

**CITY OF IOWA FALLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 2022**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Iowa Falls met in regular session on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Michael R. Emerson presiding over the meeting. Council Members Micah Cutler, Michelle Gritsch, Steve Klein, Roger Nissly and Bruce Thies were present. Also present was City Manager Jody Anderson.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

Thies moved and Klein seconded to accept the agenda.  
Vote: Thies, Klein, Gritsch, Nissly and Cutler voting aye.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Gritsch moved and Cutler seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 2022 and the special meeting of November 28, 2022.  
Vote: Gritsch, Cutler, Thies, Nissly and Klein voting aye.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Thies moved and Gritsch seconded to approve the following:

1. **CDBG-CV Program**

Payment to Wiggles and Giggles in the amount of \$3,783.57.

2. **Tax Abatement Application**

Tax Abatement Application for R & T Enterprises, Inc. at 410 Washington Avenue.

3. **Winter Rec Fest 2023**

Noise ordinance variance for Fitz Riverbend Park on Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for fireworks.

4. **Hardin County Solid Waste Disposal Commission**

Resolution No. 2022-77 for appointment of a representative (Jody Anderson) and alternate (Bruce Thies) representative to serve on the Hardin County Sanitary Solid Waste Disposal Commission.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### 5. **Water & Sewer Force Main Improvements**

Klein moved and Nissly seconded to defer the Progress Payment #10 to Vieth Construction Company in the amount of \$88,327.03.

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

### 6. **River Road Utility Extensions and Roadway Improvements**

Klein moved and Gritsch seconded to approve Progress Payment #6 to Gehrke Construction in the amount of \$129,578.79.

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

### 7. **Bridge Replacement – River Road over Elk Run**

Cutler moved and Thies seconded to approve Progress Payment #5 to Boomerang Corporation in the amount of \$416,709.21.

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

### 8. **2200 Block Alley Sewer Replacement**

a. The Council reviewed the Engineer's Statement of Final Completion of the project.

b. Gritsch moved and Nissly seconded to approve Resolution No. 2022-78 accepting work of the contractor, Williams Underground Services, on the 2200 Block Alley Sewer Replacement Project.

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

c. Cutler moved and Gritsch seconded to approve Progress Payment #5 to Williams Underground Services in the amount of \$5,882.10.

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

### 9. **Water and Sewer Rates**

a. Nissly moved and Thies seconded to approve Task Order No. 2022-6 with FOX Strand for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Siting Study.

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

b. The Council discussed increases to the water and sewer rates.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 10. **Airport FY 2024 CIP Application**

Nissly moved and Klein seconded to approve the Federal FY2024 CIP application package.

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

### 11. **Heritage Estates**

a. Nissly moved and Thies seconded to approve Resolution No. 2022-79 setting a date for a public hearing on the approval of a Development Agreement with Heritage Estates.

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

b. Nissly moved and Klein seconded to approve Task Order No. 2022-5 with FOX Strand for survey, design, construction and platting phase services for Heritage Estates.

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

### 12. **Development Agreement**

No action was taken on the Resolution No. 2022-80 setting a date for a public hearing on the approval of a Development Agreement with Chris Weaver.

### 13. **Peoplerides**

Gritsch moved and Klein seconded to approve up to \$16,200 in the FY23-24 Budget from 20% LOST and instruct staff to apply for any grants that might assist in funding Peoplerides.

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

### 14. **Handicap Parking**

Gritsch moved and Nissly seconded to approve Resolution No. 2022-81 approving a van accessible handicap parking space in the 600 block of Railroad.

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

### 15. **Police Department**

Klein moved and Gritsch seconded to approve equipment upgrades for three police cars up to \$20,000 with the funds coming from Fund 76.

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

### 16. **Grants**

Thies moved and Cutler seconded to direct to apply for the Schiller Grant for updates to park shelters and to develop a community shed with tools to be checked out to assist residents in home projects.

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

b. Cutler moved and Klein seconded to direct staff to look into rail service grants.

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

17. **Sale of Property**

Nissly moved and Cutler seconded to approve Resolution No. 2022-82 approving the sale of 1022 Sherman for \$1.00 to Iowa Falls Community Investment Corporation and to share any profits in the sale of the house, if any, or the City will cover any losses.

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

18. **Closed Session**

Nissly moved and Gritsch 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 pending litigation.

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

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

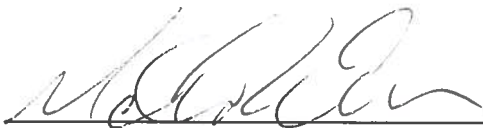
Roll Vote: Klein, Gritsch, Nissly, Cutler and Thies voting aye.


**ADJOURNMENT**

Thies moved and Nissly seconded to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

  
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Micheal R. Emerson, Mayor

  
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Kaci Elkjn, City Clerk