

**City of Ida Grove
City Council Meeting
February 3, 2020 – 5:00 PM
City Council Chambers**

Mayor, Devlun Whiteing, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following council members present: Jared Bogue, Jason Schable, Gregor Ernst, Reynold McLead and Ryan Jordan.

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

Sweeden went through the Mayor/Council budget line by line discussing the need for increased funding to the wages, printing and miscellaneous expense lines. The needed increases are in part due to increased publications, increased fund request from Ida County Economic Development and under budgeting wages in the current fiscal year. Council will inquire with Rita Frahm at the regularly scheduled council meeting in regards to the increased funding request for Ida County Economic Development.

Sweeden also went through the Clerk budget line by line explaining the proposed changes. The Clerk budget is expected to decrease about \$21,000, in part, due to one less staff member at City Hall. Sweeden did budget for a third City Hall employee.

The overall City Hall/Community Hall budget is also expected to decrease about \$2,500 from the current year budget.

Sweeden explained to council that her and Project Management Clerk, Kelly Young, are meeting deadlines, however, would benefit by being able to spend more time on certain projects. Sweeden did recommend hiring a part-time employee before Summer in anticipation of increased work-loads. Bogue noted his preference would be to hire a full-time employee. Council directed Sweeden to report back to them what the proposed position would look like along with a position title.

Motion by McLead to adjourn, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor