

**City of Ida Grove
City Council Meeting
June 4, 2018 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

Mayor Whiteing called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Paul Cates, Gregor Ernst, Scott Tomlinson, Doug Clough and Ryan Goodman.

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

Mayor Whiteing would like the Council to meet at 5:30 on June 18, 2018 at the King Theatre for a walk-through of the progress.

Tripp Witten was present at the meeting to ask the council for approval to tear out the sidewalk at his residence and not replace it. Witten lives on a corner lot with minimal traffic and worries about trees causing a new sidewalk to heave if he replaces it. Council made known there is a current ordinance that states if a sidewalk is removed it must be replaced. After discussion, council decided to have City Hall staff send letters to the neighbors surrounding Witten's to see if anyone objects to the sidewalk not being replaced. Council will take action on final approval at the June 18 meeting.

Motion by Clough, second by Cates to approve the consent agenda. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Cody Forch discussed making minor changes to the CIP draft. Changes that took place included moving a few projects back a fiscal year to coordinate with possible funding offers for the water and sewer improvements. Forch spoke about possible funding options for the West Access which include: TIGER grant, RISE grant, local participation and TIF money. Goodman would like to calculate the tax implementation which would be impacted by having the west access and ask the County to partner with the City for funding. Forch advises adopting the CIP by public hearing at an upcoming council meeting and to re-adopt the plan yearly during budget season.

Council discussed the funding offer received from the IA DOT for up to \$1,000,000 in aid to reconstruct the Moorehead Avenue bridge. Council members would like to incorporate the castle theme of Ida Grove into the bridge reconstruction if funding allows. Motion by Clough to accept the funding offer, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Clough to approve Resolution 2018-11 Ordering Standard R12-5 Weigh Restriction and "All Vehicles" Signage to be Posted on the Moorehead Avenue Bridge, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-11

RESOLUTION ORDERING STANDARD R12-5 WEIGHT RESTRICTION AND "ALL VEHICLES" SIGNAGE TO BE POSTED ON MOOREHEAD AVENUE BRIDGE

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable and necessary to post weight restrictions on the Moorehead Avenue bridge for Northbound and Southbound traffic

WHEREAS, the weight restriction will be posted as an R12-5 posting, restricting traffic as follows: 22T, 36T, 36T.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Ida Grove, Iowa that the above weight restrictions be posted and enforced on the Moorehead Avenue bridge.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF JUNE, 2018

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Motion by Goodman to approve the updated personnel manual with the addition of offering hourly employees the option to carry comp time. Comp time can be carried over yearly with a maximum bank of 40 hours overtime converted to 60 hours of comp time, second by Ernst. Tomlinson abstained due to conflict. Motion passes 4-0.

Council directed City Hall staff to contact the League of Cities along with other municipalities to research spending limits without prior council approval for the City Crew and City Clerk.

Council discussed finding options for hauling and dumping sludge. Shannon Hazelton will reach out to Darin Schau and Marc Kjar to see if their land is an option to use.

Council discussed some miscommunication between the Library and Council regarding who was responsible for paying for the purchase of furnaces and humidifiers in December 2017. Council is appreciative of all the programs the Library puts together and felt it was in the best interest of the Library for the City to fund the furnaces in order to sustain and keep the Library open in the event that the existing furnaces might have stopped working. Council wants the rebate associated with the furnace purchase to be given back to the City's general fund. The Library will be responsible to reimburse the City for any overages they incur over their \$100,000 budget with the exception of the furnace purchase of \$9600.00.

Motion by Goodman to approve Community Partners to order (Community Partners will be responsible for the bill) Black and White street signs for the downtown area, second by Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council discussed MidAmerican removing the street light and pole at the intersection of 1st and Rohwer Street at the request of Landus Coop. Sweeden will contact Landus to have them appear at the next council meeting with a written plan of their project. Council is concerned that Landus illuminating the intersection by placing a flood light on the grain bin may affect home owners in the area.

Council also asked Sweeden to invite Landus to the June 18 meeting regarding the by-pass road. Landus estimates the cost of the project at \$120,000 and does not foresee paying that amount of money. Council is still highly concerned with the 3 railway intersections continuing to be blocked at times and feels an urgency to get the by-pass road moving along.

Ernst presented the council with information regarding spraying for mosquitos in town. Ernst is against spraying due to health and environmental hazards. No action was taken at this time, however, council would like staff to research natural ways to reduce the mosquito population.

Council instructed City Hall staff to research camper/trailer parking ordinances. They also discussed the option of offering citizens a temporary parking permit for those that do not have a slab to park their campers/trailers on.

In other business, Ernst requested an ad be put in the Ida County Courier for anyone interested in being on the Tree Board to contact City Hall. Sweeden received the paperwork from First State Bank to apply for a purchase card. Council directed City Hall to send homeowners 1 warning letter per season for mowing nuisances. After the initial warning letter, City Hall will contact homeowners and give them 1-2 days to mow their lawns. If this is not completed within the time frame specified, the City will hire a subcontractor to mow the properties and asses the costs on the homeowner's taxes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor