

**City of Ida Grove
City Council Meeting
December 2, 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, Ryan Jordan 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.

Motion by McLead to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list in the amount of \$84,214.45, budget/revenue/treasurer reports and minutes of the 11-18-2019 meeting, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Scott VanDusen and Patrick Ahrens of the Ida Grove Fire Department were present to draw the winners of a recent fundraiser they held. Winners are as follows: Missy McCormick won \$7,500 cash and Roger Wonder won football tickets to the Vikings/Bears game along with \$200 cash. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards the purchase of a new tanker truck.

The winner of one month's free utility bill (up to \$50) was Ann Homan. In order to be included in the drawing, citizens must have signed up for automatic withdrawal of their utility bill and have their bill emailed to them.

Motion by Ernst to approve Resolution 2019-34 Expressing Intent to Enter into General Obligation Urban Renewal City Hall Renovation Loan Agreement and General Obligation Moorehead Bridge Loan Agreement, second by Schable. Council and Mayor stated the intent is to hold more public meetings and receive input on the City Hall project. Council notes the passage of the resolution does not commit the city to continuing with the current project plans, but prevents them from having to start over if they decide to move forward after reviewing other options. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-34

**Expressing intent to enter into General Obligation Urban Renewal City Hall
Renovation Loan Agreement and General Obligation Moorehead Bridge Loan
Agreement**

WHEREAS, the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa (the "City") has established the Ida Grove Consolidated Urban Renewal Area, pursuant to Chapter 403 of the Code of Iowa, has approved an amendment to the urban renewal plan for that Area and has also approved urban renewal projects consisting of the use of authority provided in Chapters 384 and 403 of the Code of Iowa to finance the renovation of City Hall (the "City Hall Renovation Project") and the reconstruction of a bridge on Moorehead Avenue located between Ash Drive and Jacob Avenue (the "Moorehead Bridge Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City has proposed to enter into a loan agreement (the "Urban Renewal City Hall Renovation Loan Agreement") and issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 384 and 403 of the Code of Iowa, for the purpose of paying the costs, to that extent, of the City Hall Renovation Project; and

WHEREAS, the City has also proposed to enter into a loan agreement (the “Moorehead Bridge Loan Agreement”) and issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$800,000, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 384 of the Code of Iowa, for the purposes of paying the costs, to that extent, of the Moorehead Bridge Project; and **WHEREAS**, the City has published notices of the proposed actions and held hearings thereon, and no petition has been filed asking that the question of entering into the Urban Renewal City Hall Renovation Loan Agreement be submitted to the registered voters of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to enter into the Urban Renewal City Hall Renovation Loan Agreement and the Moorehead Bridge Loan Agreement in the future and to issue General Obligation Bonds (the “Bonds”);

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

Section 1. The City Council declares its intent to enter into the Urban Renewal City Hall Renovation Loan Agreement and the Moorehead Bridge Loan Agreement and also declares that this resolution constitutes the “additional action” required by Section 384.24A of the Code of Iowa, with respect to both of the Loan Agreements.

Section 2. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Passed and approved December 2, 2019.

Motion by Ernst to remove Resolution 2019-35 Expressing Intent to Enter into General Obligation Moorehead Bridge Loan Agreement from any future agenda, second by Cates. Resolution will not be used as council adopted Resolution 2019-34 which includes the Moorehead Bridge Loan Agreement. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Ernst to approve the Uniti Fiber/Windstream agreement as provided, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council discussed the Planning and Zoning Commission’s recommendations to modify portions of Chapter 17.10 of the Zoning Code (modification of nonconforming building regulations). Council discussed some possible updates they may make in regards to allowed uses in R-2 and R-3 as well as changes to special uses in those zones. Council notes some concern with the accessory building special use, which is currently under legal review. Council directed Sweeden to present the recommendations to council in ordinance format at the next council meeting, however, they may make some changes to the recommendation.

Motion by McLead to approve requested changes to the City utility bills, second by Jordan. Sweeden requested changes to the code designations on the bills, wording of the due date/time and the color of the bills. It is also noted, the new bills would save about \$200/year. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Ernst to approve the Heritage Days Committee’s request to use the city logo/trademark for Heritage Days 2020, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Ernst also stated the Heritage Day’s Committee is requesting the council/city staff to be “Celebrity Servers” and help serve the Heritage Days kick-off meal on Thursday, June 25, 2020.

In other business, Ernst suggested the city purchase two yard signs from the Ida County Courier in support of the OABCIG Falcon football team winning the Class 2A

State Championship. Ernst is hoping the city could place the signs on the “Ida Grove signs” on each side of town along Highway 175. Council unanimously state they feel this is a great idea. Cates and McLead noted they have reached out to a couple companies in regards to possible City Hall options and are obtaining information on Morton buildings.

Motion by Ernst to adjourn, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor