

**CITY OF IOWA FALLS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Iowa Falls met in regular session on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Gene Newgaard presiding over the meeting. Council Members Verv Davidson, Michelle Gritsch, Bruce Thies and Rob Wohlert were present. Council Member Roger Nissly was absent. 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, Davidson and Wohlert voting aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wohlert moved and Thies seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 21, 2017.
Vote: Wohlert, Thies, Davidson and Gritsch voting aye.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Thies moved and Wohlert seconded to approve the following:

1. **Tax Abatement**
 - a. Tax Abatement Application for Dave & Emily England at 621 Railroad.
 - b. Tax Abatement Application for Terry & Dave England at 1709 N Oak Street.

2. **Street Financial Report**

Resolution No. 2017-53 approving the Street Financial Report.

Roll Vote: Thies, Wohlert, Gritsch and Davidson voting aye.

OLD BUSINESS

3. **Property Purchase Requests**
 - a. Mayor Newgaard opened the public hearing on the vacation and sale of the north and south road easement of unfinished W Third Street; the east and west road easement of unfinished S Third Street; and the north and south alley easement directly east of 705 S Second. Dale Caruth

commented that he would like to purchase some of the area as well. Kurt Kasischke and Rick Whitman also expressed this desire to purchase some of this land. There was no further public comment. Mayor Newgaard closed the hearing.

b. Thies moved and Wohlert seconded to approve on first reading an Ordinance vacating the north and south road easement of unfinished W Third Street; the east and west road easement of unfinished S Third Street and the north and south alley easement directly east of 705 S Second Street. Roll Vote: Thies, Wohlert, Gritsch and Davidson voting aye.

c. Wohlert moved and Thies seconded to suspend of the rules and place on third and final reading. Roll Vote: Wohlert, Thies, Davidson and Gritsch voting aye.

d. Wohlert moved and Davidson seconded to approve on third and final reading Ordinance No. 1111 vacating the north and south road easement of unfinished W Third Street; the east and west road easement of unfinished S Third Street and the north and south alley easement directly east of 705 S Second Street. Roll Vote: Wohlert, Davidson, Gritsch and Thies voting aye.

e. The Resolution approving the sale of the north and south road easement of the unfinished W Third Street; the east and west road easement of unfinished S Third Street and the north and south alley easement directly east of 705 S Second Street was tabled.

f. Thies moved and Wohlert seconded to approve Resolution No. 2017-54 tentatively approving the vacation and sale of the alley between 1109 S First and 1121 S First to Michael and Cheryl Johnson who also own both of those properties. Roll Vote: Thies, Wohlert, Gritsch and Davidson voting aye.

4. **Crescent, Manor and Fremont Improvements**

a. Thies moved and Wohlert seconded to approve Change Order #7 in the amount of \$2,750.00. Roll Vote: Thies, Wohlert, Gritsch and Davidson voting aye.

b. Wohlert moved and Gritsch seconded to approve Pay Estimate #5 in the amount of \$85,960.49 to Heartland Asphalt, Inc. Roll Vote: Wohlert, Gritsch, Davidson and Thies voting aye.

5. **South Iowa Falls Drainage & Utility Improvements**

Thies moved and Wohlert seconded to approve Pay Estimate #5 in the amount of \$312,640.27 to Bob McKiness Excavating & Grading, Inc. Roll Vote: Thies, Wohlert, Gritsch and Davidson voting.

6. **Brooks Road Improvements - 2017**

Wohlert moved and Thies seconded to approve Pay Estimate #3 in the amount of \$133,783.59 to Kingston Services, LLC.

Roll Vote: Wohlert, Thies, Davidson and Gritsch voting aye.

7. **Highway 65 Reconstruction**

Mitch Holtz with FOX Engineering discussed a meeting with the IDOT in regard to work they will be doing in FY2018-2019 on Oak Street. Holtz will bring a task order to the next meeting.

8. **Voluntary Annexation**

a. Mayor Newgaard opened the public hearing on the voluntary annexation of property. There was no oral or written comment. Mayor Newgaard closed the public hearing.

b. Wohlert moved and Gritsch seconded to approve Resolution No. 2017-55 approving the requests for voluntary annexation submitted by George Ioeger and Westhenry Ioeger, Wayne Dewey and Lisa Dewey and Jack Patrick Lewer.

Roll Vote: Wohlert, Gritsch, Davidson and Thies voting aye.

9. **CIP Purchases**

a. Thies moved and Wohlert seconded to approve the purchase of a boiler for the Street Garage from Reliable 1 in the amount of \$23,072.21 this amount does not include any energy rebates. Roll Vote: Thies, Wohlert, Gritsch and Davidson voting aye.

b. Wohlert moved and Gritsch seconded to approve the purchase of a new Building & Zoning vehicle.

Roll Vote: Wohlert, Gritsch, Davidson and Thies voting aye.

10. **Food Trucks**

Council Member Nissly joined the meeting via telephone at this point.

Wohlert moved and Thies seconded to approve the proposed mobile food truck program for a 12 month trial period including a \$100 permit fee and \$25 per month for electricity.

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

NEW BUSINESS

11. **Scenic City Empress Boat Club**

Steve Campbell with the Scenic City Empress Boat Club presented their request for a no wake or 5 mile per hour zone in front of the Boat Club.

Wohlert moved and Davidson seconded to approve the request from the Boat Club to create a no wake zone and/or a 5 mile per hour zone in front of the Boat Club.

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

12. **Subdivision**

Nissly left the meeting at this point.

Thies moved and Gritsch seconded to approve Resolution No. 2017-56 accepting and approving the Final Plat of Ellsworth Estates First Addition, Iowa Falls, Hardin County, Iowa.
Roll Vote: Thies, Gritsch, Davidson and Wohlert voting aye.

13. **Deer Bow Hunting**

Wohlert moved and Davidson seconded to approve the request from Larry Boyer to have his property located next to his house at 724 Sherman added to the Deer.
Roll Vote: Wohlert, Davidson, Gritsch and Thies voting aye.

14. **Ellsworth Neighborhood Investment Group**

Thies moved and Davidson seconded to approve the final benchmark payment in the amount of \$100,000 to Ellsworth Neighborhood Investment Group.
Roll Vote: Thies, Davidson, Gritsch and Wohlert voting aye.

15. **Hotel/Motel Tax Funds**

Davidson moved and Thies seconded to approve the release of funds that were to come from Hotel/Motel Tax Funds for the Streetscape Project and other various small projects that did not use their allotted funds.
Roll Vote: Davidson, Thies, Wohlert and Gritsch voting aye.

16. **Halloween Trick or Treat**

Wohlert moved and Gritsch seconded to set the date and time for Halloween Trick or Treat for Tuesday, October 31 from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m.
Vote: Wohlert, Gritsch, Davidson and Thies voting aye.

17. **310 Washington**

Wohlert moved and Davidson seconded to approve advertising for bids for 310 Washington.
Roll Vote: Wohlert, Davidson, Gritsch and Thies voting aye.

18. **Chief of Police**

Council Member Nissly joined the meeting via telephone at this point.

a. Davidson moved to approve continued insurance coverage for Chief Ron Kuhfus for 16 months. The motion died for lack of a second.

Nissly moved and Wohlert seconded to table the item until a special meeting is called.
Roll Vote: Nissly, Wohlert, Thies, Davidson and Gritsch voting aye.

b. Mayor Newgaard reported that he will be forming a Chief of Police Search Committee.

19. **Closed Session**

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

Roll Vote: Wohlert, Thies, Davidson and Gritsch voting aye.

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

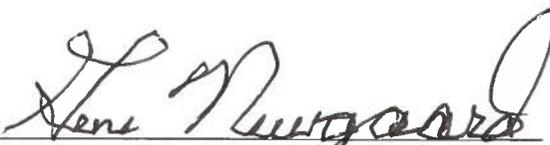
Roll Vote: Thies, Wohlert, Gritsch and Davidson voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Thies moved and Gritsch seconded to adjourn.

Vote: Thies, Gritsch, Davidson and Wohlert voting aye.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.


Gene Newgaard, Mayor


Page Hansen, City Clerk