

**City of Ida Grove
City Council Meeting
May 20, 2019 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

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

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

Rec Center Director, Chelsea Gross, informed council she had reached out to several cities whom have outdoor slides. Of those cities, one does yearly slide inspections, one does every other year and another has never inspected their slides in 29 years. Gross states there isn't enough time to get the outdoor pool slides inspected this year, but requests moving forward with inspection next year. Council questions if this is something public works can do and if there is certification that should be obtained. Council will discuss inspections again next season. Cates reported he has not been able to obtain a second quote for the outdoor pool doors and council can discuss once the quote is received. Council also discussed an approval from the last council meeting for hourly pay for Holly Nuetzman and Whitney Francis-Simonson. Nuetzman and Francis-Simonson will be co-managers for the outdoor pool this summer. Additionally, Gross is requesting they be paid an hourly wage if they were needed to guard in addition to their managerial duties. Sweeden is directed to speak to the City attorney for clarification as to whether an employee can be paid a salary and hourly wage in this scenario. Council will further discuss at the next meeting.

Motion by Goodman to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, budget/treasurer/revenue reports, minutes of the 5-6-2019 and 5-14-2019 meetings and a liquor license for Pizza Hut, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Whiteing opened the public hearing for the FY2019 budget amendment at 6:13 p.m. Sweeden stated no comments were received, written or oral, at City Hall. No public comments were received during the public hearing. Whiteing closed the public hearing at 6:14 p.m. Motion by Tomlinson to approve resolution 2019-15 City Budget Amendment and Certification Resolution – Amendment #1, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Sweeden reported she talked with public works and they feel the only option for offering a recreational vehicle parking area on city owned land is by the wastewater treatment plant; however, there are concerns with parking vehicles on the property there. Sweeden also spoke with an owner of Field Ready whom has an area that is rock and would work for parking recreational vehicles to get through the 2019 season, if the council chose to go that option. Some council members feel it is a nice idea to offer an area for recreational vehicle parking this season, but it is an unnecessary risk to the city and land owner. Ernst directed Sweeden to speak to the owner of Field Ready and find out how much they would charge the city to rent out their land.

Another parking option discussed was the City of Ida Grove giving out temporary parking permits, under certain circumstances, for the remainder of the year. Council

likes the idea of using a permit option, but need to come up with regulations for offering permits. A special meeting will be held Wednesday, May 22, 2019 to discuss temporary permit regulations.

Motion by Cates to approve the amended standing committee listing for 2019, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council discussed two applicants for the wastewater treatment plant operator position. Candidate A has experience with city government, a grade 1 sewer license, grade 2 water distribution and water treatment license and pesticide spraying licensing. Motion by Goodman to approve Lucas Collins as the wastewater treatment plant operator starting at \$21.00 hourly and moving to \$22.00 hourly once Collins obtains a grade 2 wastewater license, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Council will discuss getting Collins moved to Ida Grove as soon as possible.

Sweeden reported on the OABCIG High School's internship request. The request is for the student to work with public works for approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes daily for the 2019-2020 school year. Sweeden presented information to the council from the Iowa League of Cities on unpaid internships. Motion by Bogue to approve the internship request, but all parties must comply with the requirements included for unpaid internships, second by Cates. Ernst states he likes the idea, but feels a school year is a long time-commitment. Sweeden is directed to see if the City could end the agreement if the internship didn't work out for any reason. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Stan Chisholm addressed the council asking the City to vacate an alley North of lot 5, block 8, Village of Ida. Chisholm's request will then be sent to Planning and Zoning before moving forward with his special use permit application for construction of an accessory building with the Board of Adjustment. Council asked if any neighbors to the area have any concerns about the alley vacation; Chisholm stated he didn't speak to them about it but doesn't know why they would have any issues with it. Council states that once the request goes to the Planning and Zoning Commission, citizens will have a chance to speak for or against the permit application. Council also asked if there are utilities in the area; Chisholm states there are not. Motion by Goodman to approve sending Chisholm's request to the Planning and Zoning Commission, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Tomlinson to approve Ida Grove Food Pride and Casey's General Store's cigarette permits effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

A citizen requested the council to waive a portion of their sewer usage due to a water softener leak. Council sympathizes with the citizen, but states that is a dangerous precedent to set and questions how to monitor going forward if citizens are watering lawns, filling pools, etc. Council concludes they will not approve this request.

Motion by Tomlinson to approve Sweeden to do motor vehicle record checks on all City employees driving City vehicles as recommended by ICAP, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Cates to deny Lovett Car Wash's request for use of skid loader broom, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Community Partners is requesting a 50/50 cost share for port-a-pots during the Farmer's Market season. In prior years, the City, King Theatre and Community

Partners split the cost in thirds. Council questions the need for the port-a-pots if there wasn't a Farmer's Market. Council tabled until the next meeting to further discuss.

Sweeden presented Ordinance 567 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa, by amending the driveway regulations within city limits – 1st reading. Sweeden states the only changes made were changing the maximum driveway width at the curblin from 20 feet to 32 feet and in addition to the City Manager inspecting and approving completed work, the Public Works Foreman could also do the inspection and approval. Goodman notes applicants must consider drainage and culverts if needed and would like the Public Works Foreman to also look at and approve permits with City Hall. Motion by Goodman to approve Ordinance 567 – 1st reading and waive the 2nd reading, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Resolution 2019-13 is tabled until the next meeting.

Motion by Goodman to approve the sewage system use agreement between the City of Ida Grove and American Septic and Portable Services allowing American Septic to dump human waste from port-a-pots into the City sewer system. Payment for the service includes a \$25 administrative fee, per dump and a fee of \$10 per 1,000 gallons dumped, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Sweeden presented Ordinance 568 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa, by amending Chapter 13.05.280 to increase service fees and water turned on after hours. Amendments to the Ordinance are as follows: Service fees for past due bills of 30 days or more will increase from \$15 to \$25 and turning water on after hours, beginning at 3:30 p.m. will increase from \$10 to \$50. Motion by Goodman to approve Ordinance 568 – 1st reading and waive the 2nd reading, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Resolution 2019-14 is tabled until the next meeting.

Sweeden presented Ordinance 569 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa, by amending the regulation of swimming and wading pools within City limits. Motion by Goodman to approve Ordinance 569 – 1st reading with the following change: 15.20.020 (2) change residential districts to all zoning districts, Goodman's motion also includes waiving the 2nd reading, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Resolution 2019-16 is tabled until the next meeting.

Council further discussed the option of selling the West Access Property. Cates reported the current price per acre is about \$9,000 and the City paid over \$11,000 per acre when they acquired the land. Council leans towards not selling at this time. Motion by Tomlinson to remove this item from the agenda until further notice, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Sweeden presented quotes to move all City of Ida Grove phone and internet services from the current providers to Long Lines. Currently the City pays about \$1500 monthly for all City entities to have phone and internet with several different providers. Long Lines has prepared quotes moving all service through them with a cost savings of approximately \$600 monthly. Motion by Goodman to approve moving all phone and internet services to Long Lines, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council would like City Hall to research land to place a billboard sign along Highway 20 at the Hwy 59 intersection and Galva intersection. Staff will research and bring information back to council.

Sweeden reports City Hall needs to know which area of land the Council is interested in purchasing in order to move forward with the trail/park swap. Ernst recommends moving forward with the vacant lot across from the Ida County Court House, currently owned by Judy Andresen. At this point, Goodman abstains from all conversation due to personal conflict. Motion by Ernst to move forward with yellow book appraisals for the City Park and vacant lot across from the Ida County Court House, if the City would be able to acquire it, second by Tomlinson. Council notes the City already received a recommendation from Planning and Zoning to move forward with the process. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Tomlinson to approve a request to block the alley at 506 Moorehead Street for a sale on June 9, 2019, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Ernst abstains from discussion on the resignation of Jessica Bluml from the Board of Adjustment. Motion by Tomlinson to approve the resignation of Bluml from Board of Adjustment, effective immediately, second by Cates. Ayes: Cates, Goodman, Tomlinson, Bogue. Abstains: Ernst. Motion passes 4-0.

In other business, Sweeden reports the USACE have designed and printed flood history signs for the City to place along the trail at no cost to the City. Ernst reminds residents to fence around pools/hot tubs or have a latching closure. Heritage Days will be grilling at an upcoming Farmer's Market and City staff are reminded they have signed up to help. Whiteing reports Jerry Purdy of Design Alliance is putting together a presentation on the City Hall Renovation plans. The new plans are intended to be scaled down and could be completed in phases. City Hall will host a town meeting when they are prepared. Sweeden reports she received the contract that was approved at the last meeting for the Harold Godbersen Drive street repair project; the cost of the project was decreased about \$4,000 and the Mayor has signed it.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor