

**City of Ida Grove  
City Council Meeting  
May 6, 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 and Scott Tomlinson.

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

Rec Center Director, Chelsea Gross, was present to request approval of purchasing outdoor pool doors. Gross received a quote from BV Glass Company in the amount of \$11,730.64. The quote includes a new front door, men's/women's restroom doors and one for the bath house. Cates would like to see a second quote and will obtain it once Gross provides the measurements. Item tabled until the next meeting.

Gross also asked for approval to have the outdoor pool slides inspected for a cost of \$5,186. Inspection includes checking seams, bolts, surface and waxing. Gross states there is no requirement for slides to be inspected on a routine basis. Goodman would like Gross to find out how often waterparks inspect their slides. Ernst would like Gross to check with other towns on their inspection schedule. The City has had the slides inspected for the last 2 years and understands it is a liability and safety comes first. However, council would like Gross to obtain at least one more quote. Council is willing to meet later this week to approve if needed.

Cody Forch of JEO presented a task order for Harold Godbersen Drive/2<sup>nd</sup> Street in the amount of \$4,800. Forch also presented an agreement for approval between the City of Ida Grove and Godbersen Smith Construction to repair Harold Godbersen Drive/2<sup>nd</sup> Street in the amount of \$41,235.60. Godbersen Smith Construction is currently repairing Harold Godbersen Drive as a County project. If the City chooses to repair their portion at this time, it will save money because the City will not have to pay RR flagging fees or mobilization costs. The proposal includes changing the current intersection to a T-intersection. Council questioned the ability of large trucks and semi's being able to make the turn with the new intersection. Forch assures council they ran all the models and this will be fine. Council asked if there is any way to reduce some of the cost; Forch suggests saving about \$6,000 by not including sub-drains. Motion by Ernst to approve the task order, not to exceed \$4,800 and approval of the agreement, not to exceed \$41,235.60, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Tomlinson to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, budget/treasurer/revenue reports, Rec/Fire/Library financials, minutes of the 4-15-2019, 4-22-2019, 4-24-2019 and 5-1-2019 meetings and liquor licenses for Discount Liquors and Ida Grove Food Pride, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Four citizens expressed their interest in the vacant council seat for Ward II. Jared Bogue, Kim Claussen and Jeff Gilbert were in attendance; Adam Wunschel was absent. Mayor Whiteing and Council members expressed their appreciation of the 4 interested citizens. Council feels they are all great choices and have a difficult decision to make based on each citizens individual qualities they could bring to the community.

They also encourage all of them to run for open positions this November. Motion by Tomlinson to appoint Jared Bogue as Councilman Ward II, second by Cates. Ayes: Cates, Tomlinson, Ernst. Nays: Goodman. Motion passes 3-1. Mayor Whiteing read the Oath of Office to Bogue and Bogue now joins the meeting.

Council received two sealed hay bids. Scott Newman bid \$30 per large, round bale and \$1 per small, square bale. Jared Wessel bid \$35 per large, round bale and \$1 per small, square bale. Motion by Tomlinson to approve the bid from Jerad Wessel, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council heard from citizens in regards to the final reading of Ordinance 2018-560 regulating recreational, utility and cargo vehicle parking. Council discussed the option of offering a parking permit that could be obtained through City Hall for this camping season to accommodate those who cannot comply with the new ordinance this year, but the ordinance would be in full effect next year. Council also discussed the option of utilizing City land to offer citizens a place to park said vehicles this camping season, for a fee. Motion by Goodman to approve the final reading, second by Ernst. City Hall will be issuing warnings for those out of compliance after the ordinance is published in the newspaper. Council will further discuss options at the next council meeting. On a unanimous vote, motion passed.

Motion by Goodman to approve resolution 2019-11 amending the code of ordinances by enacting an addition to Chapter 10.45 regulating recreational, utility and cargo vehicle parking, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-11

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA BY ENACTING A NEW SUBSECTION GOVERNING RECREATIONAL, UTILITY AND CARGO VEHICLE PARKING WITHIN THE CITY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ida Grove, Iowa has determined the need to regulate recreational, utility and cargo vehicle parking within the City in an effort to promote positive aesthetics and promote safety precautions throughout the community and to decrease the nuisance created to neighboring land owners; and

**WHEREAS**, said ordinance can be found in Chapter 10.45, subsection 10.45.170

**WHEREAS**, an ordinance has been presented to the City Council that permits recreational, utility and cargo vehicle parking, within specified guidelines, in the City of Ida Grove.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the City Council of Ida Grove, Ida County, Iowa, approves as moved by council member Goodman and seconded by council member Tomlinson that the ordinance set forth in the attached Exhibit A be approved.

Sweeden presented a proposal from Cody Lomholt; Lomholt would like to donate his property located in old town at the corner of North 1<sup>st</sup>/Maple Street to the City in exchange for a piece of City owned land outside of City limits so that he can store his recreational vehicles. The land Lomholt proposed is where the city's current well sites are; after consideration of DNR regulations, council feels this is not feasible. Council entertains the concept and feels it would be a great aspect to have a park in old town, however, City staff will need to research other possible areas of land to exchange. Bogue asks about the market value of the Lomholt property vs market value of land he

would acquire from City. Council states the concept of the swap is good, but would need to find a land option that would work.

Sweeden explained a request from Community Partners whom are asking permission to hang Farmer's Market banners on 4 of the utility poles along the highway. Community Partners would design and pay for the banners. Bogue abstains due to personal conflict. Motion by Goodman to approve the request, second by Tomlinson. Council discussed further concern regarding placement of the banners, City time spent hanging the banners, design and timeframe they would remain up. Goodman withdrawals his motion, Tomlinson withdrawals his second. Item tabled until the next meeting so that Community Partners can present a design and further explain their request.

Motion by Goodman to approve John Brookbank's resignation from the Planning & Zoning Commission, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Goodman to approve Planning and Zoning Commission to move from a seven-member commission to a five-member commission, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Goodman to approve resolution 2019-12 approving the recommendation by Planning & Zoning to move from a seven-member commission to a five-member commission, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FIVE MEMBER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WITHIN THE CITY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Zoning Commission of Ida Grove, Iowa has determined the need to move from a seven-member commission to a five-member commission; and

**WHEREAS**, a five-member commission will provide the ability to meet quorum for meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa agrees with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the City Council of Ida Grove, Ida County, Iowa, approves as moved by council member Goodman and seconded by council member Ernst this resolution be adopted.

Planning & Zoning is recommending an amendment to the current driveway ordinance to remove the 20-foot width restriction at the curb. Motion by Goodman to approve an amendment with a cap of 32 feet at the curb, second by Tomlinson. City Hall will prepare an amended ordinance for the first reading at the next council meeting. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Ernst to allow a citizen request to acquire the old 6<sup>th</sup>/Circle Drive signs, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

American Septic is asking for permission to dump port-a-pot waste into the City sewer system while working on windfarms in the area. Wastewater Superintendent, Shannon Hazelton, has drafted an agreement and has no issues with the proposal. Council would like Sweeden to have the City Attorney take a look at the agreement. Motion by Ernst to charge American Septic a \$75 administrative/operations cost per dump plus an additional \$10 per 1,000 gallons dumped, second by Goodman. Council also asks to add that the city may rescind the agreement if dumping causes undue harm

on the sewer system as well as a City official must be present during dumping. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Goodman to approve Whitney Francis-Simonsen at \$9.00 hourly for the outdoor pool, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Goodman to approve Holly Nuetzman at \$8.00 hourly for the outdoor pool, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Goodman to approve Anna VanDusen as a receptionist sub for \$7.50 hourly, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Tomlinson to approve Jane Petersen as a Library Assistant at \$8.25 hourly, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Sweeden presented a quote from Scantron for obtaining a VPN as well as information from other City Clerks for obtaining either TeamViewer or Log Me In. Ernst will assist City Hall staff in obtaining a VPN; Council directs Sweeden to move forward as it is within her spending limits.

Sweeden noted there has been public interest in having audio recordings of council meetings available on the City's website. Goodman likes the idea of this but also would like to have video feed as well. Ernst suggests testing it at the next meeting by using a laptop and doing Facebook live. Whiteing questions if the website can handle audio and video or if separate subscriptions may be needed. Council directed to have City Hall staff speak with Julie Weeda of OABCIG schools to discuss their process and move forward accordingly.

Sweeden proposed increasing the trip fee's associated with utility accounts whom are past due 30 or more days as well as increasing the rate to turn water back on after hours. The amount of accounts past due and in need of a "red tag" notice have nearly tripled in the past 3 years. Motion by Goodman to increase the trip fee charge from \$15 to \$25, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Sweeden will amend the current ordinance for a 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the next meeting. Sweeden explained there have been an increasing amount of citizens requesting utilities be turned back on after hours (after their bills have not been paid and water has been shut off to their residence). The current ordinance states there is a \$30 fee for shutting off the water due to non-payment, \$30 fee for turning it back on after payment is received and a \$10 fee if it is after hours. Motion by Ernst to increase the after hours fee to \$50 with after hours beginning at 3:30 p.m., second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. City Hall will amend this section of the ordinance for a 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the next meeting as well.

Motion by Goodman to approve the Fraud, Conflict of Interest and Procurement policies in order to apply for federal disaster assistance from the recent flooding, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Goodman asks the council to consider the thought of selling the farm ground property, also known as West Access. Goodman is a huge proponent of the potential project, however, understands the City may not be able to afford the development in the future. Council discussed the City paid about \$11,000 per acre and believe the current appraisal is about \$8,500 per acre. Cates will get some information on current farm land values and Sweeden will check into the remaining balance of the bond for the farm land. Council will further discuss at the next meeting.

Motion by Tomlinson to approve 506 Moorehead Street to block the alley from their residence to the North for a period of time on June 2, 2019 in order to hold a furniture and household sale, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Sweeden will notify authorities.

Motion by Ernst to set the public hearing for budget amendments for May 20, 2019, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

In other business, Sweeden reported a City Hall staff member will be attending a free class in Cherokee on May 9, 2019 in regards to Hope for the Homeless. The sludge agreement to offer the City a backup for hauling sludge at the old landfill has been approved and signed. All Council members, Mayor and Sweeden agreed to donate a basket to be raffled for Heritage Days. Council discussed timelines of a few nuisances. Sweeden reported City Hall has contacted the Fire Department several times to ask for timelines of getting the Schmidt shed and house at 507 Washington Street burned for fire training. Ernst would like a notice put out to remind residents of the pool/hot tub ordinance. 505 Main Street needs a mowing letter. Council would like City Hall to reach out to GCC and see if they would partner with the city on the cost of repairing W Sixth Street. Sweeden noted she has been working with Susan Lund of OABCIG High School on a school-to-work program. A student would like to shadow the Public Works crew for the 2019-20 school year. Sweeden is checking with HR personnel and will report back. Cates asked about finding an easement for drainage structures along 7<sup>th</sup> Street; Sweeden is researching.

Motion by Tomlinson to move into closed session at 8:24 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 21.5 (c) to discuss strategy with council in matters presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and disclosure would disadvantage the government body, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion passed.

Motion by Goodman to move into open session at 8:45 p.m., second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Goodman to adjourn, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

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Devlun Whiteing, Mayor