

**City of Ida Grove
City Council Meeting
February 5, 2020 – Noon
City Hall**

Mayor Pro Tem, Gregor Ernst, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. with the following council members present: Jason Schable, Ryan Jordan and Reynold McLead. Mayor, Devlun Whiteing and councilman, Jared Bogue were absent.

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

Council reviewed the Streets, Road Use Tax (RUT) and Airport budget, line by line. During discussion of the streets budget, City Crew Foreman, Gerrod Sholty, noted there are ongoing issues with the motor grader transmission. Sholty plans to send the filter in for testing to see what kind of metal is going through. He estimates about \$20,000 to repair the transmission, if needed. Sholty also told council he would like to budget for intake repairs and digging of culverts in some areas of town. The proposed streets budget is expected to decrease expenses by \$1,175.

Council discussed different types of expenses that are allowed to be paid from the RUT fund. Sweeden noted the 2nd of 3 payments to the county for the repair to M15/240th Street is included in the FY21 budget proposal to be paid out of RUT instead of the general fund.

Sweeden noted there are empty hangars at the airport, available for rental. Due to decreased renters, the expected revenue is projected to decrease for FY21. Sholty explained needed repairs to the apron, however, the City is unable to budget for repairing it at this time.

In other business, Sholty reviewed items he would like to address over the next couple years: updating plow truck #1, repair/replace the motor grader, mill/relay 2nd Street, repairs to Moorehead Avenue from the highway to 1st Street, repairs to Washington Street and repair of the sign at the Ida Grove Public Library. Sweeden explained the City may need to start looking at putting funds toward depreciation accounts again, in order to repair/replace equipment when needed. Council had stopped putting funds towards the depreciation funds due to a negative general fund balance.

Motion by McLead to adjourn, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor