

**City of Ida Grove  
City Council Meeting  
January 20, 2020 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: Jason Schable, Gregor Ernst, Ryan Jordan and Reynold McLead. Councilman, Jared Bogue, was absent. City Attorney, Peter Goldsmith, was also in attendance.

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

Motion by McLead to open the public hearing on general obligation fire equipment loan agreement, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Sweeden reported no written comments were received at City Hall. No oral comments were received during the hearing. Motion by Jordan to close the public hearing, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Ernst to approve Resolution 2020-5 Approving General Obligation Fire Equipment Loan Agreement in the amount of \$150,000, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2020-5**

Approving General Obligation Fire Equipment Loan Agreement in the amount of  
\$150,000

WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove (the "City"), in Ida County, State of Iowa, has proposed to enter into a General Obligation Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") in a principal amount not to exceed \$150,000, pursuant to the provisions of Section 384.24A of the Code of Iowa, for the purpose of paying the cost, to that extent, of acquisition of equipment for the fire department, and has published notice and held a hearing on the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to enter into the Loan Agreement and borrow \$150,000 from the Firefighting Equipment Revolving Loan Fund managed by the Fire Services Training Bureau of the Division of State Fire Marshall of the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, certain documents have been provided to the City by the Firefighting Equipment Revolving Loan Fund (the "Loan Documents");

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

Section 1. The Loan Documents, in substantially the form in which they have been presented to this City Council, are hereby approved, and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Loan Documents on behalf of the City, with such changes or additions as may be recommended by the City Attorney or bond counsel for the City.

Section 2. The City Council hereby pledges the City's General Fund to payments that may be required to be made by the City under the Loan Documents.

Section 3. All resolutions and orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this resolution, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval, as provided by law.

Passed and approved January 20, 2020.

Motion by Jordan to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list in the amount of \$110,404.33, budget/revenue/treasurer reports, minutes of the 1-6-2020 & 1-11-2020 meetings and a liquor license for Dollar General, second by Schable. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Ernst to approve the second reading of Ordinance 577 modifying the title to say "Amending Chapter 17.1 to Modify District Use Regulations", second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Ernst to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 578 – Amending Chapter 3.05.05 Provisions Pertaining to Operating Budget Preparation, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by McLead to approve Resolution 2020-4 Adopting Ordinance 578 – Provisions Pertaining to Operating Budget Preparation, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4

#### RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO OPERATING BUDGET PREPARATION WITHIN THE CITY OF IDA GROVE, IOWA

WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove, Iowa has determined the need to modify the annual operating budget preparation process due to new state requirements; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance amendment can be found in Chapters 3.05.050 of the City of Ida Grove Code Book.

Passed and approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

Council continued discussions on the trail regulation proposal from the past couple meetings. McLead noted at the last meeting council discussed removing the portion of the trail to the North of Trendue as part of the trail, however all the maps indicate this section as an official portion of the trail. Council noted other areas in town that pedestrians share a portion of the designated trail with traffic as well as noted areas of concern with visibility at intersections. Council discussed additional signage to alert pedestrians to look out for traffic and vice versa as a means to maximize safety for all. Mayor Whiteing suggests the transportation committee meet to discuss next steps and present back to council.

Motion by Ernst for the City of Ida Grove to be the fiscal sponsor for the Legion Post 61 in their application to the Ida County Community Betterment Foundation (ICCBF) Grant, second by Jordan. The Legion is applying for a grant, up to \$10,000 to go towards the purchase of new air conditioning units for the Skate Palace. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Sweeden asked council for ideas for the City to apply for the ICCBF grant. Council discussed the Highway 20 billboard sign, welcome to Ida Grove signs, park equipment, trail signage, etc. Council will further discuss at the next meeting.

Parks Superintendent, Bob Lorenzen, informed Sweeden of needed repairs and updates to the shelter house at City Park during a budget meeting. Sweeden explained the repairs/updates Lorenzen suggested to council and noted a Parks and Rec Mini Grant (funding up to \$1,000) that is currently open for applications. The City would be required

to match 50% of the funding provided. Motion by McLead to approve moving forward with the grant application, including the 50% match requirement, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Jordan to approve the following changes to signatories on accounts: removal of Paul Cates as signor on accounts at First State Bank (FSB) and United Bank of Iowa (UBI), addition of Gregor Ernst as signor on accounts at FSB and UBI and addition of Kelly Young as signor on accounts at FSB and UBI, second by Schable. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Ernst to allow Melissa Ausborn to continue offering YOGA in the park at the City ballfields for 2020, per the agreement, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Jordan to approve Calhoun-Burns 2020 bridge inspection program agreement in the amount of \$2,400, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Clyde Brenner recently contacted the City to ask if they would be interested in his building (next to Trendue) located at 103 Washington Street, as a possible City Hall location. Council is unfamiliar with the building and unsure of space that would allow for city offices, chambers, meeting room, meals on wheels, etc. McLead and Schable would both like to take a look at the building. Sweeden will set up a meeting.

Council had no questions regarding the project updates included in the packets. Sweeden added she received an email from Cody Forch in regards to the test well process that she will forward on, explaining next steps. Sweeden will add this discussion to the next agenda. Ernst suggested Sweeden request Landus to include verbiage in the agreement proposal they are working on that gives law enforcement and government vehicles permission to use their private bypass road.

In other business, the following items were noted: Sweeden and Ernst met regarding updating fleet vehicle stickers with the new logo. Sweeden and Whiteing met with Rita Frahm last week to learn more about pocket neighborhoods. The City may be interested in obtaining land in old town (trailer court) for a pocket neighborhood, if possible. Kelly Young, Whiteing and Ernst met last week to discuss the park swap and next steps. Schable reported he has been approached by several citizens voicing their opinion that the City should move forward with the Courier building as City Hall. Schable also has been approached by some of the higher water users asking if they can dig their own private wells. Goldsmith stated that years back the City went through this with the golf course and objected to this, but the decision is up to the council.

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

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Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

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Devlun Whiteing, Mayor