

City of Ida Grove
Special Meeting – Budget Workshop
January 30, 2019 5:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Mayor Whiteing called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with the following council members present: Paul Cates, Ryan Goodman, Gregor Ernst, Doug Clough and Scott Tomlinson. Recreation Center Director, Chelsea Gross, was also in attendance.

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

Council discussed options to decrease the net loss the Rec Center and Outdoor Pool create each year. Some ideas for increasing pool revenue were: increasing memberships, increasing pop/candy prices, selling pool merchandise and fundraisers for large projects. Sweeden suggested looking into canceling the phone line for the outdoor pool during the off season. Council tasked Gross with coming up with options to add value to a Rec Center membership as well as looking into offering employers incentives for their employees to obtain memberships. Councilman Ernst is curious how many households in Ida Grove currently have a membership. Council directed Gross to try to negotiate a better rate for internet service. Council made cuts to several line items in the budget, but still challenges Gross to come in under budget in FY20 and going forward.

Motion by Cates to adjourn, second by Clough. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor