

City of Ida Grove
City Hall
January 18, 2016

Mayor Hurd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Tomlinson, Buehler, Goodman, Cates and Clough. Others present were City Clerk Ball, Attorney Goldsmith, Library Director Angela Scales, Library Board President Larry Albrecht, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent Mark Nielsen, Fire Chief Scott Van Dusen, Jared Johnson, Justin Georg, Ida County Sanitation, Verdean Kruse, and Bethany Jones.

Motion to approve the agenda by Council Member Clough, second by Council Member Goodman. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Justin Georg, Ida County Sanitation, provided an update on garbage collection noting salaries and truck and equipment maintenance have increased by 6% since 2012. Cherokee Landfill fees have continued to be \$42 per ton and have not raised their fees since 2012. The current Ida County Sanitation household charge to the City is \$16.75 plus a fuel surcharge. Georg proposes increasing the fee by \$1.00 and the charge then would be \$17.75 per household. Motion by Council Member Buehler to approve a \$1.00 increase per household for the Ida County Sanitation fee which will total \$17.75, second by Council Member Cates. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Mark Nielsen, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent, discussed RBC gearboxes that recently failed at the sewer treatment plant. A spare gearbox that is kept for emergencies also failed. The last RBC gearbox purchased was in 1992 for \$32,000.00. The two failed gearboxes are being rebuilt into one gearbox so Nielsen recommended the City purchase a new gearbox. He reported the prices range from \$43,500 down to \$21,912. A spare gearbox is important to have available so half of the plant is not shut down. Motion by Council Member Clough to purchase a RBC Gearbox for \$21,912.00 from Novelty Machine, second by Council Member Goodman. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Nielsen also discussed the sewer line between Hwy175 and Iowa Street on Moorehead Avenue noting Cenex had already tied into the sewer main. He recommends the council consider lining the line as it would be cheaper than a replacement.

Angela Scales, Library Superintendent, and Larry Albrecht, Library Board President, reviewed the proposed library budget. It was explained federal assistance for helping pay telephone/internet services is being phased out, increases in shipping costs have risen, and costs of supplies have increased. In addition, they want to put in three handicap accessible doors and will apply for a grant to help pay that cost. In the future the furnaces will need to be replaced, outside trim painted, the restrooms will need updating, and the entry way floor needs to be repaired. Fundraising efforts were reviewed. Council Member Tomlinson recommended they do more fundraisers.

Fire Chief Scott Van Dusen reported the department is recruiting new volunteers as they have 17-volunteer firemen at present. He noted one additional expense on their budget is the depreciation for the new pumper truck totaling \$10,500.00. In addition maintenance costs have increased. They are currently applying for a grant for equipment to replace outdated bunker gear.

Motion by Council Member Cates to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, City Clerk 's report, financial reports, the January 4th Minutes, Fire Department, Rec Center and Library financial reports, and a Class B Wine Permit with Sunday Sales and change in ownership for Dollar General, second by Council Member Goodman. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

The City Attorney reported the Schreier family would like to deed the trailer and property to the City. Motion by Council Member Buehler to accept the deed on property located at 524 Riverview Lane and City proceed with disposing of trailer, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

City Clerk Ball reviewed the FY2017 budget development schedule with the Council. The FY2017 Budget Workshop will be on January 25th at 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Clough reported the structural engineer had done an inspection of the theater and reported the roof's condition was not terrible, but needed work. A formal report will be forthcoming. The Theater Board also had their first meeting which included a tour of the theatre. Meeting will be on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

The next City Council meeting on February 1st will begin at 5:00 p.m. to allow council members to attend the electoral caucuses that are held later in the evening.

The Council discussed junk cars and it was recommended that future letters would include a time for the City and vehicle owner to meet to check on operational status of the vehicle. In addition, the Council requested having Car Parking on City Right-of-Way on the next agenda.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to adjourn, second by Council Member Cates. On a unanimous vote motion adjourned.

Morris C. Hurd, Mayor

Edith Ann Ball, City Clerk