

PROCEEDINGS: IDA GROVE CITY COUNCIL • FEB. 21 MINUTES

CITY OF IDA GROVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEB. 21, 2023 • 5:30 p.m. TEMPORARY CITY HALL 311 BARNES STREET

1. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tem, Gregor Ernst, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Present: Gregor Ernst, Jeff Miesner, Jared Bogue. Ange Johnson was absent in order to attend the Countywide Law meeting as the City's Representative. Councilman Jason Schable was absent at this time.

3. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ernst to approve, moving item 14 as the first order of New Business, second by Bogue. Motion carried 3-0. Councilman Schable arrived at this time.

4. Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter into a General Fund Operating Lease: Motion by Bogue to open the public hearing at 5:33 p.m., second by Schable. Motion carried 4-0. Sweeden recommended approval of a copier lease with Gordon Flesch Company, Inc. Lease payments will be locked in at \$163.17 per month for 60 months. This is approximately \$70/month less than the current copier lease. No other comments were received. Motion by Miesner to close the public hearing at 5:35 p.m., second by Bogue. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Resolution 2023-12 Approving an Operating Lease Payable from the General Fund: Motion by Miesner to approve Resolution 2023-12 entering into a copier lease agreement with Gordon Flesch Company, second by Bogue. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Consent Agenda: Motion by Bogue to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following: clerk's report, claims in the amount of \$109,528.38, financials, minutes of the 2/6/2023 & 2/15/2023 meetings and a liquor license for Ida Grove Golf & Country Club, effective 4/15/2023, second by Miesner. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Ordinance 613 - General Industrial District Use Regulations, Final Reading: Motion by Ernst to approve, second by Miesner. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Resolution 2023-11 Approving Ordinance 613: Motion by Bogue to approve, second by Schable. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Ordinance 614 - Four-Lane Street to Three-Lane Street, First Reading: Motion by Bogue to approve the first reading of Ordinance 614, waiving the 2nd & 3rd readings, second by Schable. Motion carried 4-0.

10. Resolution 2023-13 Approving Ordinance 614: Motion by Schable to approve, second by Ernst. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Center Turn Lane Signage: Motion by Miesner to approve Sholty's recommendation for center turn lane signage along Moorehead Avenue, second by Bogue. Motion carried 4-0. Four signs will be placed, one at each end of the Avenue and two about half way down the Avenue. Once weather permits, public works will ensure it is re-stripped.

12. City Snow Ordinance Signs: After further discussion, council decided not to pursue purchase of snow ordinance signage at this time.

13. Host Heritage Days Kickoff at the Farmers Market - June 22, 2023: City Staff and Elected Officials will host the Farmer's Market on June 22 to kick off the Heritage Days Celebration.

14. FY24 Budget Overview: Council thoroughly discussed preliminary budget numbers. Staff and Officials are struggling to manage numerous General Fund Departments with roughly \$264,502 in remaining funds for FY2024. The remaining amount is calculated after accounting for the maximum dollars the City can receive from the General Levy and the Countywide Law levy, less the obligation of \$543,909 for countywide law payments.

In review of financials from the past 6 years, the City's share of revenue from taxable valuations has grown about \$71,759 however, the City's share of countywide law over that same time frame has grown by \$147,513. Council mentioned several times that they support salary increases for our local law enforcement and noted appreciation for their work, but are very concerned as major budget cuts will need to be made within all City departments that are operated with General Fund dollars. This includes departments such as The Rec Center, Outdoor Pool, Library, Youth Sports, Streets, Parks, Flood Control, Fire, Clerk/Mayor and the Airport. Johnson was in attendance at the Countywide Law meeting in order to vote on behalf of the City for the countywide law budget. After discussion, the consensus of council was to direct Johnson to vote against the Countywide Law Budget Proposal for FY24, due to lack of fund availability.

15. City Hall Status Update: Architect Kelsey Vetter will meet with Sweeden and Young this week to review project timeline and look at product samples. Council designated Bogue and Schable as officials to keep involved in the process as it moves along.

16. City Council Member News & Notes: Bogue expressed concern with the parking along Main Street, especially on Sundays. Council will discuss parking options at a future meeting. Parks Superintendent, Lorenzen, has been discussing a possible project with the Kiwanis that would include installation of heaters at the ballfield complex in the restrooms, storage room and concession stand. More information will be provided at a future meeting.

17. Adjournment: Motion by Ernst to adjourn, second by Schable. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Heather Sweeden, City Clerk
Gregor Ernst, Mayor Pro Tem