

**City of Ida Grove
City Council Meeting
January 31, 2020 - Noon
City Council Chambers**

Mayor Pro Tem, Gregor Ernst, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. with the following council members present: Jared Bogue, Jason Schable, Reynold McLead and Ryan Jordan. Mayor Devlun Whiteing was absent.

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

Water Superintendent, Lon Schluter, was present to propose the fiscal year 2021 water budget to council. While going through each line of the budget, council discussed possible future changes/ideas such as: reading meters every other month instead of monthly, increasing the deposit amount required for renters, and automatic meter readers. Council also discussed testing for nitrates more often than the minimum requirement. Ernst suggested buying chemicals in bulk in order to save costs on shipping for each delivery. Schluter explained the need for a new motor at well #8. Schluter is currently under budget in the maintenance and repair line this year, so council suggested obtaining some quotes to get the motor replaced this budget season. Schluter touched on the need for painting both the inside and the outside of the water tower in the next year or so. Council suggested obtaining bids for this as well; \$36,000 is budgeted for the project this current fiscal year and council plans to budget \$50,000 for FY21. Council circled back to their discussion on meter replacement and suggested Schluter reach out to other cities and discuss which meter company they use and the pros/cons.

Motion by Bogue to adjourn, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Gregor Ernst, Mayor Pro Tem