

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Ida Grove

CITY OF IDA GROVE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**MONDAY JULY 20, 2020, AT 6:00 P.M.
DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS,
OFFICIALS MET AT THE
COMMUNITY HALL; PUBLIC
ATTENDED ELECTRONICALLY**

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Whiteing called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Jared Bogue, Jason Schable, Gregor Ernst, Reynold McLead, Ryan Jordan. Attorney, Peter Goldsmith, was also present.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Jordan to approve the agenda, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.
4. **Dawn Kimmel-2020 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Motion by Ernst to approve the 2020 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Motion by Ernst to approve Resolution 2020-31, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF IDA GROVE, IOWA, ADOPTING THE 2020 REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the 2020 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Plymouth, Cherokee, Ida, Monona and Woodbury Counties in Iowa has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44C.F.R.201.6; and, WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove, participated in the preparation of a regional plan, 2020 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and, WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ida Grove City Council that the City of Ida Grove adopts the 2020 Regional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor on the 20th day of July, 2020.

5. **John Greene-Schmidt's Addition Zoning:** John Greene requested clarification from council regarding the zoning

and covenants governing Schmidt's Addition, specifically regarding Riverview Lane. McLead notes the original plat states it was developed for a mobile home park, but, due to zoning changes, the area is currently zoned R-1, leaving the mobile homes as a legal, non-conforming use. Goldsmith explained homeowners on Riverview Lane would need to follow two sets of rules. 1. City Zoning, governed by the City. 2. Covenants, governed by the property owners, in which council has no jurisdiction over. Greene stated that no new mobile homes have been moved to Riverview Lane in over 20 years, and questions why a home cannot be built there. The City Zoning currently allows for homes to be built there; however, the covenants do not. Goldsmith suggests the property owners consult an attorney to get the covenants changed, which would then allow for homes to be built.

6. **Gerrod Sholty-Murphy Tractor Motor Grader Purchase:** Motion by Ernst to approve the Murphy Tractor quote for purchase of a 2013 John Deere 772G Motor Grader for \$119,000, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. The grader will come with 6 brand new tires, installation of a front lift group, 2' blade extension and set of hooks to modify v plow.

Welcome Signs: City Clerk Heather Sweeden explained Devon Sick has spoken to his board and they are willing to grant the city an easement for sign placement between the old Charlie's Restaurant and the Delux Motel. Goldsmith will begin drafting the easement documents. Council decided they prefer the tan brick color for the sign frame and pillars. Council requested a more in-depth graphic of the sign prior to deciding whether or not the windows should be included in the pillars or removed in order to save on production time and cost. Sweeden further noted she applied for an additional \$500 grant through Mid-American Energy.

Radius at Corner of 7th/Ellen Street: Sheila Redenius contacted City Hall last week during the resurfacing of Ellen Street to inquire if the curb at 7th/Ellen could be looked at. Sholty noted the project had already been bid and let, so could not be changed but wanted council to be aware of Redenius' concern over buses and trucks driving over her lawn to make the turn from 7th Street to Ellen Street. Council plans to take a look at the corner and discuss further at the next meeting.

7. **Mark Wunschel-Request to Remove**

and Burn Trees Along Highway 175: Whiteing spoke on behalf of Wunschel and relayed his request to burn several trees that were recently taken down at his property along Highway 175 (across from the old Bomgaars building). After discussion, council advised Wunschel to follow the DNR regulations for burning. Council would need to approve a variance if Wunschel wanted to burn outside of the normal daily hours of 2-8 p.m.

8. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Bogue to approve the consent agenda consisting of the clerk's report, claims in the amount of \$152,692.64, financial reports, minutes of the July 6, 2020, and July 13, 2020, meeting, outdoor service liquor license for Ida Bowl (8-14-2020 to 8-16-2020), permits and correspondence, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

9. **AT&T-Consent and Notice of Alteration:** Motion by Ernst to approve the consent and notice of alteration from AT&T (SAC Wireless), second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

10. **Old Town Trailer Court:** Schable noted the purchase price is \$59,900 with trailers included. McLead explained the court is no longer zoned for mobile homes but the existing trailers are considered a legal, nonconforming use. Council questions if the property can be purchased to keep as a mobile home court if the current trailers are removed and then replaced. Goldsmith will research. Ernst suggests purchasing the property. Sweeden was directed to schedule a closed session meeting in order to discuss purchasing the property and making an offer. Sweeden was further instructed to invite a SIMPCO representative to the next meeting to discuss any possible funding options.

11. **605 Elm Street:** Sweeden noted a letter was sent to the property owner June 20, 2020, and the letter was returned undeliverable today. Sweeden obtained a new address for the property owner and sent an additional letter today, asking if the owner would be willing to deed the abandoned home to the City. Response was requested by July 31, 2020. Sweeden further noted the City has placed signage on all entrances to the home, declaring it unsafe or unfit.

12. **Planning and Zoning-Proposed Amendment to Chapter 17.10 Removing Planning and Zoning to Replace with Board of Adjustment:** Council agreed with the recommendation from Planning and Zoning to remove Planning and Zoning from Chapter 17.10 of the code and replace it with Board of Ad-

justment. Sweeden will prepare the ordinance for the next council meeting.

13. **Planning and Zoning Recommendation to Remove Chapter 17.25.010 (2) Due to Conflicting Language:** McLead suggests further research on this topic and will work with Sweeden to prepare amendment for the next council meeting.

14. **Ordinance 590 Abandoned and Unsafe Buildings-Final Reading:** Motion by McLead to approve final reading of Ordinance 590-Abandoned and Unsafe Buildings, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

15. **Resolution 2020-28 Adopting Ordinance 590 Abandoned and Unsafe Buildings:** Motion by McLead to approve Resolution 2020-28 adopting Ordinance 590, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF IDA GROVE, IOWA, ADOPTING SECTIONS 657A.1 THROUGH 657A.10 OF THE CODE OF IOWA

WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove, Iowa, has determined that it should approve an ordinance that allows cities to take action against abandoned and/or unsafe buildings located in the City; and

WHEREAS, an ordinance has been presented to the council. APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor on the 20th day of July, 2020.

16. **Ordinance 591-Amendment to Pool Permits:** Motion by Bogue to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of Ordinance 591-Pool Permits, second by Schable. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

17. **Resolution 2020-29 Adopting Ordinance 591 Amendment to Pool Permits:** Tabled until the next regular meeting.

18. **Resolution 2020-30-28E Antenna Purchase:** Motion by Bogue to approve Resolution 2020-30-28E Antenna Purchase, second by Ernst. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION REGARDING PURCHASE OF RADIOS, BAND ANTENNAS, MISCELLANEOUS CABLING AND CONNECTORS

WHEREAS, the Ida County Board of Public Safety and Communications Commission unanimously approved at the June 16, 2020, meeting to purchase radios, band antennas, miscellaneous

cabling and connectors from AL-PHA Wireless on behalf of the Ida County Sheriff's Office pursuant to the current 28E Agreement in effect regarding Unified Law Enforcement, and;

WHEREAS, the total cost of said radios and equipment is \$172,768.87, and;

WHEREAS, Availa Bank of Holstein, IA, was awarded the bid to finance the purchase of said radios and equipment for a term of seven (7) years at an interest rate of 2.6% annually, and;

WHEREAS, the first payment due to Availa Bank is due on July 1, 2021, with each subsequent payment being due each July 1st thereafter. The last payment shall be made on or before July 1, 2027, and;

WHEREAS, the Ida County Board of Public Safety and Communications Commission shall be responsible for making each annual payment to Availa Bank, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Ida Grove hereby agrees that in the event the 28E Agreement with regard to Ida County Unified Law Enforcement is dissolved and/or modified, then in that event, the City of Ida Grove agrees that they shall continue to be responsible to pay their percentage of the public safety budget with regard to the annual payments due to Availa Bank based on the 28E Agreement that is in effect as of June 16, 2020; more particularly the City of Ida Grove shall continue to pay 27.3% of the annual payment due to Availa Bank in the event Ida County Unified Law Enforcement is dissolved and/or modified.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ida Grove hereby agrees that they shall be responsible for 27.3% of the payment to Availa Bank with regard to the purchase of radios, band antennas, miscellaneous cabling and connectors on behalf of the Ida County Sheriff's Office, and said responsibility for payment shall remain at 27.3% of the debt owed based on the 28E Agreement in effect as of June 16, 2020.

APPROVED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor on the 20th day of July, 2020.

19. **Final Ballfield Lighting Payment to Ida Grove Kiwanis \$25,000:** Motion by

Ernst to approve the final ballfield lighting payment to Ida Grove Kiwanis in the amount of \$25,000, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

20. **TownCloud Agenda Software:** Council all agreed to continue posting the entire council packet on the City Website, instead of just the agenda, in order to avoid additional monthly user fees to make some files private.

21. **Planning and Zoning Workshop:** Sweeden will forward the ICAP email regarding upcoming Planning and Zoning Workshop registrations. The class is being offered free for City employees and officials through ICAP.

22. **Appoint Denise Redenius-Rec Center Board Member-Term Expiring 6/30/2023:** Motion by Ernst to appoint Denise Redenius to the Rec Center Board, term expiring 6/30/2023, second by Bogue. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

23. **Appoint Jeff Hudson-Rec Center Board Member-Term Expiring 6/30/2023:** Motion by Ernst to appoint Jeff Hudson to the Rec Center Board, term expiring 6/30/2023, second by McLead. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

24. **Appoint Jodie Hudson to Planning and Zoning Commission-Term Expiring 12/31/2022:** Motion by McLead to appoint Jodie Hudson to the Planning and Zoning Commission, term expiring 12/31/2022, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried.

25. **Moorehead Avenue Bridge Public Meeting Moved-August 17th at 5:00 p.m.:** Sweeden explained JEO had a conflict with the August 3 public meeting; therefore, it was moved to August 17th at 5 .. A notice will be published in the newspaper.

26. **City Council Member News & Notes:** Mayor Whiteing requested an update on the park swap. Whiteing also suggested an official opening and recognition of the Godbersen Foundation once the pickleball courts are finalized. Lastly, Whiteing discussed that he would like to figure out a way to continue moving forward on the City Hall Renovation project and hold some public meetings.

27. **Adjournment:** Motion by McLead to adjourn, second by Jordan. On a unanimous vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Devlun Whiteing, Mayor

ATTEST:
Heather Sweeden, City Clerk

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