

**CITY OF IOWA FALLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 17, 2021**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Iowa Falls met in regular session with Mayor Gene Newgaard presiding over the meeting. Council Members Michelle Gritsch, Steve Klein, Roger Nissly, Bruce Thies and Rob Wohlert were present. Also present was City Manager Jody Anderson.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Klein moved and Nissly seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2021 and the Special Meeting of May 3, 2021.  
Vote: Klein, Nissly, Gritsch, Thies and Wohlert voting aye.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Nissly moved and Wohlert seconded to approve the following items:

1. **Liquor Licenses**
  - a. Class B Beer Permit for Timbukbru.
  - b. Special Class C Liquor License (Beer/Wine) for the Open Door.
  - c. Class E Liquor License for Casey's at 1223 Oak Street.
  
2. **Street Closure**

Resolution No. 2021-15 closing the 300 block of Park Avenue from Fremont to McKinley on Friday, July 2, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a block party.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

3. **Tobacco Violation**
  - a. A signed agreement on the tobacco violation has been received from Fareway.

b. Klein moved and Gritsch seconded to authorize the Mayor to accept the written judgement.

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

4. **River Wall Stabilization**

Wohlert moved and Nissly seconded to approve Engineering Services Agreement with Shuck-Britson, Inc. for the River Wall Stabilization Project with the funds coming from 80% LOST.

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

5. **Airport Projects**

a. Nissly moved and Klein seconded to approve Pay Request in the amount of \$343,130.44 to Godbersen-Smith Construction Co. for the Construct Parallel Taxiway B Project.

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

b. Thies moved and Wohlert seconded to approve payment to McClure Engineering in the amount of \$31,185.33 for the Construct Parallel Taxiway B Project.

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

c. Wohlert moved and Gritsch seconded to approve Pay Request in the amount of \$68,665.52 to Godbersen-Smith Construction Co. for the Rehabilitate Runway 13/31.

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

d. Klein moved and Gritsch seconded to approve payment to McClure Engineering in the amount of \$14,983.30 for the Rehabilitate Runway 13/31.

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

6. **RAGBRAI**

a. Wohlert moved and Thies seconded to approve a noise ordinance variance for RAGBRAI on Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at Julia O'Neil Park.

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

b. Wohlert moved and Thies seconded to approve a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from 20% LOST funds to help fund RAGBRAI for use as needed.

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

c. Klein moved and Thies seconded to allow the downtown businesses to use the sidewalks for sales and dining during RAGBRAI.

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

d. The Council discussed closing certain streets in the downtown area on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. for a volunteer drive event.

e. Wohlert moved and Gritsch seconded to approve vacating Rocksylvanias from Main to Stevens and Stevens from Rocksylvanias to Estes from 12:00 a.m. on July 27 until 2:00 a.m. on July 28 for the beverage garden.  
Roll Vote: Wohlert, Gritsch, Thies, Klein and Nissly voting aye.

7. **City Property Purchases**

a. Wohlert moved and Klein seconded to approve Resolution No. 2021-16 tentatively approve the sale of a portion of 1714 River Street to Myrlin and Kathy Bartling and to split the cost of a survey of the property to be purchased.  
Roll Vote: Wohlert, Klein, Nissly, Gritsch and Thies voting aye.

b. Mayor Newgaard opened the public hearing on the sale of 821 Main Street to Mark and Brenda Stamp. There were no oral or written comments.

c. Nissly moved and Wohlert seconded to approve Resolution No. 2021-17 approving the sale of property at 821 Main Street, legally described as: North Half (N1/2) of Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block Sixteen (16), North Addition to Iowa Falls, Hardin County, Iowa.  
Roll Vote: Nissly, Wohlert, Klein, Thies and Gritsch voting aye.

**NEW BUSINESS**

8. **Parking on College Avenue**

a. Klein moved and Thies seconded to approve on first reading an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Iowa Falls, Iowa by adding a new Subsection under No Parking Zones and changing the word "west" to "east".  
Roll Vote: Klein, Thies, Gritsch, Nissly and Wohlert voting aye.

b. Wohlert moved and Nissly seconded to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading.  
Roll Vote: Wohlert, Nissly, Klein, Gritsch and Thies voting aye.

c. Thies moved and Gritsch seconded to approve on third and final reading Ordinance No. 1146 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Iowa Falls, Iowa by adding a new Subsection under No Parking Zones.  
Roll Vote: Thies, Gritsch, Klein, Nissly and Wohlert voting aye.

9. **Audit for FY2019-2020**

Wohlert moved and Gritsch seconded to approve the FY2019-2020 Audit.  
Roll Vote: Wohlert, Gritsch, Thies, Klein and Nissly voting aye.

10. **South Drainage Project**

a. Gritsch moved and Wohlert seconded to approve the drainage agreement and payment to George Ioerger for the South Drainage Project.

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

- b. The agreement with Wayne and Lisa Dewey is not finished yet.

11. **Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Klein moved and Thies seconded to approve the purchase of a sludge pump for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Iowa Pump Works in the amount of \$29,929.98 which includes installation of the pump.

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

12. **Solid Waste Collection Ordinance**

a. Discussion in regard to an increase in the fees charged for the permanent use of a dumpster for a single-family residence was removed from the agenda.

b. Klein moved and Nissly seconded to approve first reading an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Iowa Falls, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to collection of solid waste.

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

13. **Tree Ordinance**

Thies moved and Wohlert seconded to approve on first reading an Ordinance of the City of Iowa Falls, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to trees.

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

14. **City Information**

The Council discussed different ways to get information out to the citizens.

15. **Transfers**

a. Nissly moved and Gritsch seconded to authorize transfer of balance of Fund 75 to Fund 79 and close Fund 75 and rename Fund 79 to "Fire Department Burn and Equipment Fund".

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

b. Klein moved and Thies seconded to authorize transfers of \$475,000 from 01 (General Fund) to 54 (LOST) for Ambulance Building, \$106,195.02 from 01 (General Fund) to Fund 37 (GO Capital Projects) for the City Hall project, \$100,000 from 01 (General Fund) to Fund 39 (TIF Capital Projects) and \$335.01 from )1 (General Fund) to 36 (Capital Equipment Fund).

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

16. **City Attorney**

Wohlert moved and Nissly seconded to authorize staff to send out requests for proposals to find a new city attorney.

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

17. **Appointment**

Wohlert moved and Klein seconded to approve the Mayor's appointment of Michelle Gritsch as the alternate representative to Hardin County E-911 Service Board and EMA Commission.

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

18. **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 and Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.c to discuss possible litigation.

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

Wohlert moved and Nissly seconded to go back into open session after taking no action in closed session.

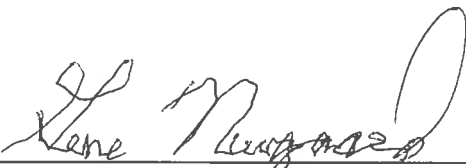
Roll Vote: Wohlert, Nissly, Klein, Gritsch and Thies voting aye.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Wohlert moved and Klein seconded to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

  
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Gene Newgaard, Mayor

  
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Kaci Elkin, City Clerk