

**PROCEEDINGS:  
IDA GROVE CITY COUNCIL • NOV. 18 MINUTES**

**City of Ida Grove Council Meeting Minutes Monday, Nov. 18, 2024 5:30 p.m.**  
**City Hall, 403 3rd Street**  
**Call to Order:** Mayor Nathan Weill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. **Roll Call:** Council present: Jeff Miesner, Jason Schable, Reynold McLead & Jared Bogue. Councilman Gregor Ernst was absent. Others in attendance: Foreman Gerrod Sholty, Andy Johnson & Ross Ladwig. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Bogue, second by Schable to approve. Motion carried 4-0. **Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement:** Motion by McLead, second by Miesner to open the public hearing at 5:31 p.m. Motion carried 4-0. No comments were received. Motion by Miesner, second by Schable to close the public hearing at 5:32 p.m. Motion carried 4-0. **Resolution 2024-42 Taking Additional Action with Respect to a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and Authorizing, Approving and Securing the Payment of a \$300,000 Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement Anticipation Project Note (IFA Interim Loan and Disbursement Agreement):** Motion by McLead, second by Schable to approve Resolution 2024-42. Motion carried 4-0. **FY25 Tree Removal Contract:** Six bids were received as follows for the removal of 29 trees: Lansink Tree Services \$9,880, 712 Tree Services \$45,250, American Tree Service \$33,600, Arbor Pro Tree Service \$40,825, Ladwig Construction \$17,400 and AJ Lawn & Tree

Service \$22,175. Motion by Bogue, second by McLead to award the FY25 tree removal contract to Lansink Tree Services not to exceed \$9,880 for the removal of 29 trees. Motion carried 4-0. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by McLead, second by Schable to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following: clerks report, claims in the amount of \$56,381.45, financials, minutes of the 11/4/2024 meeting and permits. Motion carried 4-0. **Ordinance 622 - General Provisions (Animals), 1st Reading:** Motion by McLead, second by Miesner to approve. Motion carried 4-0. **Ordinance 623 - Shipping Container Regulations, 2nd Reading:** Motion by Schable, second by Bogue to approve. Motion carried 4-0. **Trees Along Trail Between 5th & Rohwer Street:** Miesner abstained due to conflict of interest. As a follow up from the Nov. 4, 2024 meeting, of the 21 trees discussed that are located on or near Miesner's property between 5th and Rohwer Street, 10 are located outside of the City's 20' easement (private property owner responsibility). Of those 10 trees, 6 are ash. After clarifying ownership, Miesner is now requesting removal assistance for up to 6 trees, due to the emerald ash borer. Sholty stated at this time, the worst of the trees appear to be ones located on City property and the 6 ash trees on private property are not in immediate need of removal. Motion by McLead, second by Bogue to take no action at this time and reassess in the Spring. Motion carried 3-0. **Disposal of Ash Trees on City Property:** Motion by Miesner, second by McLead to use a por-

tion of city owned farm ground as a disposal location for all ash trees within city limits at the discretion of City Hall and Public Works, pending future policy and ability to obtain permitting through the IA DNR. Motion carried 4-0. **Disposal of Compost Pile on City Property:** Motion by McLead, second by Miesner for public works to obtain pricing for disposal and/or spreading the compost prior to making a final decision. Motion carried 4-0. **Implementation of Stormwater Utility:** McLead introduced the thought of implementing a small fee on water bills that would aide in stormwater utility expenses. Council directed McLead and Sweeden to obtain additional information for council review. **Resolution 2024-41 Authorizing Application for Trees Please! Grant:** Motion by Bogue, second by McLead to approve Resolution 2024-41. Motion carried 4-0. **Resolution 2024-43 Setting Date of Public Hearing for FY25 Budget Amendment #2:** Motion by McLead, second by Schable to approve Resolution 2024-43. Motion carried 4-0. **City Council Member News & Notes:** McLead requested a future review of the City's Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan. Schable asked Sholty to look at some sidewalks located near the Iowa Street apartments. **Adjournment:** Motion by Miesner, second by Bogue to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.  
 Heather Sweeden, City Clerk  
 Nathan Weill, Mayor

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