

City of Ida Grove
City Hall
August 1, 2016

Mayor Morris Hurd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Scott Tomlinson, Doug Clough, Ryan Goodman, Jeff Buehler, and Paul Cates. Others present were City Clerk Ball, Attorney Goldsmith, Steve Vance, Frontier Communications, Kathy and Rhett Leonard, Sharon Godbersen, Verdeen Kruse, George Weir, Dianna Johnson, Liliann Jones, and Bethany Jones.

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

Mayor Hurd opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. on the Downtown Revitalization Project. Mayor Hurd read the following:

IDA GROVE PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

- This public hearing is being held to update residents on the Downtown Revitalization Façade Improvements Project. This project is funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant. The scope of work and goals of the project have not changed since the grant application was submitted to the State of Iowa in 2013.
- Cornerstone Commercial Contractors is the contractor for the project. Work is approximately 40% complete.
- The grant is scheduled to close-out June 30, 2017.
- To date, \$254,808.00 in CDBG funds have been requested and \$172,149.47 in matching funds have been expended.

Mayor Hurd asked for written or oral comments. Sharon Godbersen reported being dissatisfied with the window installation as rainwater had leaked through the windows into the building. The Council decided to do a walk-around the downtown and visit with the Downtown Revitalization participants to obtain feedback on the work on their facades.

Sheriff Harriman reported on a domestic situation where an occupant was inside a shed with a possible firearm. Several other county sheriff offices assisted and they were able to get the individual to surrender peacefully. Later charges were filed against the occupant, a convicted felon, for having a firearm. He also reported executing a search warrant and found drug paraphernalia, meth, marijuana, prescription drugs in a house located at 210 Moorehead Avenue. Charges have been filed against two occupants of the home.

Steve Vance, Frontier Communications, addressed the council on upgrading the phone system for improving customer service and productivity. The digital system cost

is \$4,614.80. In addition, voice mail can be sent to an email account, and conversations can be recorded and sent out to the Council. It may require additional phone lines to record a call. A phone system longevity is similar to a computer that must be upgraded. Motion by Council Member Buehler to purchase the digital system to include extra phone lines needed. Council Member Buehler removed his motion until more information can be obtained.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, City Clerk's report, financial report, July 25th Minutes, and a Class C Liquor License Permit with Sunday Sales for Sportsmans, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

The new City website has been launched and even though changes still need to be done the website is a great presentation of Ida Grove. City Hall staff will be trained to do updates on the site.

Council Members Tomlinson and Goodman reviewed the trailer park with Attorney Boerner noting that everything now is in order with the trailer park. Council Member Goodman had a telephone call from Russell Sandbothe also discussing the trailer park.

The Council reviewed the cost estimate of \$19,110.00 for repairing the east wall on Scott Van Dusen's building, 2nd Street. It was noted the building is old and has many issues and the City's exposure needs to be determined. Reaching a dollar amount with Van Dusen is important. Council Member Tomlinson will get a cost estimate on what the city would need to pay to repair just the wall. City Clerk will also schedule a meeting with the contractor, Chad Mohr, who deconstructed the Baxter Hotel, for discussing the failure of the building wall.

Request for Proposals have been sent to several engineering firms on the West Access. A few have viewed the site and met with City Clerk.

The flood map revision can still be done as the Iowa Flood Control Center is willing to work with us. Engineers from JEO are getting information for surveying and will have a cost estimate for our next meeting.

The artistic bike rack will be placed near the library and outdoor pool. The City Crew will install the rack on a concrete pad.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve Andy Miller to the Board of Adjustment, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

The Council reviewed costs for adding receipts management, ACH, and third party bill pay for utility billing.

Motion by Council Member Clough to approve Amanda Eason to a three year term on the Rec Center Board, second by Council Member Cates. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

City Clerk will provide Attorney Goldsmith with the Assisted Living Agreement for reviewing regarding rebate payments in relationship to low-income residents.

The Council is asking for additional information on the requirements for handicap accessible access for sidewalks. City Clerk will research for a report.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Morris C. Hurd, Mayor

Edith Ann Ball, City Clerk

