

**City of Ida Grove  
City Council Meeting  
August 5, 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: Paul Cates, Ryan Goodman, Jared Bogue and Gregor Ernst.

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

Amanda Harper, SIMPCO Housing Specialist, was present to discuss the housing trust fund request in the amount of \$1,943.00. The program supports the preservation of housing stock; assisting low income individuals/families in maintaining safe and decent housing. Motion by Goodman to approve the request, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Goodman to remove Alan Yeager from the agenda, per Alan's request, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Melissa Ausborn was present to request council permission to instruct yoga classes at one of the City Parks. Motion by Ernst to allow Melissa to conduct yoga in the park at the City Park or ballfields pending review and approval by the City Attorney, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Gerrod Sholty discussed the current state of the 1989 Ford Plow Truck. Sholty states the truck can be fixed, but it may be a good time to update. A local blacksmith quoted \$4-5,000 to repair the box. Sholty requests not keeping the damaged truck and purchasing a used truck as soon as possible to prepare it for Winter. Motion by Goodman to purchase a used truck, not to exceed \$61,050 (the amount of one of the quotes provided) as well as report to the city's insurance company to take the payout of \$9,650 (ACV less deductible if the City chooses not to keep the truck) for the damaged truck, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Tripp Witten is requesting to extend the culvert (along Father Daily Drive) approximately 20-50 feet, located at his 805 North Main Street property. Witten would also like the option to extend it all the way to the alley and tie into the culvert. Sholty explained that Witten understands the project would be at the homeowner's expense. Motion by Goodman to allow Witten to move forward, per Gerrod Sholty's recommendation on length, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Contractors for the OABCIG High School addition project have contacted the City in regards to storm water detention and minimum parking requirements. Sholty is concerned about the project due to existing water runoff issues and the project potentially creating additional water runoff concerns. Goodman recommends having JEO look at the plans/hydrology and advise the city on next steps.

Sholty prepared a listing of several streets in town that need maintenance/repair. Sholty asked for council direction as to prioritizing street work on his list as well as future plans for repairing 1<sup>st</sup> Street and W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Council stated 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets are major projects the City will likely need to bond for. Council advised Sholty to

compare his list with the PASER report from JEO and utilize his \$100,000 street budget on the higher priority streets.

Council discussed damage to the street at the Catholic Church parking lot entrance as well as pot holes and damage to the alley along Moorehead Avenue caused by LaPointe Utilities, a subcontractor for MidAmerican. Sholty explained the alley had been bladed and rocked before the work by LaPointe began. After LaPointe was finished with their boring project, City Hall received numerous complaints about the condition of the alley. Sholty then put down 2 ton of A stone and 8 ton of limestone to bring the alley back to the state it was in before the boring began. Sholty explains the damage to the street at the Catholic Church will be difficult to repair without taking out a larger section and repairing it all. According to the contract signed with MidAmerican, they are responsible to fix or pay the city to fix the issues. Sweeden is directed to contact the company, explain the situations, obtain estimates of repair costs and report back to council.

Motion by Goodman to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, budget/treasurer/revenue reports, Rec/Fire/Library reports, minutes of the 7-15-2019 meeting, and liquor licenses for the following: Skate Palace, Ida Grove Cenex and Ida Bowl, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council will appoint a citizen for the Ward III Council seat at their August 19, 2019 meeting.

Councilman Bogue met with water superintendent, Lon Schluter, in regards to the test well program associated with the water improvement plans. Bogue requests the council's opinion on drilling more wells in different areas to see if there is adequate water available before moving forward with a water treatment plant. Sweeden is directed to set up a committee meeting to further discuss the options.

City Attorney, Goldsmith, drafted an agreement to be put in place between the City and committee members of "A Park For Everyone". Councilman Ernst requests the draft agreement be sent to him for editing, then brought back for council approval. Reynold McLead notes that project plans for the park must go through Planning and Zoning for recommendation and approval, prior to being presented to the City Council.

Motion by Goodman to appoint Kristin Behrendsen to Board of Adjustment, term ending 12-31-2023, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Bogue to approve Resolution 2019-22 – Ordinance Numbering Correction, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-22

#### A RESOLUTION CORRECTING AN ORDINANCE NUMBERING ERROR

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa:

Section 1. That the City Clerk has discovered an error in the numbering system for Ordinances.

Section 2. That Ordinance 2018-560 - regulating recreational, utility and cargo vehicle parking, passed and approved May 6, 2019, was incorrectly numbered the same as Ordinance 2018-560 – regulating recreational vehicle parking, originally passed and approved November 5, 2018. Ordinance 2018-560 – regulating recreational, utility and cargo vehicle parking, passed and approved May 6, 2019, is hereby established as Ordinance 2019-565.

Section 3. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to correct the Ordinance number to 2019-565 and keep on file at the City Clerk's Office.

Motion by Goodman to approve Resolution 2019-23 – Authorization to Enter into a Loan Agreement on Behalf of the Ida Grove, IA Fire Department, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-23

**A RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT  
ON BEHALF OF THE IDA GROVE, IA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa:

Section 1. That the Ida Grove Fire Department wishes to purchase a new Fire Fighting Tanker.

Section 2. That the Ida Grove City Council advised the Fire Department to apply for the Firefighting Equipment Revolving Loan Fund.

Section 3. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to apply for and submit any necessary documentation for the Firefighting Equipment Revolving Loan Fund on behalf of the Ida Grove Fire Department for an amount not to exceed \$150,000; to be paid back with Fire Department depreciation funds.

Council reviewed the financials for Heritage Days 2019, held the last weekend in June and notes a \$1,220.11 overall profit. The committee met during the month of July to review and begin discussion for Heritage Days 2020; they also discussed the need for more volunteers.

Key Club is proposing to donate welcome banners to be placed in the downtown area. Motion by Goodman to approve the banners, second by Bogue. Council notes they would be in favor of placing the banners along the highway as well if enough funds were available to purchase extra. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council reviewed a quote from Scantron for updating the operating system at City Hall as well as upgrading the utility billing computer. Cody Lomholt notes office 365 may be worth looking into, instead of the operating system update. Council advises City Hall to look into office 365 and review again when more information is available.

Planning and Zoning recently approved several new and updated forms to be utilized in City Hall. The forms are as follows: Application for Zoning Change, Application for Zoning Appeal, Application for Zoning Variance, Application for Subdivision, Application for Special Use Permit, Application for Restricted Vehicle Parking Permit, Certificate of Zoning Compliance, Certificate of Permit Completion and Application for Building/Concrete Permit. City Code states building and concrete permits are subject to the same application and application fee. City practice to date has been to charge a \$25.00 fee for building permits with concrete permits being free of charge. Council notes an incorrect email address that should be updated as well as the approval date located on the bottom of all the forms. Motion by Ernst to approve all the updated forms pending approval from the City Attorney, and publish them on the City Website within 2 weeks – post attorney approval, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Shelley Bruning expresses concerns about the intersection at Harold Godbersen Drive and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Bruning notes blind spots for signage and requests a speed limit sign to be put in place. Sweeden is advised to set up a committee meeting to look at the intersection. Motion by Cates to approve the payment request for Harold

Godbersen Drive in the amount of \$34,931.11, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Mayor and Council reviewed a listing provided to them of all current and ongoing projects in City Hall. City Hall is directed to work on the top projects as discussed by council. The top priority projects are as follows: Moorehead Avenue Bridge, water/sewer upgrades and rate increases, park/trail swap, City Hall renovation, Landus by-pass road/long term solution, nuisance abatement process/protocol, Highway 20 billboard sign and FEMA funding.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, Lucas Collins, recently tested and received his Grade 2 Wastewater License. Motion by Ernst to approve Lucas Collins' pay rate to increase to \$22.00 hourly, second by Goodman. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Sweeden informed the council of recent vandalism to the City Park restrooms. Sweeden will ask the Sheriff's Department to keep an eye on the area.

Sweeden updated the council on obtaining the VPN for City Hall staff. The City's IT company has installed the VPN and are working through some issues. Sweeden will report again on it at the next meeting.

Councilman Goodman noted he will be resigning from his at-large council seat in the near future due to buying a home outside of city limits. Shelley Bruning reviewed the options the City and Goodman have available to them. Goodman can remain on the council in his position until he moves out of town; at that point he would need to resign and the council would need to appoint a citizen for the at-large seat. Goodman could also submit a letter of resignation to the City Clerk no later than August 7, 2019 with a future resignation date. This would allow for the at-large position to be posted as a special election to be held November 5<sup>th</sup> with the regular city election at no extra charge to the City.

In other business, Councilman Bogue notes he will be joining the Ida County Economic Development board. Mayor Whiteing states he has heard positive feedback in regards to the outdoor pool this season.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

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Devlun Whiteing, Mayor