

**City of Ida Grove
City Hall
May 7, 2018**

Mayor Whiteing called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Paul Cates, Scott Tomlinson, Doug Clough and Ryan Goodman. Councilman Gregor Ernst was absent.

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

The resident at 109 Green Street was not in attendance to discuss a nuisance letter sent to her in regards to parking on the City ROW.

Christie Van Houten presented the idea of a renovation to Badger Creek Park. She would like to see new sidewalks, new play equipment, a picnic area, connection of the current sections of sidewalk to the perimeter of the park and the parking lot. She envisions a handicap accessible park with soothing colors. Council gave their blessing for her to form a committee to begin the planning process and fundraise. Council cannot commit to a donation from the City at this time, however, City Hall will help research grant options that may be available.

Stan Chisholm would like to place railroad ties along the alley, about 3 feet out, north of his new garage addition at 707 Elm Street to assist in keeping dirt from washing onto his property. Council Member Tomlinson will take a look at the proposed project with Mr. Chisholm and report his findings back to the Council.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve the consent agenda, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Council would like Sweeden to give a courtesy call to the Fire Department, Rec Center and Library to let them know we are two months from the end of the fiscal year and all departments are either over or close to their allotted budgets.

Motion by Council Member Tomlinson, second by Council Member Clough to approve Resolution 2018-5 Adopting the Ida Grove, IA 2018 Municipal Comprehensive Plan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-5

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE IDA GROVE, IOWA
2018 MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City Council of Ida Grove, Iowa, has reviewed the 2018 Ida Grove Comprehensive Plan with topics including: Housing, Economic Development, Transportation, Community Facilities and Services, Land Use and Natural Resources.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Ida Grove, Iowa, adopts the 2018 Ida Grove Comprehensive Plan for the following purposes. The purpose of this comprehensive plan is to provide a current inventory of community resources and a thoughtful statement of the community's vision and goals for the future. It is important for the city to have a plan for the future based on community input and the needs of the community. The plan helps the community move forward in a more organized and constructive way.

The plan can inform grant applications and leverage funding for community projects. Funding agencies will look to the plan as a way to indicate that funding requests have been thought out and needs are real. City Staff can utilize the comprehensive plan as a guide in their work on behalf of the community. The comprehensive plan document provides legal justification for community decisions and ensures that local policies are in step with those of state, regional, and federal planning best practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Ida Grove, Iowa, that the 2018 Ida Grove Comprehensive Plan be adopted by this resolution passed on the date stated below.

PASSED BY the City Council of Ida Grove, Iowa on the 7th of May, 2018.

Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing was posted as Resolution Number 2018-5 on May 7, 2018.

Deputy Administrator

Motion by Council Member Goodman, second by Council Member Cates to approve Resolution 2018-6 Setting the Public Hearing for FY 2017-2018 Budget Amendment. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-6

RESOLUTION SETTING THE BUDGET AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING DATE

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa that a public hearing for the amendment for the FY2017-2018 city budget is set for May 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council will hold a public hearing at said date and time as stated above.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of May, 2018.

Heather Sweeden, Deputy Administrator

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor

Motion by Goodman to approve the purchase of a new overhead door for the wastewater treatment plant, second by Clough. Ayes: 0 Nays: 4, motion fails.

The City Hall Renovation Committee plans to hold a meeting on Tuesday, May 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to begin plans for the City Hall renovation project.

The following four bids were received for the removal of the storage shed located on 2nd and Barnes Street: M & S Dirt work - \$2,200.00, Select Construction - \$28,904.00, West Central Construction - \$1,000.00 and Darin Lansink - \$22.50. Motion by Council Member Tomlinson to approve West Central Construction's bid of \$1,000 to remove the storage shed, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The following three bids were received to repair 160 ft. of sewer line located on Court Street: Infra Track - \$17,880.00, Hydro Klean - \$28,314.72 and Visu-Sewer - \$32,760.00. Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve Infra Track at \$17,880 to perform the sewer line repair, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Cody Forch of JEO is working on phasing options for the West Access proposal and will have an update at the May 21, 2018 meeting. Agenda item tabled until the next meeting.

The Personnel Committee will meet on Thursday, May 10, 2018 to continue work on updating the personnel manual. City Council's goal is to have the manual completed and approved at the next City Council meeting. Agenda item tabled until the next meeting.

Mayor Whiteing read the Mayor's Proclamation to recognize the 50th year of home rule.

Discussion on days and hours of the Summer pool season. Council would like to see the pool open on Heritage Days and the 4th of July. Council would also like to see the pool open as much as possible up to and including Labor Day. Approval of Reimbursing Lifeguards for all or part of their certification fees has been tabled until the May 21, 2018 Council Meeting.

City Hall staff sent a re-zoning permit to Landus to fill out. Landus would like to move their offices and scale from their current location to the South side of the street in an effort to improve traffic flow. They are asking for the proposed property to be re-zoned from R-1 to commercial and the City to vacate the alley so they may run their scale from Green Street to Rohwer Street.

Motion by Council Member Tomlinson to approve Heather Sweeden and any Council Members to attend the 2018 Small City Workshop in Early, IA on June 12, 2018, second by Council Member Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Clough to remove Marc Dennison as signer on all City Accounts including vendors, United Bank of Iowa and First State Bank, second by Council Member Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve payment and participation in SIMPCO's Highway 20 corridor economic development study at a cost of \$350.00, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to allow the owners at 617 Circle Drive to remove a tree from the City right-of-way to complete a home improvement project, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The committee on Policy and Planning will get a meeting scheduled soon to discuss making revisions to the current fireworks ordinance. A citizen in attendance would like to see fireworks banned from within City limits or an ordinance on the size of fireworks allowed.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve hiring Roger Harrington as Summer mowing help at \$10.00 per hour beginning on May 4, 2018, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

No motions were made regarding the attendance of Ida Alive's program on May 30, 2018. This is tabled until the May 21st meeting when it is closer to the event date.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve Heather Sweeden to purchase a new vacuum for City Hall, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve promoting Heather Sweeden to City Clerk at \$19.23 per hour, until she completes Clerk School in July, then to discuss salary, second by Council Member Clough. Council Member Tomlinson abstained due to conflict. Ayes: Goodman, Cates, Clough. Abstains: Tomlinson. Motion passes 3-0.

Council Member news and notes:

- Ross Ladwig began work at 502 Zobel Lane today. Once he removed the concrete, there was mud and muck underneath. Ladwig will place crushed concrete before repaving.
- Data Tech is in the process of an enhancement to allow for "round-up" on the City utility bills.
- One of the loops is broken on Highway 175. The city needs to decide if they want to install traffic cams to control the stop lights or repair the loop. This will be placed on the next agenda.
- City Maintenance Crew will begin working on the drainage ditch repair at the Country Club.
- Council discussed an email sent to them regarding a property owner in town that is unhappy with the rock alley washing into his yard. This item will be placed on the next agenda for discussion.
- The City of Ida Grove received a \$4,000 grant from the Ida County Community Betterment Foundation to go towards new LED Christmas decorations.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, Deputy Administrator

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor