

City of Ida Grove  
City Hall  
February 1, 2016

Mayor Hurd called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Clough, Tomlinson, Goodman, Cates and Buehler. Others present were City Clerk Ball, Attorney Goldsmith, Library Director Angela Scales, and Bethany Jones.

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

Gary Tift was unable to attend the meeting and asked the City Clerk to inform the City Council he is asking for allowing parking on City right-of-way if the curb is cut out and parking is either gravel or concrete. The Council discussed having an ordinance drafted which would include notification to the City prior to construction and no visual obstruction.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, City Clerk's Report, financial reports, and Minutes from January 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

The Council discussed the City Bridge Inspection Agreement with Calhoun and Burns engineering firm and decided it would be best to have the Transportation Committee have a meeting or conference call with the firm. The City Clerk will arrange the meeting.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve the Test Well Change Order 1 to establish a new completion date of February 29, 2016, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve purchasing a new pump for \$6600.00 for the Sewer Jet Rodder Machine, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote motion carried. The Council also discussed the sewer department's negative fund balance that may need to be addressed by raising rates.

Attorney Goldsmith reported the family of Steve Schreier has not been able to locate the abstract to the property. The cost of preparing a new abstract is estimated to be from \$700.00 to \$1000.00.

Council Member Clough reviewed the engineering report on the King Theatre noting the report in general indicated the building was in serviceable condition. Further inspection of what is under the tile flooring is needed. They are still attempting to finish up with owner Fred Saunders on the theatre abstract.

City Clerk Ball reported Ida County is a candidate in FEMA's paper flood plain map reduction meaning it will be changed to a digital format. It is recommended the City pay for having a flood plain study done so any changes can be applied to the digital map. Iowa Flood Center at the University of Iowa, do studies on flood plains and they will be contacted to see if they would do one for Ida Grove.

The City Council will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, for a second Budget Workshop.

The City Clerk will check with the Street Department for an update on new street signs and the City Attorney on the trailer park.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to adjourn, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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Morris C. Hurd, Mayor

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Edith Ann Ball, City Clerk