

**City of Ida Grove
City Council Meeting
August 19, 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: Ryan Goodman, Jared Bogue and Gregor Ernst. Attorney, Peter Goldsmith, was also in attendance. Mayor, Devlun Whiteing, was absent.

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

Citizens, Jason Schable and Reynold McLead, were present to continue expressing interest in the Ward III council vacancy. Motion by Bogue to appoint Reynold McLead to the Ward III City Council Seat, second by Ernst. Ayes: Ernst, Bogue. Nays: Goodman, Cates. Motion fails due to tie, 2-2. Council requested Goldsmith to speak with Shelley Bruning of the Ida County Auditor's office to receive clarification of the City's options at this point. Council agree they would like to be able to appoint McLead or Schable to the Ward III position and appoint the other to the at-large seat which will be vacant as of September 4, 2019 due to the resignation of Ryan Goodman. Goldsmith states the council can continue the current meeting until Wednesday, August 21st, as they have a special meeting being held that night. At that point, council will have further clarification of options to allow them to move forward with an appointment to the Ward III seat.

Michelle Bostinelos of SIMPCO and Cody Forch of JEO were unable to attend the meeting. Both appearances were tabled until a future meeting.

Motion by Goodman to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, budget/revenue/treasurer reports, minutes of the 8-5-2019 & 8-15-2019 meetings and a liquor license for Sportsmans, second by Ernst. Ernst requests the City Clerk to check with the City's accounting software company to generate a claims report that specifies which fund each invoice comes from. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Bogue to approve a quote from Scantron Technologies not to exceed \$2,248.00 for a workstation replacement and server operating system update, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council requested additional information in regards to Planning and Zoning's recommendation to undergo a 3rd party review of the city codes for discrepancies and/or legal issues. Ernst questions the cost of the legal review, had the council bundled that in with the online recodification, versus completing these items separately.

Council tabled the city council at-large seat until discussions at the August 21, 2019 meeting.

Motion by Goodman for City Hall to apply to be a 2020 host for RAGBRAI, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Sweeden informed council of wiring repairs needed at the Ida Grove Airport. Edsen Electric estimates the repair costs to be between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Council gave the go ahead to repair the wiring.

The Farmer's Market has requested approval to close a portion of 1st Street (from the corner of Main to the Fire Station) on September 12, 2019 for their annual Kid's Day Event. Council directs Sweeden to inform the Fire Station of the event, and approved of the request.

Motion by Ernst to approve Sweeden to attend the Public Management Development Program, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Goodman to approve Sweeden to attend the Fall IMFOA Conference, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Goodman to approve moving the first September council meeting to Tuesday, September 3, 2019 (due to the Labor Day holiday), beginning at 5:30 p.m., second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Ernst requests the possible City Hall Renovation project be included on the agenda for August 21, 2019. Council met with Northland Securities last week to discuss funding options, should the City move forward with the renovation. The City has a couple of options: using TIF or debt service. TIF would not affect the taxpayers, but would affect the general fund. Debt service would affect taxpayers but would not have a negative impact to the city's general fund.

Council discussed making amendments to the City's Urban Renewal Plan. Should the council finance the Moorehead Avenue Bridge Project or the possible City Hall Renovation with TIF funds, those areas would need included in the Urban Renewal Area. Including areas in the plan does not require the city to fund them with TIF, just gives the opportunity to do so. Motion by Bogue to approve adding the Moorehead Avenue Bridge, City Hall and area by the Catholic Church that was recently rezoned R-3 to the City's Urban Renewal Area, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

In other business, Councilmen Bogue and Ernst briefly discussed the water and sewer rates and request this item to be on the August 21, 2019 agenda. Sweeden notes the Council is signed up to host the Farmer's Market on September 5, 2019. Council will discuss this at the August 21, 2019 meeting as well and get the planning process started. Council requests a letter to be sent to the homeowner on 3rd Street with a forklift in the yard.

Motion by Goodman to recess this meeting until 6:05 p.m., Wednesday, August 21, 2019, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 7:28 p.m.

Motion by Ernst to resume this meeting, August 21, 2019, 6:05 p.m., second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The following council members were present: Goodman, Cates, Bogue and Ernst. Mayor Whiteing and Attorney Goldsmith were also in attendance. Council resumed discussing the appointment of Ward III and notes the seat should be appointed within 60 days of the resignation of the previous Councilman (Tomlinson), or a special election may be required, per Iowa Code. Motion by Cates to appoint Reynold McLead as Ward III Councilman, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Mayor Whiteing read the Oath of Office to McLead and McLead joined the meeting.

Motion by Goodman to adjourn this meeting and resume the August 21, 2019 meeting, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Paul Cates, Mayor Pro-Tem (8-19-19)

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor (8-21-19)