

**CITY OF IOWA FALLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 17, 2023**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Iowa Falls met in regular session on Monday, April 17, 2023 with Mayor Michael R. Emerson presiding over the meeting. Council Members Micah Cutler, Michelle Gritsch, Steve Klein, and Bruce Thies were present. Council Member Roger Nissly was absent. Also present was City Manager Jody Anderson.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Thies moved and Cutler seconded to accept the agenda with the removal of Item #8 Fire Department.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Klein moved and Gritsch seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2023.

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

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS

Gritsch moved and Klein seconded to approve the monthly claims and financials.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Thies moved and Gritsch seconded to approve the following:

1. **Liquor License**

Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Princess Grill & Pizzeria.

2. **CDBG-CV Program**

Payment to Wiggles and Giggles in the amount of \$13,634.36.

3. **Noise Ordinance Variance**

Noise ordinance variance for Saturday, June 10, 2023 at Highland Country Club from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. for a band at the request of Sue Rabe and Jeff Buck.

4. **Scenic City Cruisers Car Show**

Resolution No. 2023-17 closing streets for the Car Show on Labor Day, September 4th.

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

OLD BUSINESS

5. **Palisades East Subdivision**

Cutler moved and Gritsch seconded to approve Resolution No. 2023-18 naming Public Road A in the Palisades East Subdivision Teck Drive.

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

Thies moved and Cutler seconded to approve Resolution No. 2023-19 naming Public Road B in the Palisades East Subdivision Palisades Drive.

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

6. **Ellsworth Estates Benchmark Payments**

Klein moved and Gritsch seconded to approve benchmarks b and c from the real estate contract totaling \$80,000 from 80% LOST funds.

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

NEW BUSINESS

7. **Wastewater Treatment Department**

a. Cutler moved and Gritsch seconded to approve a sewer cleaning maintenance contract with Central Iowa Televising Sewer Solutions.

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

b. Klein moved and Gritsch seconded to approve wastewater plant repairs not to exceed \$100,000 from CIP funds.

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

8. **Fire Department**

This item was removed from the agenda to get additional prices for the purchase of equipment for the ranger with funds coming from 79-Fire Department Burn Fund.

9. **2023 Street Improvements**

Klein moved and Cutler second to go out for bids the 2023 Street Improvements, using funds from Road Use Tax, 80% LOST and the General Fund.

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

10. **Discount Garbage Tag Program**

Cutler moved and Thies seconded to authorize the sale of garbage tags for 50% off the normal cost for a period of two weeks with a maximum of three sheets to be purchased, staff will come up with the dates and put notice in the newspaper and on Facebook.

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

11. **Interstate Power and Light Company Staging Area Lease**

Gritsch moved and Klein seconded to approve the staging area lease with Interstate Power and Light Company.

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

12. **Swimming Pool Pumps**

Gritsch moved and Klein seconded to authorize staff to purchase three pumps for the pool with the funds coming from 80% LOST.

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

13. **Project Funding**

Klein moved and Thies seconded to authorize staff to use the following funding sources: Water Bonds, Wastewater Bonds, GO Bonds, State and Federal Grants, American Rescue Plan Act Funds, Water and Wastewater Cash, sewer Improvement Funds, Local Option Sales Taxes – 80% and 20% as allowed by the referendum, loans from the Revolving Loan Fund and Residential TIF for the following projects: Elk Run Bridge, Palisades Developments, River Road Improvements, Weaver's Cove Well and various test wells, Heritage Estates Development and other City improvement projects.

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

14. **No Parking**

a. Klein moved and Gritsch 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 no parking.

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

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

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

c. Thies moved and Gritsch seconded to approve on third and final reading Ordinance No. 1182 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Iowa Falls, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to no parking.

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

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15. **Police Officers Salary**

Klein moved and Cutler seconded to authorize staff to open the union contract for negotiations.

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

16. **Hotel/Motel Tax Fund Applications**

Thies moved and Cutler seconded to approve the funding requests from: Iowa Falls Chamber/Main Street in the amount of \$1,583.50 from Tourism Funds, Olde Style Masonry in the amount of \$12,000 from Tourism Funds and the Iowa Falls Firefighters Association in the amount of \$25,000 from Tourism Funds and Economic Development Funds.

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

17. **FY2023-2024 Budget**

a. Mayor Emerson opened the public hearing on adopting the FY2023-2024 Budget. There were no oral or written comments. Mayor Emerson closed the public hearing.

b. Thies moved and Klein seconded to approve Resolution No. 2023-20 adopting the FY2023-2024 Budget and certifying taxes.

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

18. **Seatbelt Use**

Cutler moved and Gritsch seconded to approve the Seat Belt Usage Policy.

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

19. **Appointments**

a. Gritsch moved and Klein seconded to approve the reappointment of Diane Meier to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term to expire May of 2028.

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

b. The appointment of a member to the Board of Adjustment for a term to expire May of 2028 was deferred.

20. **Closed Session**

Cutler 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.

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

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


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

ADJOURNMENT

Thies moved and Gritsch seconded to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Michael R. Emerson, Mayor



Kaci Elkin, City Clerk