

**CITY OF IOWA FALLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 21, 2019**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Iowa Falls met in regular session on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Gene Newgaard presiding over the meeting. Council Members Michelle Gritsch, Steve Klein, Roger Nissly, Bruce Thies and Rob Wohlert were present. Also present was City Manager Jody Anderson.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

Wohlert moved and Gritsch seconded to accept the agenda with item #6 moved ahead of item #3.

Vote: Wohlert, Gritsch, Klein, Nissly and Thies voting aye.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Thies moved and Klein seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2018 and special meeting of December 31, 2018.

Vote: Thies, Klein, Gritsch, Wohlert and Nissly voting aye.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS**

Wohlert moved and Nissly seconded to approve the monthly claims.

Roll Vote: Wohlert, Nissly, Thies, Klein and Gritsch voting aye.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Klein moved and Gritsch seconded to approve the following items:

1. **Liquor Licenses**
  - a. Class C Beer Permit for Dollar General.
  - b. Class E Liquor License for Casey's General Store.
  - c. Class C Liquor License for Highland Golf Club.
  
2. **Labor Day Car Show**

Resolution No. 2019-01 approving street closures for the Labor Day Car Show on Monday, September 2, 2019.

Roll Vote: Klein, Gritsch, Wohlert, Thies and Nissly voting aye.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **6. Ambulance Service**

a. Thies moved and Wohlert seconded to approve the Billing Services Agreement with Physicians Claims Company.

Roll Vote: Thies, Wohlert, Nissly, Klein and Gritsch voting aye.

b. Nissly moved and Klein seconded to approve the hiring of full and part time ambulance staff and approving the pay schedule for those employees.

Roll Vote: Nissly, Klein, Gritsch, Wohlert and Thies voting aye.

c. Wohlert moved and Klein seconded to approve the purchase of additional ambulance equipment in the amount of \$210,021.67 with 80% LOST being used for the purchase with payment back when the GO Bonds are issued.

Roll Vote: Wohlert, Klein, Gritsch, Thies and Nissly voting aye.

### **3. Well Study**

Steve Van Dyke with FOX Engineering presented the results of the well study.

Gritsch moved and Klein seconded to have test wells done at the Weaver's Cove and North River Street at a cost of \$240,000.

Roll Vote: Gritsch, Klein, Nissly and Wohlert voting aye. Thies voting no.

### **4. River Road Utility Extension**

The Council discussed the River Road Utility Extension Feasibility Study.

### **5. Streetscape Project**

Greg with Bolton & Menk Engineers reported that the railing is scheduled to be put back up this week, the stairs at Main and Washington will be repaired in the spring and the drainage issue in front of 615 Washington will be taken care of in the spring as well. These will be paid for by the contractor and Bolton & Menk.

Wohlert moved and Nissly seconded to approve up to \$2,150 for traffic control with K Cunningham paying for the repair to the hole on Oak Street between Washington and Railroad.

Roll Vote: Wohlert, Nissly, Klein, Gritsch and Thies voting aye.

### **7. 407 Lincoln**

Anderson was directed to rebid the property at 407 Lincoln and to require 10% of the bid be paid the day of the bid opening.

8. **South 65 Drainage Project**

Wohlert moved and Thies seconded to approve the bid from George Ioege for regrading in the amount of \$5,500.

Roll Vote: Wohlert, Thies, Nissly, Klein and Gritsch voting aye.

**NEW BUSINESS**

9. **ATV Use on City Streets**

Mr. Lange withdrew his request to be allowed to drive his ATV on the city streets.

10. **Street Department**

a. Wohlert moved and Thies seconded to approve the purchase of a walk behind paint sprayer instead of the trailer in the amount of \$11,880.82.

Roll Vote: Wohlert, Thies, Nissly, Klein and Gritsch voting aye.

b. Klein moved and Nissly seconded to approve \$10,000 from the 20% LOST fund for tree removal and trimming.

Roll Vote: Klein, Nissly, Thies, Wohlert and Gritsch voting aye.

11. **Water Department**

Wohlert moved and Nissly seconded to approve the purchase of a truck crane in the amount of \$9,295 from Hiway Truck Equipment.

Roll Vote: Wohlert, Nissly, Thies, Gritsch and Klein voting aye.

12. **Bio-Solids**

Thies moved and Klein seconded to approve Nutri-Ject Systems of Hudson, Iowa to haul the bio-solids from the wastewater treatment plant.

Roll Vote: Thies, Klein, Gritsch, Wohlert and Nissly voting aye.

13. **Hotel/Motel Funding Requests**

a. Nissly moved and Thies seconded to approve the request from Iowa Falls Area Development Corporation in the amount of \$1,584 for the Southview Industrial Park Drainage Study with the funds coming from Economic Development Funds.

Roll Vote: Nissly, Thies, Wohlert, Gritsch and Klein voting aye.

b. Thies moved and Wohlert seconded to approve the request from Iowa Falls Area Development Corporation in the amount of \$30,000 for the 2019 IFADC Marking Plan with the funds coming from Economic Development Funds.

Roll Vote: Thies, Wohlert, Gritsch, Klein and Nissly voting aye.

c. Nissly moved and Gritsch seconded to approve the request from Iowa Falls Chamber/Main Street Tourism Committee in the amount of \$20,000 for Fall in Love with Iowa Falls 2019 with the funds coming from Tourism Funds.

Roll Vote: Nissly, Gritsch, Klein, Thies and Wohlert voting aye.

14. **Official Zoning Map**

a. Thies moved and Wohlert seconded to approve on first reading an Ordinance adopting the official zoning map of the City of Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Roll Vote: Thies, Wohlert, Gritsch, Klein and Nissly voting aye.

b. Klein moved and Thies seconded to approve suspension of the rules and placing on third and final reading.

Roll Vote: Klein, Thies, Wohlert, Nissly and Gritsch voting aye.

c. Gritsch moved and Nissly seconded to approve on third and final reading Ordinance No. 1126 adopting the official zoning map of the City of Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Roll Vote: Gritsch, Nissly, Klein, Thies and Wohlert voting aye.

15. **Sidewalk Program – Phase 2**

Wohlert moved and Thies seconded to approve the bid proposal for Phase 2 of the Sidewalk Program.

Roll Vote: Wohlert, Thies, Nissly, Klein and Gritsch voting aye.

16. **Sump Pump Inspections**

a. Wohlert moved and Nissly seconded to approve on first reading an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Iowa Falls, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to sump pump inspections.

Roll Vote: Wohlert, Nissly, Thies, Klein and Gritsch voting aye.

b. Thies moved and Wohlert seconded to approve suspension of the rules and placing on third and final reading.

Roll Vote: Thies, Wohlert, Gritsch, Klein and Nissly voting aye.

c. Gritsch moved and Thies seconded to approve on third and final reading Ordinance No. 1127 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Iowa Falls, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to sump pump inspections.

Roll Vote: Gritsch, Thies, Wohlert, Nissly and Klein voting aye.

17. **Utility Franchise Fee**

Klein moved and Thies seconded to have staff bring back an amended ordinance increasing the utility franchise fee from 1.5% to 2.5%.

Roll Vote: Klein, Thies, Nissly, Wohlert and Gritsch voting aye.

18. **Annexation**

Wohlert moved and Nissly seconded to approve Resolution No. 2019-02 approving voluntary annexation.

Roll Vote: Wohlert, Nissly, Thies, Gritsch and Klein voting aye.

19. **Teamsters Union Contract**

Thies moved and Wohlert seconded to approve the Agreement with the Teamsters local Union 238 (Streets and Sanitation Workers).

Roll Vote: Thies, Wohlert, Gritsch, Klein and Nissly voting aye.

20. **2019 GO Capital Loan Notes**

Thies moved and Wohlert seconded to approve Resolution No. 2019-03 fixing date for a meeting on the authorization of a loan agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$6,500,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes of the City of Iowa Falls, State of Iowa (for essential corporate purposes) and providing for publication of notice thereof.

Roll Vote: Thies, Wohlert, Nissly, Klein and Gritsch voting aye.

21. **Utility Bills**

Nissly moved and Klein seconded to deny the request from NUS Consulting Group for the late fee to be waived for the Winfield United accounts and the request from Capturis for the late fee to be waived for Dollar Tree.

Vote: Nissly, Klein, Gritsch, Thies and Wohlert voting aye.

22. **Appointments**

a. Nissly moved and Wohlert seconded to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jim Hammann and Daryl Wiese to the Historic Preservation Commission for terms to expire January of 2022.

Vote: Nissly, Wohlert, Thies, Klein and Gritsch, voting aye.

b. Thies moved and Gritsch seconded to approve the appointment of Joe Scallon to the Airport Authority, filling a vacated term, with the term to expire July of 2020.

Vote: Thies, Gritsch, Klein, Nissly and Wohlert voting aye.

c. Thies moved and Wohlert seconded to approve the appointment of Travis Woodley, Roger Nissly, Michelle Gritsch and Micah Cutler to the Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Board for terms to expire February of 2022.

Vote: Thies, Wohlert, Nissly, Klein and Gritsch voting aye.

23. **Closed Session**

Thies moved and Nissly seconded to go into closed session as allowed in Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.j to discuss land acquisition and disposal.

Roll Vote: Thies, Nissly, Klein, Gritsch and Wohlert voting aye.

Klein moved and Wohlert seconded to go back into open session having taken no action in closed session.

Roll Vote: Klein, Wohlert, Thies, Nissly and Gritsch voting aye.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Klein moved and Wohlert seconded to adjourn.

Vote: Klein, Wohlert, Thies, Nissly and Gritsch voting aye.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

  
Gene Newgaard, Mayor

  
Kaci Elkin, City Clerk