

**City of Ida Grove
City Council Meeting
January 28, 2020 5:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

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

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

City Clerk, Heather Sweeden, gave an overview of the parks department budget proposal. Ernst noted Parks Superintendent, Bob Lorenzen, and Sweeden have been doing a great job keeping costs for the department down this year. Lorenzen noted he would like to see a small increase in wages for Summer mowing help. Council will further discuss this at the time of hiring Summer help. Lorenzen noted needs at the ballfields such as: pitching mound, irrigation maintenance and a new drag for the fields. Council discussed whether the ballfields fall under the parks budget or recreation budget. Council went through the budget proposal line by line making minor changes. There were questions regarding the employee benefits levy that Sweeden further explained.

Council reviewed the flood control budget proposal, line by line. Lorenzen updated council on the levee pipe rehab project that was originally scheduled to be completed by October 2019, however, due to flooding events in the Spring, the permitting process has been delayed. Therefore, the project will need to be budgeted for in FY21. Council briefly touched on the flood mapping and costs associated.

Motion by Bogue to adjourn, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Gregor Ernst, Mayor Pro Tem