

**City of Ida Grove
City Council Meeting
January 6, 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: Jared Bogue, Jason Schable, Gregor Ernst, Ryan Jordan and Reynold McLead. City Attorney, Peter Goldsmith, was absent.

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

Roger Walter addressed the council on behalf of OABCIG schools, requesting permission to burn a large amount of tree limbs on school property. Walter explained he would dig a burn hole in the vicinity of the WIT Building, place the limbs in the hole for burning and haul the ashes away when finished. McLead cited City Code 13.25.150 (4) stating that large amounts of landscape waste should be burned at least ¼ mile from inhabited buildings and has concern for the patients at the nearby hospital. Walter stated he would only burn if the wind was blowing in the opposite direction of the hospital. Motion by Ernst to allow OABCIG to burn the trees and if digging a hole, it must be restored to its original state, second by Bogue. Ayes: Bogue, Schable, Ernst, Jordan. Nay: McLead. Motion passes 4-1.

Cody Forch of JEO presented a 4-step task order in the amount of \$7,000 in regards to the flood map adoption process. Forch explained the remaining process in order to obtain final, adopted maps. The City is currently in a 30-day review period allowing for a high-level review of the technical data. Following, is a 90-day formal review period where there is potential for appeals. Lastly, comes a CCO meeting and final map adoption. Motion by Bogue to approve all four potential payments, not to exceed \$1,400 for task 1 and \$5,600 for tasks 2-4, second by Ernst. Final adopted maps are approximately 9 months out at this time. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Cody Lomholt, Planning & Zoning Chairman, explained the process behind their recommendation of Ordinance 577 – Amending Chapter 17.10 to Modify Nonconforming Building Regulations (1st reading). McLead stated his understanding of the recommendation is to allow 3-family residences (triplexes) in R-2 zoning and change the title of R-2 to medium density multi-family residence district use regulations. The recommended title change for R-3 is high density multi family residence district use regulations. The commission is also recommending a new district titled “MU-Mixed Use”. This would basically be a combination of General Commercial and R-3. Allowing for MU would not currently affect anything because there are no areas zoned MU. Motion by Ernst to approve the 1st reading, second by Schable. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has not yet discussed the legal review as a group, but Lomholt had looked through it and requested direction from the council. Lomholt stated he was surprised by the lack of feedback on Chapters 15 and 17. The commission has found what they feel are errors in the code while working on projects, and are concerned as to what other errors may exist in the code. Lomholt was impressed by Code Publishing Company’s feedback and review of the SUDAS standards. Ernst

advises that the city should compile the errors previously found in the book and discuss them with the review team. Ernst notes the code should be “re-reviewed” and the City should not be billed for it. Council also had some questions and concerns about the billing process once the City begins to make the recommended updates to the code. Sweeden will work on this and follow up at a future meeting.

Motion by Ernst to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list in the amount of \$76,506.86, budget/revenue/treasurer reports, Rec/Fire/Library financials, minutes of the 12-16-19 & 1-2-20 meetings and a liquor license for the Skate Palace, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Ernst to appoint Heather Sweeden as City Clerk, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Whiteing conducted the Oath of Office with Sweeden at this time.

Motion by Ernst to appoint John Jacobsen as Fire Chief, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Whiteing conducted the Oath of Office with Jacobsen at this time.

Motion by Jordan to appoint Peter Goldsmith and Laurel Boerner as City Attorney’s, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by McLead to appoint Gregor Ernst as Mayor Pro Tem, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Ernst to approve Ordinance 578 – Amending Chapter 3.05.050 Provisions Pertaining to Operating Budget Preparation (2nd reading), second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion by Bogue to approve Resolution 2020-1 Naming an Official Newspaper, second by Schable. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020 –1

RESOLUTION NAMING AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

WHEREAS, there is one newspaper published in the City of Ida Grove, of which meets the legal requirements for publication of Public Notices as required by the City Code of Iowa. It is the Ida County Courier, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable to designate the above newspaper as Official Newspaper for publication of all City of Ida Grove Official Notices, Minutes, and other publications as required by State Law, for a specific period of time, and

WHEREAS, the term of contract shall be one year beginning January 1, 2020; for publishing all legal proceedings of the City of Ida Grove as required by law at the rate set out by the Code of Iowa.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ida Grove, Iowa, that the Ida County Courier be and the same is hereby designated the Official Newspaper from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 for publishing all City of Ida Grove legal notices and publications required by law.

Motion by Jordan to approve Resolution 2020-2 Naming Depositories, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-2

RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ida Grove, in Ida County, Iowa, that we do hereby designate the following named banks to be depositories of the City of Ida Grove funds in amounts not to exceed the amount named opposite each of

said designated depositories and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to deposit the City of Ida Grove funds in amounts not to exceed in the aggregate amounts named for said banks as follows, to wit:

NAME OF DEPOSITORY	LOCATION	MAXIMUM DEPOSIT IN EFFECT UNDER PRIOR RESOLUTION	MAXIMUM DEPOSIT UNDER THIS RESOLUTION
United Bank of Iowa	Ida Grove	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
First State Bank	Ida Grove	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00

Motion by McLead to approve Resolution 2020-3 Setting Date for Public Hearing on Firemen’s Loan, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-3

Resolution to fix a date for a public hearing on a loan agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$150,000

WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove (the “City”), in Ida County, State of Iowa, proposes 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 it is necessary to fix a date of meeting of the City Council at which a public hearing will be held on the proposal to enter into the Loan Agreement and to give notice thereof as required by such law;

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

Section 1. The City Council shall meet on the 20th day of January, 2020, at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Ida Grove, Iowa, at 6:00 p.m., at which time and place a hearing will be held on the proposal to enter into the Loan Agreement.

Section 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to give notice of the proposed hearing on the Loan Agreement setting forth the amount and purpose thereof, the time when and place where the hearing will be held by publication at least once and not less than 4 nor more than 20 days before the meeting, in a legal newspaper which has a general circulation in the City.

Motion by Jordan to approve the 2020 Standing Committees as presented, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Council discussed safety/liability concerns on the portion of the trail that is shared as a street behind Trendue (connecting Moorehead Avenue with Washington Street). Council discussed several options including: placing signage, speed bumps and closing the street to motor vehicles. The trail is currently closed until Spring; council will further discuss at their next meeting.

Sweeden requested input from the council on their vision of incorporating “Castletown, USA” on the City’s website. Sweeden and Ernst will work together on this.

In other business, Mayor Whiteing mentioned several projects the city staff have been working on and continue to work on. Staff and the committee on buildings/property will coordinate with Community Partners to work on proposing a billboard sign for Highway 20. Members of the council will be touring the old courier

building on Saturday, January 11th as a possible future City Hall location. Schable inquired as to the City's stance on hunting within city limits and near the pump house. It has been reported to him that people are hunting on City property within city limits. Sweeden will contact the local DNR representative and let him know of the council's concern on this issue. Schable also reported he would like to take a look at the structural stability of City Hall in the next couple weeks. Bogue asked for updates on the Moorehead Avenue Bridge and Test Well Program. Sweeden noted the bridge project has been pushed back some due to permitting. Sweeden will update on the other projects at the next January meeting.

Motion by McLead to adjourn, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor