

City of Ida Grove
Special City Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:00 p.m.
Due to the COVID-19 crisis, this meeting was held electronically.

Mayor, Devlun Whiteing, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following council members present: Ryan Jordan, Jason Schable, Jared Bogue, Reynold McLead and Gregor Ernst. In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the meeting was held electronically via GoToMeeting.

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

Rec Center Director Chelsea Gross reviewed a 3-phase proposed reopening plan and provided an overview of what to expect during each of the phases. Gross plans to publish the working document in the newspaper and on the Rec Center's social media page. Council briefly discussed possible options for extending memberships for the amount of time the Rec Center is closed. No final decisions were made at this time. Gross noted the facility is still in need of hand sanitizer which should arrive this week and to implement a schedule prior to beginning operations under phase 1 criteria. Part of phase 1 is to open the Rec Center to members 16 years of age and older by appointment only. Appointments will be made by telephone and electronic means. Gross also noted a disciplinary action plan has been set in place for those that do not adhere to the rules laid out in the plan.

Library Director Angela Scales reviewed a 3-phase proposed reopening plan and provided an overview of what to expect during each of the phases. The Library Board met on 5-11-2020 and reviewed the plan as well. Scales noted the Library is currently in their stage 1 phase and are providing no-contact pickup for patrons by appointment. Scales stated the Library is still working with Public Works to get the plexiglass installed and to rope off the main lobby area. They will hopefully receive hand sanitizer yet this week.

City Clerk Heather Sweeden reviewed a 3-phase proposed reopening plan and provided an overview of what to expect during each of the phases. City Hall is currently still providing all services with doors locked and no visitors allowed. Staff have been able to secure paperwork to the front door when requested and place any items needing picked up directly outside the front doors to ensure no contact. Sweeden reported the plexiglass window has been installed and all necessary cleaning and sanitizing supplies have been received with the exception of hand sanitizer.

Whiteing noted that according to Ida County Public Health there are now 3 confirmed cases in Ida County. It is thought that Ida County may peak in the next week or two with up to 200 positive cases.

Motion by McLead to open campgrounds subject to rules set forth by the Governor and that recreational camping will not begin until June 1, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Sweeden noted the local physician's clinic will now accept physical and drug screen appointments and inquired as to how council would like to move forward. Council voted on 4-15-2020 to implement a hiring freeze due to not being able to have new hires screened as per the City's personnel manual. Sweeden reminded council of the rights all new employees have under the extended FMLA policy and the Families First Coronavirus Act. Sweeden also noted that the City should expect a fairly significant decrease in revenue due to COVID-19 as well as increased expenditures. No action was taken and council will further discuss at their regular meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020.

Motion by Ernst to adjourn, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor