

**CITY OF IOWA FALLS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 19, 2021**

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 19, 2021 with Mayor Gene Newgaard presiding over the meeting. Council Members Michelle Gritsch, Steve Klein, Roger Nissly, and Bruce Thies were present. Council Member Rob Wohlert was absent. Also present was City Manager Jody Anderson.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gritsch moved and Thies seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2021, Special Meeting of March 29, 2021 and the Special Meeting of April 15, 2021.
Vote: Gritsch, Thies, Nissly and Klein voting aye.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Thies moved and Nissly seconded to approve the following:

1. **Liquor License**

Special Class C Liquor License – Beer & Wine for the Princess Grill & Pizzeria.

2. **Event Requests**

- a. Resolution No. 2021-12 closing the 100 block of Main Street in front of Albrights Bluff on Saturday, July 17, 2021, for a wedding (the tent will be removed on Monday, July 19).
- b. Noise Ordinance variance for the same event.

3. **Parking Space Closure**

Close four parking spaces in front of Copy Systems Incorporated at 418 Washington on June 16, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for a ribbon cutting ceremony and barbeque.

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

OLD BUSINESS

4. Rocksylvania/Pine/Fremont Water and Sewer Improvements

Klein moved and Gritsch seconded to rebid the project in in June.

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

5. River Road Projects

a. Nissly moved and Thies seconded to approve Task Order with FOX Engineering for the well at Weaver's Cove.

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

b. Klein moved and Nissly seconded to approve Task Order with FOX Engineering for River Road Utility & Roadway Improvements.

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

c. Thies moved and Gritsch seconded to approve Task Order with FOX Engineering for Palisade Estates.

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

d. Thies moved and Klein seconded to start the process to issue GO and Revenue bonds for the River Road Projects.

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

6. Pine Street Water Treatment Plant

Klein moved and Gritsch seconded to approve up to \$15,000 for a mechanical seal replacement pump at the Pine Street Water Treatment Plant.

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

7. RAGBRAI

a. Thies moved and Gritsch seconded to approve Resolution No. 2021-13 closing the following streets for the Entertainment/Beverage Garden; north half of Estes from Main to Oak, Rocksylvania from Main to Oak, east half of Main from Estes to Rocksylvania and Stevens from just past the Chamber building to the alley just north of Dollar General and the closure of Washington Avenue from Main to Oak for food and other vendors on Tuesday, July 27.

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

b. Nissly moved and Thies seconded to approve the noise ordinance variance to allow bands downtown for the entertainment and beverage garden on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 until 11:59 p.m.

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

c. Klein moved and Gritsch seconded to authorize the RAGBRAI committee members to use golf carts, UTVs and ATVs on city streets from Monday, July 26 through Wednesday, July 28 to allow for set up, day of usage and clean up from RAGBRAI.
Roll Vote: Klein, Gritsch, Nissly and Thies voting aye.

d. Nissly moved and Thies seconded to approve the Great Iowa Fall Bike Ride September 3,4 and 5th go come to Iowa Falls.
Roll Vote: Nissly, Thies, Klein and Gritsch voting aye.

8. **Fire/EMS Building Addition**

a. City Manager Anderson updated the City Council on the Committees' recommendations

b. Thies moved and Klein seconded to approve the Offer to Purchase Real Estate at 1210 Georgetown Road using 80% LOST funds.
Roll Vote: Thies, Klein, Gritsch and Nissly voting aye.

9. **MetroNet Agreement**

Nissly moved and Klein seconded to approve the letter of agreement with MetroNet.
Roll Vote: Nissly, Klein, Gritsch and Thies voting aye.

10. **Request to Purchase Property**

a. Klein moved and Thies seconded to get the cost for a survey of the property on the portion of property at 1714 River Street.
Roll Vote: Klein, Thies, Nissly and Gritsch voting aye.

b. Nissly moved and Thies seconded to approve Resolution No. 2021-14 tentatively approving the sale of property at 821 Main Street, Iowa Falls, Iowa to Mark and Brenda Stamp in the amount of \$6,500.00 with the stipulations that the City remove the trees marked with an X and that a house be built within 36 months.
Roll Vote: Nissly, Thies, Gritsch and Klein voting aye.

11. **City Hall Buildings**

a. Nissly moved and Klein seconded to retain the old City Hall until after RAGBRAI.
Vote: Nissly, Klein, Gritsch and Thies voting aye.

b. Nissly moved and Thies seconded to get conceptual drawings and add Mayor Jerry Welden's name to the plaque.
Roll Vote: Nissly, Thies, Klein and Gritsch voting aye.

NEW BUSINESS

12. **Streets & Sanitation Department**

a. Nissly moved and Klein seconded to approve the purchase of a brush chipper from Vermeer in the amount of \$45,606.00 with the funds coming out of the FY20-21 CIP instead of the 21-22 CIP.

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

b. Nissly moved and Thies seconded to authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to annually approve the purchase of dumpsters in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

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

c. Staff was directed to look into electric garbage trucks and possible grants and other incentives.

13. **Fitz Riverbend Shelter**

Gritsch moved and Nissly seconded to authorize the Parks & Recreation Board to get a preliminary design for a larger shelter at Fitz Riverbend Park and to use Park Set Aside, Gifts & Memorials and the Bill Riley Trust funds in the amount of \$42,055.72.

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

14. **Political Signs**

Thies moved and Klein seconded to make no changes to the current code in regard to political signs.

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

15. **Hotel/Motel Tax Board**

a. Klein moved and Gritsch seconded to approve the recommendation from the Board to approve the application from Iowa Falls Streetscape Committee in the amount of \$7,000 for the Downtown Seasonal Beautification Projects from Tourism Funds.

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

b. Nissly moved and Thies seconded to approve the recommendation from the Board to approve the application from the Scenic City Civic Foundation in the amount of \$42,500 for RAGBRAI from Tourism Funds.

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

c. Gritsch moved and Klein seconded to approve the recommendation from the Board to approve the application from Greenbelt Area Christian Concert in the amount of \$12,000 for the Free Fall Concert from Tourism Funds.

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

16. **Closed Session**

Thies moved and Nissly 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, Nissly, Klein and Gritsch voting aye.

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

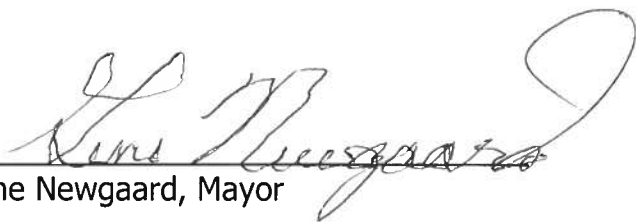
Roll Vote: Nissly, Klein, Gritsch and Thies voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Klein moved and Thies seconded to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.


Gene Newgaard, Mayor


Kaci Elkin, City Clerk