

**CITY OF IOWA FALLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2020**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Iowa Falls met in regular session on Monday, January 20, 2020 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**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Nissly moved and Wohlert seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2019 and the Special Meeting of January 16, 2020.  
Vote: Nissly, Wohlert, Thies, Gritsch and Klein voting aye.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Thies moved and Klein seconded to approve the following:

1. **Liquor License**
  - a. Class E Liquor License for Casey's at 904 Washington.
  - b. Class C Beer Permit for Dollar General.
  - c. Class B Native Wine Permit for Becky's Hallmark.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

2. **River Street Bridge**
  - a. Mayor Newgaard opened the public hearing on the proposed Bidding Requirements, Contract Documents and Estimate of Cost of the project. There were no oral or written comment. Mayor Newgaard closed the public hearing.

b. Nissly moved and Gritsch seconded to approve Resolution No. 2020-01 approving Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Opinion of Probable Cost for Public Improvements.

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

c. The bids received were reviewed.

d. Wohlert moved and Thies seconded to approve Resolution No. 2020-02 awarding Contract for Public Improvements, authorizing execution of the Contract and authorizing execution of Notice to Proceed to Jasper Construction Services, Inc. of Newton, Iowa, in the amount of \$558,502.50 with the funds coming from bond funds.

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

3. **River Oaks Neighborhood Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining Project**

Gritsch moved and Klein seconded to approve setting the bid date for February 10, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the office of the City Manager, 315 Stevens Street, Iowa Falls, Iowa for the River Oaks Neighborhood Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining Project and scheduling a public hearing on the proposed Bidding Requirements, Contract Documents and Estimate of Cost of the project for the February 18, 2020 City Council Meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Barlow Memorial Library Community Meeting Room, 921 Washington Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa.

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

4. **Union Street Water Main Project**

a. Wohlert moved and Gritsch seconded to approve Change Order #8 in the amount of a \$65,097.95 decrease.

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

b. Klein moved and Thies seconded to approve Progress Payment #6 in the amount of \$8,879.68 to Gehrke Inc.

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

5. **South Iowa Falls Intersection & Roadway Improvement Projects**

Nissly moved and Gritsch seconded to approve Final Design and Bidding Task Order with FOX Engineering.

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

6. **Rocksylvania Avenue Water Main Improvements**

Klein moved and Gritsch seconded to approve Progress Payment No. 1 from Synergy Contracting in the amount of \$122,675.64.

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

7. **Iowa Falls Water/Wastewater Facilities Flood Mitigation**

Nissly moved and Thies seconded to approve the Preliminary Study Task Order with FOX Engineering.

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

8. **Airport**

Nissly moved and Klein seconded to approve the Federal Aviation Administration Five Year Capital Improvement Program.

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

9. **City Hall Building Project**

a. Gritsch moved and Nissly seconded to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$40,594.28 to reroute electrical power to sign and landfill disposal of existing soil with debris.

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

b. Klein moved and Thies seconded to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$17,545.00 for landfill disposal of existing fill with debris.

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

c. Thies moved and Gritsch seconded to approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$3,743.50 for a change to keypad for door and removal and disposal of unsuitable fill.

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

10. **Street Vacation and Sale**

a. Nissly moved and Klein seconded to approve Resolution No. 2020-03 tentatively approving the sale of a portion of Grant Street from Hamilton Street to Bluff Street and a portion of street right of way on East Main between Hamilton Street and Commercial Street to Dave Krogh for a total purchase price of \$800.

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

b. Thies moved and Nissly seconded to set the date for a public hearing on the vacation and sale of Grant Street from Hamilton Street to Bluff Street and a portion of street right of way on East Main between Hamilton Street and Commercial Street for Dave Krogh with a total purchase price of \$800 for the regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

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

11. **Street Program**

Klein moved and Thies seconded to authorize staff to go out for bids on the proposed 2020 Street Program as presented.

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

12. **Speed Limit Revisions**

a. Thies moved and Klein 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 special speed restrictions.

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

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

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

c. Thies moved and Wohlert seconded to approve on third and final reading Ordinance No. 1139 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Iowa Falls, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to special speed restrictions.

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

13. **346 Sarah**

The Council discussed how to proceed with marketing the lot. It was agreed upon to offer a \$10,000 incentive through the community housing program funds and set the starting bid at \$15,000, accept sealed bids with bidders able to increase their bids after bids are opened.

14. **Library Roofing Project**

Nissly moved and Wohlert seconded to table the item and request that the architect come a future meeting.

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

15. **Motorola Agreement**

There was no new information on the agreement.

16. **South Drainage Project**

The item was moved to closed session.

**NEW BUSINESS**

17. **Utility Bill**

Nissly moved and Gritsch seconded to bill at normal rates to 10,000 and use the catastrophic rates for the remainder of the utility bill for GO Enterprises, LLC at 709 ½ Main Street.

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

18. **Hotel/Motel Tax Applications**

a. Klein moved and Nissly seconded to approve the funding request from Iowa Falls Chamber/Main Street Business Improvement Committee and Design Committee in the amount of \$10,000 for Project Facelift with ½ of the funds coming from Tourism and ½ coming from Economic Development.

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

b. Gritsch moved and Nissly seconded to approve the funding request from Ellsworth College Foundation and Iowa Falls Chamber Main Street in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Faith & Four-Letter Words – Speaking Event with the funds coming from Tourism funds.

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

c. Thies moved and Wohlert seconded to approve the funding request from Iowa Falls Chamber/Main Street Tourism Committee in the amount of \$20,000 for Fall in Love with Iowa Falls 2020 with the funds coming from Tourism funds.

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

d. Wohlert moved and Nissly seconded to approve the funding request from Iowa Falls Streetscape Committee in the amount of \$7,000 for downtown seasonal beautification projects with the funds coming from Tourism funds.

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

e. Nissly moved and Thies seconded to approve the funding request from Iowa Falls Area Development Corporation in the amount of \$30,000 for 2020 IFADC Marketing Plan with the funds coming from Economic Development Funds.

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

f. Nissly moved and Klein seconded to approve the re-appointment of Diane Meier and Larry Johnson to the Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Board for terms to expire February of 2023.

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

19. **Collective Bargaining**

Approval of the Iowa Falls Police Department Collective Bargaining Unit No. 1 was tabled.

20. **2020 Census**

Nissly moved and Klein seconded to authorize not to exceed \$5,000 for Mayor's Correct Count Committee for the Census with the funds coming from 20% LOST funds.

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

21. **Closed Session**

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

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

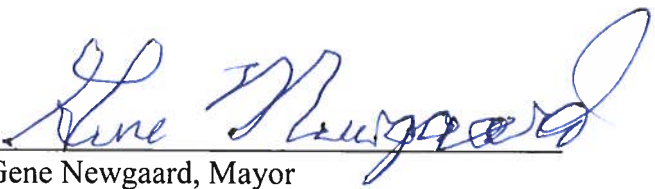
Roll Vote: Gritsch, Wohlert, Thies, Nissly and Klein voting aye.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Wohlert moved and Klein seconded to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

  
Gene Newgaard, Mayor

  
Kaci Elkin, City Clerk