

**City of Ida Grove
Special Meeting – Budget Workshop
February 12, 2019 5:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

Mayor Pro Tem, Paul Cates, called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm with the following council members present: Ryan Goodman, Gregor Ernst and Scott Tomlinson. Mayor Whiteing and Councilman Clough were absent.

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

City Clerk, Heather Sweeden, reviewed the proposed budget with the council. During several recent budget workshops, council cut numerous line items within the General Fund. After budget cuts, the General Fund for FY20 is estimated to be \$272,000 in the negative. The city is currently maxed out on all non-voted levies. Council discussed the need for creating more revenue for the General Fund as well as staff being conscious of trying to come in well under budgeted expenses. Sweeden explained that in prior years, the city levied approximately \$20,000 less than the maximum amount they could for the Rec Center/Farm Ground bond. Motion by Tomlinson to levy for the entire Rec Center/Farm Ground bond payment, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

In other business, Sweeden was asked by citizen Christie VanHouten if the verbiage that will be placed in the Ida County Courier in regards to fluoride will be discussed at a City Council meeting before it is published. Council all agreed the verbiage will be decided upon between Councilman Clough and Ernst and will not be discussed at a public meeting before publication.

Motion by Tomlinson to adjourn, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Paul Cates, Mayor ProTem