

**City of Ida Grove
City Council Meeting
June 3, 2019 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

Mayor Pro-Tem, Paul Cates, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Jared Bogue and Scott Tomlinson. City Attorney, Peter Goldsmith, was also in attendance. Mayor Whiteing and Councilmen Gregor Ernst and Ryan Goodman were absent.

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

Becky Ricklefs and Heather Bogue were present to discuss port-a-pots and banners on behalf of Community Partners. Councilman Bogue will abstain due to personal conflict. The group has presented 3 designs to choose from and are hoping to hang them year-round on the utility poles on each end of Ida Grove. Ricklefs notes 1-2 banners on each side of town are acceptable, but the group would prefer to have 3 on both ends of town. The banners would specify the Farmer's Market is open yearly from June-September. Ricklefs has spoken with Public Works Foreman, Gerrod Sholty, in regards to this. Sholty is on board with the banners and says they will not affect hanging Christmas lights. Council discussed who owns the poles and if approval is needed from MidAmerican or the Iowa DOT. Motion by Tomlinson to approve Community Partners to purchase 6 banners to hang on the utility poles, pending requirements being met with MidAmerican and DOT, second by Cates. Ayes: Tomlinson, Cates. Abstain: Bogue. Motion passes 2-0.

Ricklefs asked council to split the cost of the port-a-pot that is placed in Godbersen Park during the Farmer's Market season. Sweeden states the total cost last year was \$700, thus, making the City's portion around \$350 this year if the cost is split 50/50. Cates suggests City employees and elected officials volunteer to host the grilling one week during Farmer's Market to help cover the cost of the port-a-pot. The City of Ida Grove will host the grilling on September 5th. Motion by Tomlinson to approve a 50/50 cost share on the port-a-pots, and grill one week to cover the expense, second by Cates. Ayes: Cates, Tomlinson. Abstain: Bogue. Motion passes 2-0.

Motion by Bogue to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, budget/treasurer/revenue reports, minutes of the 5-20-2019 meeting (with an amendment to the section in regards to the land/park swap; the amendment reads Ernst recommends moving forward with the vacant lot across from the Ida County Courthouse, currently owned by Judy Andresen), cigarette permits for Ida Grove Cenex, Brew Coffee, Wine and Spirit and Ida Grove Golf & Country Club and a liquor license for Ida Bowl-outdoor service, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Reynold McLead discussed the Planning and Zoning Commissions work on creating a verified, official zoning map. McLead notes the zoning map had not been updated over the past several years as zoning changes had occurred. McLead researched newspaper archives, resolutions and ordinances dating back to 1977 to verify past changes that had been approved, but not updated on the zoning map. Planning and Zoning, at a recent meeting, recommended for the Council to approve the

current map with McLead's verified changes including to rezone the Northern portion of the City Park to General Industrial since it had been publicly talked about. McLead referenced Iowa Code 414.6 and states the other map changes the City would like to make in order to provide areas in town for future housing developments, haven't been discussed during a public hearing so the commission would like to delay those map changes at this time. McLead would like to consider traffic volumes, infrastructure, storm water run-off, etc. and gather more information before making a recommendation to the City Council. Bogue has concerns about waiving any readings to approve the map and would like to give the public a chance to see the map and speak freely. Goldsmith suggests Planning and Zoning hold a special meeting (public hearing) before the City Council meets again on June 17th where the council would also hold a secondary public hearing on the proposed mapping changes. Goldsmith notes the City Clerk's office should send letters notifying all property owners within a 250 ft. radius of any proposed zoning changes. Motion by Bogue to approve the 1st reading and waive the 2nd reading of the updated zoning map as McLead has presented, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Motion by Tomlinson to set the public hearing for the proposed zoning map changes for June 17th with the City Clerk's office to notify residents, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Goldsmith reported in regards to trains blocking the streets during emergency events. Landus is continuing to work on a long-term solution, but as a short-term solution has agreed to create a by-pass road by the City Maintenance shed leading into Jacob's Addition to provide emergency responders access around the trains if needed. Goldsmith has reached out to all landowners in Jacob's Addition to seek easements. Some concerns that have come about are as follows: the road should be used for emergency personnel only; it would not be open to the public. Goldsmith would like to include in the easement agreements that the City would be responsible for damages caused by or to authorized vehicles. Signs should be posted on each end of the road specifying emergency vehicles only as well as speed limit signs of around 20 m.p.h. Council agrees for Goldsmith to move forward with obtaining the easements.

Sweeden presented a recreational vehicle hardship permit as discussed at a recent committee meeting. Tomlinson notes he feels the permit sets the City up for failure. Tomlinson questions what the hardship is and how will City Hall be able to decide. Sweeden reads through the permit and notes the bullet points that the City would be lenient on; all other parts of the ordinance are fully enforced. Motion by Bogue to approve Resolution 2019-17 a hardship permit in accordance with Ordinance 2018-560, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-17

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE HARDSHIP PERMIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE 2018-560

WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove, Iowa desires to offer citizens the ability to apply for a temporary hardship permit under certain regulations defined in the attached exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove, Iowa, will give the ability to apply for the hardship permit from June 4, 2019 through December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove, Iowa, will not enforce Ordinance 2018-560 against citizens approved for a hardship permit through December 31, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa, that they adopt the attached hardship permit;

Motion by Tomlinson to approve Ordinance 2019-567 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa, by amending the driveway regulations within City limits – final reading, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Tomlinson to approve Resolution 2019-13 amending the driveway regulations within City limits, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-13

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA BY AMENDING THE DRIVEWAY REGULATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA

WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove, Iowa has determined the need to amend the current driveway regulations to extend the maximum driveway width at the curb line to 32 feet; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance amendment can be found in Chapter 12.20; and

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

Motion by Bogue to approve Ordinance 2019-568 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 – final reading, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Bogue to approve resolution 2019-14 amending the service fees for delinquent and unpaid utility bills, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-14

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA BY AMENDING THE SERVICE FEES FOR DELINQUENT AND UNPAID UTILITY BILLS WITHIN THE CITY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA

WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove, Iowa has determined the need to increase the service fee amounts for delinquent and unpaid utility bills; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance amendment can be found in Chapter 13.05.280

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

Motion by Tomlinson to approve Ordinance 2019-569 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa by amending the regulation of swimming and wading pools within City limits of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa – final reading, second by Bogue. Council notes the pool permit is a one-time permit, not annual. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Tomlinson to approve resolution 2019-16 amending pool regulations and requirements within the City of Ida Grove, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-16

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA BY AMENDING POOL REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA

WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove, Iowa has determined the need to set regulations and requirements for swimming pools; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance amendment can be found in Chapter 15.20 of the City of Ida Grove Code Book.

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

Motion by Tomlinson to approve the Meals on Wheels agreement for another year, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council heard from Whitney Francis-Simonsen in regards to wages and hours for the outdoor pool co-managers. Council clarified they do not feel the co-managers need to be at the pool at all times. They directed the co-managers to continue being at the pool about the same amount of hours as in the past years. Previously, council was unsure if the City could pay Francis-Simonsen and Holly Neutzman a monthly salary for being co-managers in addition to an hourly wage for lifeguarding from time to time. Goldsmith states the City can do this. Motion by Bogue to approve co-managers as outdoor pool guards at \$10 hourly, in addition to monthly salary, second by Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Tomlinson to approve hiring Stacey Segebart as City Hall Custodian, \$9 hourly up to 10 hours per week, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Sweeden reported the City has drainage ditch maintenance easements for parcel number 18-13-5006 along 7th Street, but would need to obtain easements for several other parcels along 7th Street in order to dig out and maintain the drainage ditch. Council advises Sweeden reach out to the property owners to attempt obtaining an easement. If they cannot be obtained, Sweeden will look into any other options the City may have.

Project Management Clerk, Kelly Young, researched hiring a nuisance abatement officer. Dave Christensen has been a certified inspector since 2013 and serves several towns in close proximity to Ida Grove, including Correctionville and Merville. Christensen charges \$50 hourly in addition to IRS mileage. Young will invite Christensen to attend a council meeting in July to answer questions the council has. Sweeden will select 2 committee members to discuss and prepare a listing of questions for him.

Ida Bowl is requesting a one-time use of picnic tables from City Park to provide seating during the Heritage Days beer garden. Council discussed and feel they cannot allow anyone use of the tables as this would set a precedent for anyone to use the tables; thus not having seating at the park when needed.

Sweeden noted there are very few volunteers helping with Heritage Days. There will likely be several overtime hours for city employees to assist in making it a success. Bogue would like City Hall to add something to the City Facebook page to look for more volunteers again and he will do the same with his personal page. Bogue will speak with Community Partners and see if they would be willing to help at Heritage Days as well.

In other business, Cates noted he is still trying to obtain a secondary quote for outdoor pool doors, Tomlinson notes the plywood fence at 608 Taylor Street is coming down, Bogue questions semi parking along the corner of 2nd and Washington Street;

Council states this is not allowed. Council also discussed seeing several 4-wheelers along the City flood control project which is strictly prohibited. Sweeden will talk with Sheriff Harriman, by direction of the council, in regards to the 4-wheelers and semi parking. Tomlinson notes the burned house at 103 N 1st Street has shown no progress. Sweeden stated City Hall has kept in close contact with the homeowner and they assured City Hall an excavator would be there this past weekend. Tomlinson states no more chances for the owner; something needs to be done.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Paul Cates, Mayor Pro-Tem