

**City of Ida Grove
City Council Meeting
September 16, 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, Jason Schable, Gregor Ernst, Jared Bogue and Reynold McLead. City Attorney, Peter Goldsmith, was also in attendance.

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

Mayor Whiteing opened the one street repair bid that was received. The bid from Blacktop Services came in at \$209,190 for list A and \$204,410 for list B. Motion by Cates to approve Blacktop Services for street repairs, with Gerrod Sholty choosing which streets to repair in accordance with the PASER report, second by Ernst. Council notes the amount spent should be up to \$100,000 as budgeted, less any expenses already spent on street repairs this fiscal year. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Michelle Bostinelos of SIMPCO was present to discuss FY20 membership dues. Bostinelos explained SIMPCO is a council of governments in which promotes regional thinking to help communities with planning and economic development. Services are funded through membership dues as well as federal and state funding. Some of the benefits of being a member are: grant writing/support, economic development planning, basic mapping, workshops/trainings, etc. Council previously approved the membership dues payment, but wanted to learn more about how the City could increase benefiting from the membership. Bostinelos explained it is imperative to keep in good contact with SIMPCO and let them know of grants the City is looking for.

Library Director, Angela Scales, presented the annual library report. The Library has received \$8,500 in grants for FY20 and plans to apply for at least 3 others. Scales mentioned the Library Board still wishes to get the restrooms updated to be more accessible.

Motion by Ernst to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, budget/revenue/treasurer reports, rec/fire/library financials, minutes of the 9-3-2019, 9-5-2019 and 9-9-2019 meetings and a liquor license for Casey's as well as ownership/board changes for Casey's, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Water/sewer rate increases were tabled until the next council meeting as the City is waiting for an analysis to be returned from Northland Securities.

Cates and Whiteing met with Cody Forch of JEO before the last council meeting to discuss drainage issues along 7th Street. Water runoff currently comes from the High School area, down 7th Street, along several properties near the trail. However, the drainage structure has not been able to keep the water in the channel due to large amounts of runoff as well as needed maintenance to be completed, which is not recommended by JEO. JEO recommends digging a new drainage channel closer to the trail and estimates a cost of \$97,340 for the project. Council discussed whether the school should assist in funding for a new drainage channel due to their proposed new addition contributing additional water runoff. Sweeden is directed to see if SIMPCO has any grants available to help fund this potential project.

Motion by Ernst to approve a raise for library assistant, Jane Petersen, effective July 1, 2019, \$9.25 hourly, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Cates to approve the second reading and waive the third reading of Ordinance 572, Modify Setback Requirements, second by Schable. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by McLead to approve Resolution 2019-25, Modify Setback Requirements, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-25

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA BY AMENDING SETBACK REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA

WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove, Iowa has determined the need to modify front yard setback requirements in certain instances and include an additional section 17.25.010 (7) in regards to special use permits; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance amendment can be found in Chapters 17.25.010 and 17.25.010(7) 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 McLead and seconded by council member Bogue that the ordinance set forth in the attached Exhibit A be approved.

Motion by McLead to approve the second reading and waive the third reading of Ordinance 573, Modify Nonconforming Building Regulations, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by McLead to approve Resolution 2019-26, Modify Nonconforming Building Regulations, second by Cates. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-26

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

WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove, Iowa has determined the need to modify nonconforming building regulations; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance amendment can be found in Chapter 17.05.100 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 McLead and seconded by council member Cates that the ordinance set forth in the attached Exhibit A be approved.

Council reviewed Ordinance 574 – Building Permits Amendment. After discussion over who should be included in approving building permits and how many signatures would be required, council directed Sweeden to draft the ordinance, send to the City Attorney for review and bring back to council at their next meeting. Resolution 2019-27, Building Permits Amendment was tabled until the passage of Ordinance 574.

Motion by Cates to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 575, Accessory Building Setback Requirements, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Resolution 2019-28, Accessory Building Setback Requirements was tabled until the passage of Ordinance 275.

Motion by Ernst to approve Resolution 2019-29, Setting Date for Public Hearing on 2019 Amendment to Urban Renewal Plan for Ida Grove Consolidated Urban Renewal Area, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-29

Setting date for public hearing on 2019 Amendment to urban renewal plan for Ida Grove Consolidated Urban Renewal Area

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa (the "City") has created the Ida Grove Consolidated Urban Renewal Area (the "Urban Renewal Area"), has approved an urban renewal plan for the Urban Renewal Area and has amended that plan from time to time to add property and to identify new urban renewal projects; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 403 of the Code of Iowa requires that, before a city approves any new urban renewal projects or adds new property to an urban renewal area, a city must amend the existing urban renewal plan to identify and include those new projects and that new property; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the urban renewal plan for the Urban Renewal Area (the "2019 Amendment") has been prepared which identifies certain property to be added to the Urban Renewal Area and describes the use of incremental property tax revenues to finance certain projects and improvements within the Urban Renewal Area, including improvements to City Hall and a bridge on Moorehead Avenue and it is now necessary that a date be set for a public hearing on that plan amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. This City Council will meet at the City Hall on October 21, 2019 at six o'clock p.m., at which time and place it will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2019 Amendment.

Section 2. The City Clerk shall publish notice of said hearing, the same being in the form attached hereto, which publication shall be made in a legal newspaper of general circulation in Ida Grove, which publication shall be not less than four (4) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date set for hearing.

Section 3. Pursuant to Section 403.5 of the Code of Iowa, the City Administrator is hereby designated as the City's representative in connection with the consultation process which is required under that section of the urban renewal law.

Passed and approved September 16, 2019.

Council is in favor of helping the 2020 Census Bureau in creating a complete count committee. The committee would assist the Bureau in meeting the goal of a timely, accurate and cost-effective census count. If anyone is interested in being part of the committee, please contact City Hall.

Ernst discussed with council what the City could do to help promote two services the city provides at no cost: automatic withdrawal of utility bills and email billing of utility bills. Ernst challenges council to come up with creative ways to offer incentives to citizens to sign up for both services. Council will discuss at the next meeting.

Tabitha Gonnerman was present to ask for approval to hang additional Falcon Banners in the downtown area as well as along Harold Godbersen Drive, near Horn Memorial Hospital and up John Montgomery Drive. Gonnerman also requested the City donate funds toward the purchase of additional banners. Council advised Gonnerman to check with the county for the portion of Harold Godbersen Drive that extends from the

Highway to the tracks. Gonnerman explained Key Club is planning to purchase 26 banners for the downtown area and 12 banners for the portion near the High School. The total project cost is estimated at \$6,000 and Key Club has raised \$3,000 currently. Gonnerman reports she will be asking Kiwanis and the School for funding assistance as well. Motion by Bogue to allow Key Club to place banners in the downtown district and from the Hospital to the High School, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Discussion of the request for funding continued. Cates notes the City Crew will be hanging all the banners and feels that is a sufficient donation toward the project. Motion by Ernst to approve a \$500 donation to the Key Club for Falcon Banners provided Sweeden can cut \$500 from the current budget, second by McLead. Ayes: Schable, Ernst, Bogue, McLead. Nays: Cates. Motion passes 4-1.

Motion by Ernst to approve the purchase of a 2013 International 4400 truck including the dump body, hydraulics and plow for a price of \$60,050, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Goldsmith explained Uniti Fiber may be taking over a contract the city currently holds with Windstream due to Windstream possibly filing for bankruptcy. Goldsmith reviewed the original contract and the proposed new contract and noted several deletions throughout the contract. Goldsmith directed Sweeden to forward the contracts to the entire council for their review to be discussed at the next meeting. Bogue noted he is working to set up a time to meet with Ron Bresnahan to discuss test wells. Whiteing updated the council on the cleanup process for Ballard Smith III's properties. Smith III has begun cleaning up, but there is still more to be done. Sholty and Project Management Clerk, Kelly Young, will investigate the properties on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 and report back to Whiteing for further direction. Whiteing also noted the court case against James Darnell is set for trial on September 24, 2019.

Motion by Schable to adjourn, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor