

**City of Ida Grove
City Council Meeting
November 4, 2019 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

Mayor, Devlun Whiteing, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with the following council members present: Paul Cates, Jason Schable, Gregor Ernst, Jared Bogue and Reynold McLead. City Attorney, Peter Goldsmith was absent.

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

Recreation Center Director, Chelsea Gross, plans to host “Coffee and Hot Chocolate in the Park” for the 2nd year. Gross asked council if the proceeds could be put towards purchasing flower baskets to be hung on the four light poles at the intersection of 2nd and Main Street. MidAmerican Energy has approved of the request. Motion by Cates to allow the purchase of four hanging flower pots with the proceeds, second by Schable. Ayes: Cates, Schable, Ernst, Bogue. Nays: McLead. Motion passes 4-1.

The Rec Center will be selling wooden Christmas trees as another fund raiser this year. Gross asks permission for the proceeds to be put towards purchasing trail art in the future. Gross notes it is beneficial to show effort in raising funds when applying for grants for such projects. Council likes the idea and asks Gross to come back to council with photos of the proposed artwork as well as area of placement along the trail.

Gross and Public Works Foreman, Gerrod Sholty, informed council of issues with the duct work at the Rec Center. The ceiling above the kitchen, senior and kids room has been leaking due to excess condensation around the duct work. Gross contacted six companies for quotes and only received one back. She explains a couple of the companies did not want to get involved. Gross notes they are unsure if there are more issues than just the duct work since they continue to have issues with the front entryway frosting and have noted issues after the replacement of the dectron unit a few years ago. Council would like an HVAC engineer to take a look at the Rec Center in order to find the root cause of the issues before moving forward with fixing the duct work.

Motion by Cates to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, budget/revenue/treasurer reports and minutes of the 10/21/2019 meeting, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Bogue to approve the final reading of Ordinance 574 – Building Permits Amendment, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Cates to approve Resolution 2019-27 Building Permits Amendment, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-27

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA BY MODIFYING BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA

WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove, Iowa has determined the need to modify the requirement of building permits, to distinguish concrete projects to be included in the requirements and modify the requirements of the \$25.00 fee; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance amendment can be found in Chapter 2.60.060 of the City of Ida Grove Code Book.

Council reviewed the scenarios provided by Heidi Kuhl of Northland Securities in regards to changing the minimum billed gallons of water and sewer from 2,000 gallons to 1,000 gallons. After review of the impacts, council decided this is not a viable option at this time. However, once the final costs of the projects including possible funding options have been calculated, council may again look at changing the minimum billed gallons. Sweeden explained to council that ordinances go into effect upon publication of the amendment unless a different effective date is specified. Council notes they would like the rate increase to go into effect for the first January bill, due January 15th. McLead briefly notes the negative sewer fund balance. Motion by Ernst to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 576 Water and Sewer Rate Increase, second by Schable. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Cates to approve the Annual Financial Report, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council discussed adopting the Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS) standards and how the adoption would affect the current city code and current regulations such as design standards for water/sewer, sidewalks, driveways, stormwater runoff, etc. Council directed Sweeden to check with Code Publishing Company who is currently performing a legal review of the city code to find out if they could also review the code book to decipher how SUDAS would affect the current ordinances and what the cost would be to have them do so.

In other business, Bogue notes Rita Frahm of Ida County Economic Development would be willing to help the city with paperwork as well as provide guidance on moving forward with a billboard sign to be placed along Highway 20. Additionally, Bogue notes Community Partners may be willing to help with the design of the sign. McLead has been receiving complaints from citizens in regards to grain trucks using Washington Street instead of Father Daily Drive to access town. Sweeden will talk with public works in regards to truck route signage. McLead also notes he met with Gerrod Sholty to look at the maintainer transmission which could be a large expenditure coming up in order to fix.

Motion by McLead to adjourn, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor