

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Ida Grove

**CITY OF IDA GROVE
REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021**

AT 6:00 P.M.

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS,
OFFICIALS MET IN PERSON
AND PUBLIC ATTENDED
ELECTRONICALLY**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tem, Gregor Ernst, at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Present: Jared Bogue, Reynold McLead, Ange Johnson, Gregor Ernst. Absent: Councilman Jason Schable and Mayor Devlun Whiteing.

3. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Bogue, second by McLead to approve. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

4. Public Hearing-State Revolving Fund Loan-Water Improvement Project: a. Open Public Hearing: Motion by McLead to open the public hearing at 6:00 p.m., second by Johnson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. b. Comments-Written or Oral: None received. c. Close Public Hearing: Motion by Bogue to close the public hearing at 6:01 p.m., second by Johnson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

5. Environmental Information Document-New Well and Drinking Water Improvement Project: Motion by Johnson approving the Mayor to sign the EID for the water improvement project, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

6. Sheryl Goodenow and Grant Patera (Hoffman Agency)-City Insurance Renewal: Grant Patera was present electronically to provide an overview of the City's annual liability, property and workers compensation insurance. Patera noted the blanket amount increased about 16.5% from last year due to inflation and natural disasters throughout the state. Motion by Bogue to approve the 2021-2022 insurance renewal for a total annual premium of \$73,706, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

7. Renee Fritz-Request to Vacate Alley: Fritz requested council's consideration for vacating 54' of the south-end of alley off 7th Street, near the Lutheran Church. Council directed city staff to obtain additional information regarding utilities.

8. Elaine Strong-Request for Sewer Forgiveness: Motion by Johnson to approve adjusting off

some of the sewer charges in the amount of \$245.59, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

9. Consent Agenda: Motion by Bogue to approve the consent agenda consisting of the clerk's report, claims in the amount of \$201,811.28, financials, minutes of the 5/17/2021 (2), 5/24/2021 and 6/2/2021 (2) meetings, permits and cigarette permits for Sportsman's, Ida Grove Food Pride, Dollar General, The Brew, Casey's, Ida Grove Cenex and Ida Grove Golf and Country Club, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

10. COVID-19 Mask Mandate: a. Motion by Bogue to lift the COVID-19 face covering policy effective 6-8-2021, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. b. Electronic or In-Person Meetings: Motion by Johnson to allow attendance for city meetings either in-person or electronically, based on individual comfort level, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Council noted anyone planning to attend in-person at the temporary city offices, 311 Barnes Street, should be aware of limited space. c. Pandemic Response Plan: Motion by Bogue to lift the Pandemic Response Plan, in relation to COVID-19, effective 7-1-2021, second by Johnson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

11. City Engineers: Sweeden reported engineering firms have reached out to see if they can provide the city any services for future projects. Council commended the work of the city's current engineering firm, but are open to considering alternative options through 2021.

12. 2021-2022 Congregate Meals Agreement: Sweeden will verify with the Rec Center that Meals on Wheels can continue utilizing the senior room/kitchen through 6-30-2022 prior to council approving the agreement.

13. Adoption of SUDAS: McLead will prepare an ordinance amendment that would include SUDAS standards under the subdivision section of the City Code.

14. Ballfield Concession Stand Agreement: Sweeden reported the Kiwanis loan for the ballfields is complete. No changes were made to the agreement.

15. Council Hosting Meal for

Heritage Days June 24, 2021:

Council reviewed a sign-up sheet for the Heritage Days meal on June 24th. Sweeden explained a request that came in today from Ida Bowl, asking permission to shoot off fireworks on Saturday, June 25th, after the band. Council reviewed the city code and asked that they fill out an application, supply insurance information and a safety plan. Council will consider the request at the June 21 meeting.

16. City Emails: Council discussed switching from their current email host to Google Workspace and will continue discussion at the next meeting.

17. Council as Acting Planning and Zoning Commission: Due to a resignation from the commission, they are unable to meet quorum. Council asked whether a motion is needed to provide them authority to act as the commission or if the recently passed ordinance is sufficient. Sweeden will check if there should be separate agendas for the council and council acting as the commission.

18. Formal Support of Fire/EMS Building: Council is not opposed to the Mayor and/or city staff continuing to meet with members of the fire department and ambulance to research and discuss options for a new building.

19. 718 Circle Drive-Request for Tree/Shrub Removal: Council reviewed a request for the City to remove trees/shrubs located at the rear of the property near the property owners fence. The trees/shrubs provide a barrier between the property owner and the ballfields. Council requested the property owner provide lot lines prior to considering the request.

20. City Council Member News and Notes: McLead requested and received council support to research the possibility of a new city hall building at 101 E. Second Street. Sweeden reported the trailers on Elm Street will be removed this week. Johnson asked about no motorized vehicle signs along the trail.

21. Adjournment: Motion by Bogue to adjourn, second by Johnson. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk
Gregor Ernst, Mayor Pro Tem

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