

September 14, 2020  
City Council Meeting Minutes

The September 14, 2020 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Staner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then Delaney, Rausch, Hosch, Kelchen and Knepper answered roll call.

A motion was made by Kelchen, second by Delaney to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Shirley McDermott addressed the Council. She commented that the pickle ball court is great. She also agrees that the finances need to be reviewed and monitored. She was also wondering when the UTV ordinance will be reviewed again. It was just reviewed last year.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 08/24/20 and 08/26/20, Library Board minutes 09/01/20, Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, September claims for payment and August financial reports, fund balances and revenue by funds as follows: General \$51,820.76, Special Revenues \$50,200.32, Debt Service \$548.46, and Enterprise \$102,871.82. Motion by Rausch, second by Kelchen to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the property at 404 Johnson Street NW and the request to place a concrete pad for parking a car on the city alley abutting the property. The property owner has parked her car on the alley for several years. Motion by Hosch, second by Delaney to approve the concrete pad on the city alley. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed trick or treating in Cascade. The Cascade Fire Department is not holding their annual Halloween dance this year due to COVID-19, but instead having a fire truck parade at 6:30pm on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Trick or treating would need to be earlier so people would be able to watch the parade. Linda Hoffmann addressed the Council and had done an informal survey on her personal Facebook page and 79 people said yes to holding trick or treating and 2 people said no. The Council would like to see how the COVID cases are closer to Halloween before a decision is made. Motion by Delaney, second by Kelchen to table this discussion until October 12. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the *2<sup>nd</sup> Reading* of **Ordinance #05-20**, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade, Iowa, by Vacating Lot 1A Block 2 of Oak Hill in the City of Cascade, Iowa. The water and sewer lines will be looped with the city main. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve the *2<sup>nd</sup> Reading* of **Ordinance #05-20**. Motion carried 3-2, with Hosch and Knepper voting no.

Council reviewed the *3<sup>rd</sup> Reading* of **Ordinance #03-20**, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 55, Animal Protection and Control of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade, Iowa. There was some discussion regarding the change. Additional breeds of pit bulls are being added to the Code so there is clarity with what exactly is prohibited in the City of Cascade. Motion by Delaney, second by Kelchen to approve the *3<sup>rd</sup> Reading* of **Ordinance #03-20**. Motion passed 4-1 by roll call vote, with Hosch voting no.

Council reviewed **Resolution #51-20**, Resolution Setting the Date for a Public Hearing on a Proposal to Enter into a Water Revenue Refunding Loan Agreement and to Borrow Money Thereunder in a Principal Amount not to Exceed \$700,000 and Authorizing Call of Outstanding Bonds. The City is getting a great rate on refunding of 1.89% and it is costing the City \$14,027 for the refunding, but still providing a savings over the life of the refunding of \$46,360.28. Motion by Delaney, second by Knepper to approve **Resolution #51-20**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed *2<sup>nd</sup> Reading* of **Ordinance #04-20**, An Ordinance Deleting Property from the Tax Increment Financing District for the Cascade Urban Renewal Area of the City of Cascade, Iowa, Pursuant to Section

403.19 of the Code of Iowa. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and waived the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of **Ordinance #04-20**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #49-20**, Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 20 City Street Financial Report for Submission to the Iowa Department of Transportation. Motion by Rausch, second by Hosch to approve **Resolution #49-20**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #50-20**, Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Enter into an Agreement for Temporary Construction Easements for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE Water Main Project. The easements are for Ben McDermott and Phil & Jes Lehman. Motion by Delaney, second by Hosch to approve **Resolution #50-20**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of **Ordinance #06-20**, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 81 Operation of Golf Carts of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade, Iowa. This is just adding a sentence providing for an exception to operating golf carts on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue where it is 35 mph. Motion by Delaney, second by Hosch to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of **Ordinance #06-20**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of **Ordinance #07-20**, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade, Iowa, by Amending Provisions Pertaining to General Requirements for Subdivision Regulations. This makes the requirements for cul-de-sacs larger. Motion by Delaney, second by Kelchen to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of **Ordinance #07-20**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #52-20** Annual Disbursement of Incremental Property Tax Revenue Rebate for 2021 Fiscal Year. This is for Premium Plant Services for \$14,478.50. Motion by Rausch, second by Knepper to approve **Resolution #52-20**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. Police Chief Heim informed the City Council about a UTV fundraising ride coming through Cascade this Saturday. Parking will be allowed in the City Hall parking lot and on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue since it only for a short time. The City Administrator provided a report containing information that the levee project has finally been awarded to ARS Aleut Remediation, LLC, a company from Port Allen, LA. Also, public works has been working on GIS when time permits, street and alley patches have been done, the water line along Fillmore Street will be done this week and the alley behind City Hall will be done as soon as the pipe gets in and the project can be scheduled. The Iowa COVID-19 Reimbursement Program paperwork has been submitted and it is estimated that the City will get \$15,991. A Census reminder that if you have not filled out the 2020 Census form please do so since it affects our funding for 10 years. Census takers are out going door-to-door in Cascade. Remind your friends and family about completing the Census form. There will be a public assistance event regarding completing the Census form Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5-6pm at the Cascade Library. Computers will be available to the public to use to complete the Census 2020 form.

The Mayor talked to the City Council and addressed the public about the discussion by the Dubuque County Supervisors regarding the proposed mask mandate. The Dubuque County Mayors all discussed this and they are in favor of mask wearing, but won't support a mask mandate since it is unenforceable and when would it end. Mayor Staner said he strongly encourages mask wearing in Cascade especially with the number of cases we have.

With no other business, Delaney moved and Rausch seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:46p.m. Motion carried.