

City of Ida Grove  
City Hall  
March 21, 2016

Mayor Morris Hurd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Paul Cates, Ryan Goodman, Doug Clough, Scott Tomlinson, and Jeff Buehler. Others present were City Clerk Edie Ball, Attorney Peter Goldsmith, Water Superintendent Lon Schluter, Tim Teig, Snyder and Associates, Leila Prell, Mark Euchner, Horn Memorial Hospital, Jay Sexton, Cenex, Dennis Collins, and Bethany Jones.

Tim Teig, Snyder and Associates, presented information on conducting a Hydro-Geologic Study for the new well. Teig reported the original engineer had utilized an IDNR groundwater study of aquifers and some boring logs and based on that determined the test well site that would be the best location. However, finding water is difficult and proposes utilizing Layne Christensen Hydrogeologic Consulting department to do a new study focusing on the Dakota and alluvial aquifers in the area. Motion by Council Member Buehler to approve \$6,300.00 for Snyder and Associates to do a Phase I Hydrologic Study for the City, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Leila Prell requested consideration for waiving the Community Hall rental fee of \$75.00 for a benefit the Van Sickler Family for hospital bills for Dennis Van Sickler who has cancer. Motion by Council Member Cates to approve waiving the \$75 Community Hall rental fee for the benefit for Dennis Van Sickler, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Mark Euchner, Horn Memorial Hospital, requested the Council's consideration for the hospital to pave the City right-of-way at the clinic. The right-of-way is on the east side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and this area would increase parking for hospital employees during and after construction on the new inpatient wing of the hospital. The trees in the right-of-way would not be removed, and they would not disturb the water shut off that is also by the trees. Parking would be angled parking. Council cited safety concerns for backing out onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Street due to the amount of traffic from the high school and off of Keystone Avenue. The Council invited Euchner to return to the next council meeting to discuss this further.

Motion by Council Member Cates to approve the consent agenda consisting of the claims list, the City Clerk's report, financial reports, the March 7<sup>th</sup> Minutes, Fire Department, Rec Center and Library financial reports, and a Class C Liquor License renewal with Sunday sales for Mi Rancho, second by Council Member Buehler. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Scott Smith, IMWCA, will be here next week to do a safety assessment walk through of the theatre next week.

Council Member Goodman reported a small group will be meeting to review three branding ideas for the City. The information will assist in recommending to the Council a brand choice. In addition the brand will be incorporated into the new City website.

The Council discussed removing the median on Moorehead Avenue for trucks entering the new Cenex building for diesel fuel. The concern is about trucks coming from the north and when turning cutting into the median. Another twenty feet of median

should be removed which would be north of the property line. Motion by Council Member Cates to approve removing twenty feet more of the median north of Jay Sexton's property line, second by Council Member Tomlinson. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

The lining of the sewer main on Moorehead Avenue will wait until after the median is removed. Also, a Transportation Committee meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Council discussed the Downtown Revitalization project noting the contractor has begun work, but not all paperwork or participant portion on payments have been received. City Clerk Ball will visit with participants and let them know their payment comes to the City and not the contractor. Discussion continued on forming a committee for reviewing any unknown issues a building may have that is uncovered during the façade renovation. Contingency funds from the grant is generally used to help pay for any unknown issue. Motion by Council Member Cates to approve Scott Tomlinson, Ryan Goodman, Morris Hurd and Edie Ball to the Downtown Revitalization Contingency Fund committee, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote motion approved.

Motion by Council Member Tomlinson to approve the City responses to the Auditor for the FY2015 audit, second by Council Member Clough. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Clough to approve Partial Payment Application #3 in the amount of \$204,292.19, second by Council Member Buehler. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Goodman to approve regular pay to a City employee volunteering on the Ida Grove Fire Department, second by Council Member Tomlinson. On a unanimous vote motion carried.

Council Member Goodman requested a new phone system for City Hall be researched as too many times the line is busy and having call waiting and voice mail would be providing better service to our citizens.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Morris C. Hurd, Mayor

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Edith Ann Ball, City Clerk