

**CITY OF IOWA FALLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 16, 2019**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Iowa Falls met in regular session on Monday, December 16, 2019 with Mayor Gene Newgaard presiding over the meeting. Council Members Michelle Gritsch, Steve Klein and Bruce Thies were present. Council Members Roger Nissly and Rob Wohlert joined the meeting via phone during the meeting. Also present was City Manager Jody Anderson.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

Thies moved and Gritsch seconded to approve the agenda as written.  
Vote: Thies, Gritsch and Thies voting aye.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Klein moved and Thies seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 18, 2019.  
Vote: Klein, Thies and Gritsch voting aye.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS**

Thies moved and Klein seconded to approve the monthly claims and financials.  
Roll Vote: Thies, Klein and Gritsch voting aye.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Council Member Roger Nissly and Rob Wohlert joined the meeting via phone.

1. **River Oaks Neighborhood Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining**

a. Mitch Holtz discussed the Preliminary Design and Estimated Cost.

b. Gritsch moved and Klein seconded to approve the Task Order with FOX Engineering for Final Design, Bidding and Administration.

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

2. **Iowa Falls Sidewalk Improvements**

a. John Gade with FOX Engineering presented the Preliminary Design for the sidewalk improvements. Council agreed to go with an 8' path/walkway on Washington from Fremont to the east and to have a meandering walkway in Linear Park

b. Klein moved and Gritsch seconded to approve the Task Order with FOX Engineering for Final Design.

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

3. **Iowa Falls Intersection & Roadway Improvement Projects**

Discussion was held in regard to the Preliminary Design for the Intersection & Roadway Improvements Project. Action was deferred to a later date.

4. **Water/Wastewater Department**

a. Thies moved and Gritsch seconded to authorize staff to apply for a Federal Economic Development Administration Disaster Funds with the 20% local match coming from Water and Wastewater funds for flood mitigation.

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

b. Klein moved and Thies seconded to authorize FOX Engineering to conduct survey, preliminary cost estimate and design.

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

5. **River Street Bridge**

Gritsch moved and Klein seconded to approval of setting the bid date for January 14, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the office of the City Manager, 315 Stevens Street, Iowa Falls, Iowa for the River Street over Iowa River Bridge Rehabilitation and scheduling a public hearing on the proposed Bidding Requirements, Contract Documents and Estimate of Cost of the project for the January 20, 2020 City Council Meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Barlow Memorial Library Community Meeting Room, 921 Washington Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa.

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

6. **346 Sarah Avenue**

Klein moved and Thies seconded to approve the bid for removal of the structures at 346 Sarah from Nevada Excavating in the amount of \$12,750.

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

7. **City Hall Building Project**

Thies moved and Wohlert seconded to table approve of Change Order #1 and #2.

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

8. **Street Program**

Thies moved and Klein seconded to prioritize the list of streets and come back with a project around \$500,000.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

9. **Citizen Requests**

a. Thies moved and Gritsch seconded to forgive the past due bill for 612 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in the amount of \$1,289.11.

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

b. No action was taken in regard to the request from Sonny Lange to be allowed to drive his ATV on city streets.

c. Nissly moved and Thies seconded to move forward with the request from Dave Krogh to purchase a portion of Grant Street and a portion of street right of way on East Main Street.

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

Council Members Nissly and Wohlert left the meeting at this point.

10. **Airport**

a. Thies moved and Klein seconded to approve the dwelling unit rental agreement.

Roll Vote: Thies, Klein, Gritsch voting aye.

b. Klein moved and Gritsch seconded to approve a sub-lease of a farm lease.

Roll Vote: Klein, Gritsch and Thies voting aye.

11. **Home Base Iowa Initiative**

Thies moved and Klein seconded to approve Resolution No. 2019-59 supporting the Home Base Iowa Initiative.

Roll Vote: Thies, Klein and Gritsch voting aye.

12. **Ellsworth Neighborhood Investment Group**

Klein moved and Thies seconded to approve the dispersal of funds.

Roll Vote: Klein, Thies and Gritsch voting aye.

13. **Speed Limit**

The Council discussed increasing the speed limit on Commercial Street. An Ordinance will be drafted for consideration at the January meeting.

14. **Employee Health Insurance**

Klein moved and Gritsch seconded to authorize staff to execute the contract with Wellmark for health insurance.

Roll Vote: Klein, Gritsch and Thies voting aye.

15. **Liquor License**

Thies moved and Klein seconded to approve a Class C Beer Permit for Handi Stop.

Roll Vote: Thies, Klein and Gritsch voting aye.

16. **Appointments**

a. Thies moved and Gritsch seconded to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jerome Lehtola and Bev Dirksen to the Historic Preservation Commission for terms to expire January 2023.  
Vote: Thies, Gritsch and Klein voting aye.

b. Klein moved and Gritsch seconded to approve Resolution No. 2019-60 for appointment of a representative and alternate representative to serve on the Hardin County Sanitary Solid Waste Disposal Commission.  
Roll Vote: Klein, Gritsch and Thies voting aye.

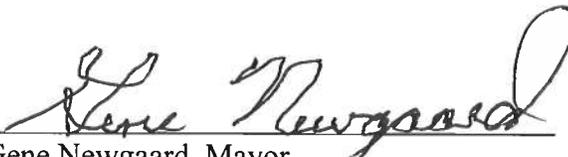
17. **Closed Session**

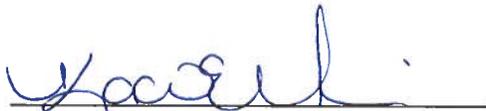
Thies moved and Klein seconded to go into closed session as allowed in Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.j to discuss land acquisition and disposal and Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.c. to discuss possible litigation.  
Roll Vote: Thies, Klein and Gritsch voting aye.

Klein moved and Gritsch seconded to go back into open session having taken no action in closed session.  
Roll Vote: Klein, Gritsch and Thies voting aye.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Klein moved and Gritsch seconded to adjourn.  
Vote: Klein, Gritsch and Thies voting aye.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

  
Gene Newgaard, Mayor

  
Kaci Elkin, City Clerk