

**CITY OF IOWA FALLS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY, 20, 2025**

The City Council of the city of Iowa Falls met in regular session on Monday January 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Michael Emerson presiding over the meeting. Council members Bruce Thies, Micah Cutler, Steve Klein and Dave Henry were present. Roger Nissly was present via zoom. Also present was City Manager Kaci Elkin.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Thies moved and Klein seconded to accept the agenda.

Roll vote: Thies, Klein, Cutler, Nissly and Henry voting aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Thies moved and Klein seconded to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of December 6, 2024 and Regular Meeting of December 16, 2024.

Roll vote: Thies, Klein, Cutler, Nissly and Henry voting aye.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS

Cutler moved and Thies seconded to approve the monthly claims and financials.

Roll vote: Cutler, Thies, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Klein moved and Henry seconded to approve the following items:

1. **Liquor License**
 - a. Class E Liquor License for Casey's General Store. (904 Washington Ave)
 - b. Class C Retail Alcohol License for Timbukbru.
 - c. Class B Retail Alcohol License for Dollar General.

Roll vote: Klein, Henry, Thies, Cutler and Nissly voting aye.

OLD BUSINESS

2. **Goldfinch Trail**
 - a. Cutler moved and Thies seconded to approve setting the bid date for February 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the office of the City Manager, 901 Washington Ave, Iowa Falls, Iowa for Goldfinch Trail bidding and Construction and scheduling a public hearing on the proposed

Bidding Requirements, Contract Documents and Estimate of Cost of the project for the February 18, 2025 city council meeting to be held at 6:30 pm at the City of Iowa Falls Council Chambers.

Roll vote: Cutler, Thies, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

b. Klein moved and Cutler seconded to approve task order with Strand Associates for Construction related services for Goldfinch Trail bidding and construction.

Roll vote: Klein, Cutler, Thies, Nissly and Henry voting aye.

3. **Palisades Land Development**

a. Thies moved and Henry seconded to approve reimbursement for Palisades Estates in the amount of \$1,609.44.

Roll vote: Thies, Henry, Cutler, Nissly and Klein voting aye.

b. Thies moved and Henry seconded to approve reimbursement for Palisades Estates in the amount of \$1,795.50.

Roll vote: Thies, Henry, Cutler, Nissly and Klein voting aye.

c. Thies moved and Henry seconded to approve reimbursement for Palisades Estates in the amount of \$19,869.89.

Roll vote: Thies, Henry, Cutler, Nissly and Klein voting aye.

4. **Palisades Estates Plat 2**

Klein moved and Cutler seconded to approve pay application to Gehrke, Inc. in the amount of \$16,829.76.

Roll vote: Klein, Cutler, Thies, Nissly and Henry voting aye.

5. **Floodproofing Project**

Cutler moved and Thies seconded to approve Pay Application No. 4 to Tricon General Construction Inc. in the amount of \$29,453.89.

Roll vote: Cutler, Thies, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

6. **NAMI Central Iowa**

Discuss and consider budget proposal for a Program Center. The city council requested this item to be tabled until the city's budget process has been finalized.

7. **Insurance Renewal**

Cutler moved and Henry seconded to approve the renewal of the employee health insurance plan with Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield at a 12.77% increase.

Roll vote: Cutler, Henry, Thies, Nissly and Klein voting aye.

8. **Parking on Bliss Blvd**

Discussion and action in regards to parking on Bliss Blvd. The city council does not want any changes to parking on Bliss Blvd at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

9. **802 Siloam**

Cutler moved and Thies seconded to deny relocating fire hydrant at 802 Siloam.

Roll vote: Cutler, Thies, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

10. **1022 Sherman**

a. Mayor Emerson opened the Public hearing on the vacation of the alley at 1022 Sherman.

No written or public comment.

b. Thies moved and Cutler seconded to approve on first reading an Ordinance vacating city property consisting of real property identified as a vacated alley located in the Bliss' Manufacturer's Addition to the City of Iowa Falls, Hardin County, Iowa.

Roll vote: Thies, Cutler, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

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

Roll vote: Klein, Henry, Thies, Cutler and Nissly voting aye.

d. Cutler moved and Thies seconded to approve on third and final reading an Ordinance vacating city property consisting of real property identified as a vacated alley located in the Bliss' Manufacturer's Addition to the City of Iowa Falls, Hardin County, Iowa.

Roll vote: Cutler, Thies, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

e. Klein moved and Thies seconded to approve Resolution No. 2025-1 approving the vacation of the alley at 1022 Sherman.

Roll vote: Klein, Thies, Cutler, Nissly and Henry voting aye.

11. **Wastewater pumps**

a. Thies moved and Cutler seconded to approve a new pump for scum pit at wastewater plant in the amount of \$9,269.70 with funds coming from wastewater cash.

Roll vote: Thies, Cutler, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

b. Klein moved and Henry seconded to approve repairs to lift station pump at the Elk Run sewage lift station not to exceed \$21,000 with funds coming from wastewater cash.

Roll vote: Klein, Henry, Thies, Cutler and Nissly voting aye.

12. **Elevator at Carnegie-Ellsworth Library**

Consider approval of elevator repairs at the Carnegie- Ellsworth Library in the amount of \$18,840 from 80% LOST. This item was tabled until a later date.

13. **Hotel/Motel**

a. Klein moved and Thies seconded to approve Tourism Funds –Cadet Basketball Club in the amount of \$5,358.40 for IFA Youth Tournament; Iowa Falls Chamber/Main Street Tourism Comm. in the amount of \$20,000 for "Fall in Love with Iowa Falls 2025"; Iowa Falls Chamber and Downtowners in the amount of \$10,000 for "Downtown Seasonal Beautification"; Make-a-wish Iowa in the amount of \$14,000 for Wishes on deck.

Roll vote: Klein, Thies, Cutler, Nissly and Henry voting aye.

b. Nissly moved and Klein seconded to approve Iowa Falls Area Development Corporation in the amount of \$30,000 for 2025 IFADC Marketing plan.

The board determined that the YourTIME Urgent Care & Wellness Center Expansion application requests did not fit their criteria and denied funding.

Roll vote: Nissly, Klein, Thies, Cutler, and Henry voting aye.

14. **Appointments**

a. Klein moved and Thies seconded to approve the reappointment, by the City Council, of Micah Cutler to the Hotel/Motel board for a term to expire February, 2028.

Roll vote: Klein, Thies, Nissly, and Henry voting aye. Cutler abstained from voting.

b. Cutler moved and Klein seconded to approve the reappointment, by the City Council, of Dave Henry to the Hotel/Motel board for a term to expire February, 2028.

Roll vote: Cutler, Klein, Thies and Nissly voting aye. Henry abstained from voting.

c. Thies moved and Cutler seconded to approve the reappointment, by the City Council, of Travis Woodley to the Hotel/Motel board for a term to expire February, 2028.

Roll vote: Thies, Cutler, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

d. Thies moved and Cutler seconded to approve the reappointment, by the City Council, of Adam Nederhoff to the Hotel/Motel board for a term to expire February, 2028.

Roll vote: Thies, Cutler, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

e. Cutler moved and Thies seconded to the appointment of Roger Nissly as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Roll vote: Cutler, Thies, Klein and Henry voting aye. Nissly abstained from voting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

15. **Closed session**

Thies moved and Cutler seconded to approve going into closed session as allowed in Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.c to discuss pending litigation, and Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.j to discuss land acquisition and disposal.

Roll vote: Thies, Cutler, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

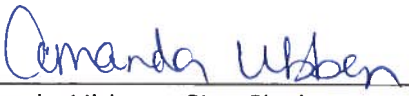
Cutler moved and Thies seconded to adjourn.

Roll vote: Cutler, Thies, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Michael Emerson, Mayor



Amanda Ubben, City Clerk