

**City of Ida Grove
City Council Meeting
January 2, 2020 4:45 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

Mayor, Devlun Whiteing, called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Reynold McLead, Jason Schable, Gregor Ernst, and Ryan Jordan. Jared Bogue was absent.

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

Bogue joined the meeting via telephone at this time. Motion by Ernst to keep employee's health insurance with Wellmark (Blue Cross Blue Shield), second by McLead. It was noted, Wellmark is a more reputable company than National General and it is better to stay with the same insurance versus jumping around yearly. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The City received an email from the owner of the old Courier Building stating they would be interested in selling the building to the City if the building would be turned into City Hall. Ernst and McLead state it is worth walking through the building and taking a look. Ernst notes the sale price is currently unknown and questions what the current City Hall building could be re-purposed for. Council discussed the possible need of an elevator and yearly inspection and maintenance costs associated with an elevator. Sweeden was directed to set up a date/time with the owner of the old Courier so City Officials can take a walk-through.

McLead stated he has been researching the McCormick Motors building as another option for the City Hall location. McLead notes the area is not in a flood zone, has more square footage than the current City Hall and is all one level, eliminating the need for an elevator.

Motion by McLead to adjourn, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor