



**IDA GROVE
City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., August 7, 2017
City Hall**

Mayor Whiteing called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Council members Clough, Ernst, Goodman and Cates in attendance with Council Member Tomlinson absent. Others present at the meeting were; City Attorney Peter Goldsmith, City Administrator Dennison, Roger Walter of BCIG Schools, Julie Schiernbeck, Dustin Schiernbeck, Dennis Clausen and Ross Schwade

Motion by Ryan Goodman, seconded by Doug Clough to approve the agenda.

Motion carries unanimously.

Appearances, Petitions and Communications

Discussion of the Pool Ordinance by Dustin Schiernbeck. Talking about how confusing and vague the ordinance is. Debating the height of fence requirements, is it around the pool at ground level or is it from the edge of the pool ledge if it is an above ground pool. Discussion of slats and openings between them in the fence. Talking about keeping kids safe from drowning in back yard pools. Gregor Ernst discussing ordinances in other communities. Debating on wading pools and covers on them. Talking about hot tubs. Would definition cover hot tubs and make it a swimming pool instead of a hot tub. Have the committee that would address this issue work on re-wording the ordinance. Doug Clough, Ryan Goodman and Paul Cates would be on the committee to address this issue.

Discussion on drainage issues at the Elementary School by Roger Walter. Roger wants to run four 8 inch storm water lines into the ditch on the opposite side of 2nd Street. He would take up the street and replace it. He could bore under it, but taking up the street and replacing would be cheaper. The timeline would be two to three days for construction. Streets Superintendent Sholty would like to dredge out the ditch. It is a tough street to close for any length of time. Discussion of open catch basins at the building, if any overflow it would be on the property. Railroad tracks are higher than the street. The Council asking if the ditch could handle the run off. Superintendent Sholty replying that it can. Discussion about the timeline and possible construction dates, needs to be done before harvest. Mr. Walter will get a permit.

Dennis Clausen talking about the sewer bill policy. Asking why changing the policy on the sewer bill and waiving the 2nd and 3rd hearing. Discussing why the sewer rates were changed. Dennis stating that more people were hurt by the averaging than helped and no notification was given as well as the council moved too quickly. The council wanted people to pay for what they used. Discussion of sprinkler systems.

Motion by Ryan Goodman, seconded by Paul Cates to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carries unanimously.

- a. Claims List
- b. Financial Reports
- c. Liquor License – Ida Grove Cenex (400 E. Hwy 59 & 175 Ida Grove Iowa, 51445-0000)
 - Class B Wine
 - Class C Beer
 - Sunday Sales

Old Business

Discussion of the Downtown Revitalization project. The final payment to RDG for \$3,684.72 was again postponed. Scotney did some work, the City will wait to see if the wicking systems installed will work in heavy rains.

Discussion of the King Theatre update. Talking about the work being done on the building. The storm water intake in the alley behind the building is too small.

Discussion of the Zobel's Block Party on August 19th as well discussion of the street

Motion by Doug Clough, seconded by Paul Cates to approve the Zobel's Block Party on August 19th.

Short discussion about Nelson and Rock Contracting creek sloughing. Work was done the City will send a payment.

Pleasant Valley Trail grant proposal, will be decided on October 10th.

The proposals for digitizing the Code and Ordinance Books will be on the agenda for the August 21st City Council meeting.

Discussion of the airport lease charges and airport lease policy. Talking about the new lease, the size of the hangars. Discussion of the policy regarding bumping rights if a person has a plane and wants to rent a hangar. Debating the charges for renting the hangars. Gregor Ernst will review the lease and get back to the City Council. Gregor Ernst, Paul Cates and Scott Tomlinson as a committee will work on the issue.

Talking about the fence repair/replacement at Badger Creek Park. The project has been completed and it looks good.

Discussion of a City Hall credit card and Library credit card. Talking about how the Rec Center has no need for a credit card. Debating where the cash back goes to. Does it go to petty cash or does it go to pay back other line items.

Discussion regarding future sludge hauling sites. Public Works Superintendent Sholty will talk to Schau to see if he is interested.

Discussion on JEO as City engineering firm. The City will have a RFQ for nearby engineering firms. City Administrator Dennison will get a list from Ryan Goodman and give information to the City Council.

Discussion of Resolution 2017-12 Providing for Sale of King Theater Property. The City will wait until the wall is rebuilt.

Discussion of the 6th Street repair project. Streets Superintendent Sholty and City Administrator Dennison will get the project ready in the winter and bid out the project for next year.

Discussion of additional modules for ACH payment system and receipt management for city hall.

Motion by Gregor Ernst, seconded by Ryan Goodman to move forward on the \$6,602.50 quote by Data Tech for the ACH payment and receipt management system.

Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion of Strategic Plan proposal by SIMPCO. The City needs to get going on this issue. Debating between option #1 and option #2.

Motion by Ryan Goodman, seconded by Doug Clough to approve option #2 of the SIMPCO Strategic Plan.

Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion of bringing back the city taxi service. This issue would be a good one to have SIMPCO address in the strategic plan.

Discussion of Steve Iverson/Bob Groene Alleyway. Talking about the sidewalk being tilted towards the house and not towards the street, the gravel alleyway and drainage issues of the area. Will wait for the City Council to decide on an engineering firm and let them give the City Council options.

Discussion of the Moorehead Avenue Bridge project. The City Administrator will keep the project on the radar.

Discussion of a fireworks ordinance. Ryan Goodman and Gregor Ernst will work on it in the future.

Discussion of a vacation of the alley near 707 Elm Street. Stan Chisholm said he was talking to Ronnie Ladwig about agreeing to allow a vacation of the alley.

New Business

Discussion of opening the large gates to the ballfields to make the area more welcoming to visitors. City Council asking where this issue is coming from. Talking about using signage to direct people to the smaller gates.

Discussion of Resolution 2017-15 amending the code of ordinances for the City of Ida Grove, Iowa by enacting an ordinance to prohibit vehicle parking in front yards. Debating curb cuts and definitions of curb cuts as well as driveways. Not waiving any readings.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-15

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA BY ENACTING AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT VEHICLE PARKING IN FRONT YARDS

WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove, Iowa desires to amend its ordinances to prohibit vehicle parking in front yards; and

WHEREAS, an ordinance doing so is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

IT WAS THEREFORE moved by Council Member Ryan Goodman and seconded by Council Member Paul Cates that the ordinance set forth in the attached Exhibit A be approved.

Said resolution is passed by City Council by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed, with Scott Tomlinson absent from voting.

Ayes – in favor of enactment of the resolution.

Doug Clough
Gregor Ernst
Ryan Goodman
Paul Cates

Nays – namely opposed to the enactment of the resolution.

APPROVED BY THE City Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor on the 7th day of August, 2017.

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marc Dennison, City Administrator

Opening of sealed bids, discussion of 506 Zobel Lane Street Project. Mayor Whiteing reading the bids. Discussion of the dimensions of the project.

Motion by Ryan Goodman, seconded by Gregor Ernst to approve the Ladwig proposal for the project at \$6,850.

Motion carries unanimously.

Opening of sealed bids, discussion of trimming trees in City Park. Mayor Whiteing reading bids. Talking about cutting down all of the ash trees in the park. It is a dangerous situation right now with the dead branches.

Motion by Doug Clough, seconded by Paul Cates to accept the low bid by Ratchet Enterprises for pruning and trimming trees at City Park.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ratchet Enterprises says they will be done before the end of August.

Discussion of Resolution 2017-16 approving of the land use agreement between the City of Ida Grove and Kid Zone.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-16

RESOLUTION APPROVING LAND USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF IDA GROVE AND SEALED WITH A KID, INC./dba KID ZONE

WHEREFORE, the City of Ida Grove wishes to allow Sealed With a Kid, Inc/dba Kid Zone to use, on a temporary basis, a portion of the easement for West Fourth Street in Re-platted Hillcrest Addition; and

WHEREAS, a proposed agreement has been presented to the City, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference;

WHEREFORE it was moved by Council Member Ryan Goodman and seconded by Council Member Paul Cates that the agreement set forth in the attached Exhibit A be approved.

Said resolution is passed by the City Council by a vote of four (4) in favor and none opposed, with Scott Tomlinson absent from voting.

Ayes – in favor of enactment of the resolution.

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Discussion of an ad in the Travel Iowa Guide for 2018. Talking about the process of how to submit a proposal. Debating on how attractive the ad would be and if the ad would help Ida Grove. Discussion on the size of the ad to be effective in increasing attractiveness of Ida Grove. Debating the size of the ad and prices. City Administrator Dennison will talk to Rita Frahm to find out more information on the design side of the ad.

Motion by Ryan Goodman, seconded by Doug Clough to approve the purchase of a ½ page ad in the Travel Iowa Magazine.

Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion of the Ida Grove Recreation Valley by Doug Clough. He would like to pursue grants on this issue. Discussion of opportunities to enhance Ida Grove with outdoor activities. Debating marketing of the Odebolt Creek or the Maple River or both.

Discussion of the City employee dress code. Talking about how the city employees need city shirts with the new logo on them. Discussing ordering shirts for the employees. City Administrator Dennison will contact, the Public Works employees, City Hall employees, council members, Library employees and Rec Center employees to get an idea of what they need for work.

Discussion of other business. Doug Clough talking about training with Spireworks on the City website the week of August 21st or the following week. Discussing print ad for signing up for the City web site. City Hall will have a sign-up sheet at the front desk for the City web site. Discussing a City Facebook page. Paul Cates discussing having past minutes entered into the City web site.

Motion to adjourn by Ryan Goodman, seconded by Doug Clough. Adjournment at 8:40pm.