

# PROCEEDINGS:

## IDA GROVE CITY COUNCIL • DEC. 19 MINUTES

### CITY OF IDA GROVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, DEC. 19, 2022 • 5:30 p.m. TEMPORARY CITY HALL 311 BARNES STREET

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor, Devlun Whiteing, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:** Present: Gregor Ernst, Jeff Miesner, Jason Schable and Jared Bogue. Ange Johnson was present electronically. Attorney, Ryan Gaskins, was also present.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Ernst to approve, second by Miesner. Motion carried 5-0.

4. **Pursuant to Ordinance 600 City Council as Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing for Zoning Use Amendment (GOMACO Trolley):** Motion by Bogue to open the public hearing at 5:31 p.m., second by Miesner. Motion carried 5-0. Sweeden reported a citizen on Fairlane Street called into City Hall stating that he had no issues with the proposed change. Another citizen on Fairlane Street also called into City Hall stating they were unable to attend the meeting, but wanted to ensure council knew they were not opposed to the rail loop expansion, however, they wanted to ensure the enjoyment of their personal property would be maintained. Additionally, they would be opposed to potential outdoor equipment storage and questioned where the trolley cars would be stored when not being tested. Lex Jacobson responded that they would not store any additional items outside the building and that while he cannot guarantee a car wouldn't sit on the rail overnight, they would likely be on the already paved area. Johnson noted she would not be in favor of cars left on the tracks or in the yard, creating a potential eyesore and inhibiting neighboring property owners from enjoying the comfort of their homes. It was agreed the amendment should fall as a special use within the

general industrial district. McLead on behalf of Planning & Zoning noted the proposed amendment is within the Comprehensive Plan to promote economic development, but members still need to consider safeguards for nearby property owners. Motion by Ernst to close the public hearing at 5:38 p.m., second by Miesner. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Ernst to recommend to City Council adding a special use under General Industrial, Section 2 (d), Second by Bogue. Motion carried 5-0.

5. **Justin Georg - Ida County Sanitation Refuse Agreement:** Due to attorney clerical error, Georg requested a correction to Section II E. regarding the amount the City pays for diesel fuel surcharge. Motion by Bogue to approve the amendment dated Nov. 8, 2022 for diesel fuel surcharge, second by Ernst. Motion carried 5-0.

6. **Ethan Joy - King Construction Pay App #5 \$40,256.25:** Joy was unable to attend, but Sweeden reported that King is now looking at a potential completion date of July 1, 2023 due to continued delays in electrical equipment. The original completion date was Nov. 2022; noting several major parts of the water improvement project are held up by the delays from King, including water tower painting and installation of the antenna for the new water meter system. Council requested an itemized list of items showing when they were ordered and when they're expected to arrive. Motion by Miesner to approve pay application #5 to King Construction in the amount of \$40,256.25, second by Schable. Motion carried 5-0.

7. **Grant Patera - 2023 Health Insurance:** Quotes were received from All State (current carrier) and Wellmark. Both companies quoted rates that are about double the current premiums. Patera explained the cost difference of the quotes for

the portion of premium paid by the City is very minimal at less than \$23.00 per month. However, the impact to employee's with family insurance plans varies greatly depending on the employees age and number of dependents. Council agreed that members of the Administration Committee will meet this week to discuss possible changes to the structure of health insurance premium costs. Motion by Bogue to approve Wellmark as the City's insurance carrier for 2023, second by Miesner. Motion carried 5-0.

8. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Ernst to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following: Clerk's Report, claims in the amount of \$236,101.18, financial reports and minutes of the 12/5/2022 and 12/12/2022 meetings, second by Bogue. Motion carried 5-0.

9. **Resolution 2022-58 Setting Salary:** Motion by Ernst to approve, second by Miesner. Motion carried 5-0.

10. **Mayor - Fill Upcoming Vacancy:** Council all thanked Mayor Whiteing for his dedication and service to the City of Ida Grove, noting he will be greatly missed by fellow elected officials, city staff and citizens. Anyone interested in serving the City as Mayor should contact City Hall. The appointed Mayor position will be for a period of 1-year, at which time the remaining 2 years of the term will be on the ballot for election in 2023.

11. **City Council Member News & Notes:** Gaskins updated council on a municipal infraction filed against Jeffrey Matthias. Council briefly discussed snow parking violations.

12. **Adjournment:** Motion by Schable to adjourn, second by Bogue. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 6:55 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk  
Devlun Whiteing, Mayor