

City of Ida Grove
City Hall
February 16, 2017

Mayor Hurd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Tomlinson, Buehler, Cates, Clough, and via telephone conference Goodman. Others present were City Clerk Ball, Attorney Goldsmith, Library Director Angela Scales, David Wieling, Sr., David Wieling, Jr., Chris Nichols, Hospital Administrator, and Bethany Jones.

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

David Wieling, Sr. discussed snowmobiles driving on City levies and added snowmobilers will drive through yards to get to the levies and drive after 11:00 p.m. at night which is loud and disturbing. Wieling refused to provide names of the offenders. The Mayor will report it to the Sherriff Harriman.

Chris Nichols, Horn Memorial Hospital, discussed the medical helicopter will need to use the airport for 12 to 14 months during the construction of the hospital's new addition.

Motion by Buehler to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, City Clerk's report, financial reports, the February 1st and 8th council minutes, and financial reports for the Fire Department, Rec Center, and Library, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Attorney Goldsmith reported Steve Schreier's family does not have the funds to pay for an abstract. Council Members agreed paying the cost and cleaning up the property is in the best interest of the neighborhood. Motion by Council Member Clough to accept the property at 524 Riverview Lane, Ida Grove, Iowa with clear title, second by Council Member Cates. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Council Member Clough reported a \$5,000.00 donation to the King Theatre was received from Bob Fridley, and expects to receive more donations Ida Grove organizations. There is much enthusiasm from the community on the project. Motion by Council Member Clough to accept clear title for the King Theatre, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Clough to approve Beth Jones to a six-year term on the Library board, second by Council Member Cates. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

The Council reviewed the request from Bill Andre, Ida Grove Roofing, for the City to change how the snow is plowed in front of his office at 200 2nd Street. He asked the City remove the snow in front of his building like what is down in the downtown or blade the snow to the other side of the street. The Council recognized his concerns, but concluded that the City would not change how they plow the street in front of his building and he would still be responsible for clearing the snow off his property.

Mayor Hurd excused himself from the meeting at 6:30 p.m. as he was going to the County Wide meeting in Holstein. Mayor Pro-Tem Cates presided over the remaining meeting.

Motion by Council Member Clough to order and purchase another RBC gear box for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

The Council reviewed commercial tax incentives that had previously been discussed, but not in place as the annexation needs to be finished so the urban renewal plan can be updated. It was agreed tax incentives would need to be on a case by case basis on a sliding scale from 80% to 20%.

Motion by Council Member Clough to approve Partial Payment #1 on 5th and 7th Street Bridge construction in amount of \$83,905.00 to Godbersen Smith Construction, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Buehler to approve up to \$70,000.00 for stock piling materials for the 5th and 7th Street Bridge projects, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

City Clerk Ball reviewed the discussion with Nathan Young, Iowa Flood Center, University of Iowa, on developing a new flood plain analysis for updating the flood map for the City of Ida Grove. The next step is Young will contact the Corp of Engineers, the Iowa DNR, and FEMA to determine what is needed in the analysis for determining the flood plain in Ida Grove noting it may become smaller or larger area.

The Council discussed the library budget and noted the library fund balance was comprised of their savings accounts and the Friends of the Library CD. Library Director Scales did not have information on library financials prior to her hire date. Each year the City auditors include the library in the audit even when the library had a separate checking account. The City Clerk will provide a detailed list of expenses and revenue for the library from the time their checking account was closed and placed into the City's checking account.

Motion by Council Member Buehler to adjourn, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Morris C. Hurd, Mayor

Edith Ann Ball, City Clerk