman, Doug Clough and Jeff Buehler. Others present were: City Clerk Edie Ball, Attorney Peter Goldsmith, Water Superintendent Lon Schultzer, Tom Mayfield, Howard Ladwig, Brad Harris, Layne Christensen, Margaret Schug, Betty Buffington, Denise Chisholm, Tim Teig, Snyder and Associates, Brad Harris, Layne Christensen, Ellen and Carl Schable, Denise Van Dusen, Sharon and Brand Jepsen, Marcia Fehring, Horn Memorial Hospital, Chris Nicholls, Horn Memorial Hospital, Ron Ladwig, Mark and Jerrica Brenner, and Bethany Jones.

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

Tim Teig, Snyder and Associates, and Brad Harris, Layne Christensen, reviewed the Test Well Report reviewing the history of past wells. Some of the past wells were abandoned due to high nitrate levels and contamination from MTBE. Most of the wells have been in the 60-foot range. Deeper wells are not an option due to poor water quality. The alternative is to build a water treatment plant for \$1.2 million to address manganese issues rather than spend another \$40,000 to \$50,000 to find another well location, and additional wells may not be the answer to long term issues. Also, they noted wells in the report are fine for providing a water source to a house, but not to an entire town. The Council was not satisfied with the report and recommendation. Water Superintendent Schluter recommended meeting with a local well driller to find possible well sites.

Mayor Hurd introduced Resolution 2016-15 Authorizing Issuance of \$13,300,000 Revenue Note for Horn Memorial Hospital. Tom Mayfield indicated this resolution is the last formal action needed by the City in the process of getting the revenue note for the hospital's new addition. Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve Resolution 2016-15 authorizing the issuance of \$13,300,000.00 notes for the Horn Memorial Hospital building addition, second by Council Member Tomlinson. Motion approved with Goodman, Tomlinson, Clough and Cates voting yes. Council Member Buehler abstained as his employer is a lender on a note.

Residents living near the Country View Trailer park addressed concerns about the City not proceeding with serving fines on Russell Sandbothe. The City could choose to issue fines, but generally the magistrate would not uphold any fines since work had been done. However, not all work has been completed and fines should be issued for work not completed. Council Member Tomlinson will review park and provide a list of incomplete work. Council Members Cates and Goodman will assist.

Mark and Jerrica Brenner discussed the Ida Grove Chamber, Economic Development, and Community Partners want to begin working on a street scape downtown with benches, trees, and new lighting. Manufacturing businesses will donate their time. They want 24 street lights, 14 benches and trash cans, and trees.

Motion by Council Member Tomlinson to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, City Clerk's report, financial reports, the June 20th Minutes, and a Class C Beer Permit with Sunday Sales for Pronto, second by Council Member Cates. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve the second reading of Ordinance 551 on the regulation of swimming pools and wading pools, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Council Member Goodman reported the initial asbestos test results were going to be tested again using a point count method to see if any of the results could be reduced to less than 1% asbestos. The results should be back within a few days. Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve the DNR Derelict Building Grant Program Agreement for the King Theatre renovation, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

The City Council, Rec Center Board, Library Board, city staff, and fire chief will be having photos taken on July 18 for the new City website. The new website will be finished soon.

A meeting was held with Scott Van Dusen to discuss wall repairs on his building located at 407 2nd Street. The discussion is moving to a solution with the building owner.

The West Access RFP will be mailed out to additional engineering firms. It is also advertised on the League of Cities website.

The bike rack has been picked up and a location in Godbersen Park needs to be chosen. Council Member Clough will meet with city staff on location.

The Council discussed finding a new well site and will ask Water Superintendent Schluter to talk with local well driller for suggestions of a new site.

Mayor Hurd reviewed the sidewalk removal request from Gomaco in Schmidts Addition. He visited the location to see the area and recommends it be replaced if Gomaco proceeds with the removal.

Motion by Council Member Buehler to approve payment of Partial Payment #10 to Godbersen Smith Construction for \$178,797.34, second by Council Member Cates. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Tomlinson to approve the City's concurrence with the IDOT permit for ANC to proceed with placing fiber connection to GOMACO, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Clough to approve Larry Albrecht to another six-year term on the Library Board, second by Council Member Goodman. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Clough to approve Katie Sholty as a Lifeguard at \$9.05 per hour, second by Council Member Tomlinson.

Council Member Goodman recommends contacting Ed Sohm, Emergency Management to see if emergency alerts could be included on the website.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Morris C. Hurd, Mayor

Edith Ann Ball, City Clerk