

February 8, 2021
City Council Meeting Minutes

The February 8, 2021 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 Rausch to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

No speakers addressed the Council.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 01/25/21, Park Board minutes 02/01/21, Personnel Committee minutes 02/01/21, Library Board Special Meeting minutes 01/19/21, Liquor License Renewal for Dollar General, February Claims for Payment, and January Financial Reports, Fund Balances and Revenues by Fund as follows: General \$54,134.34; Special Revenues \$69,771; Debt Service \$1,074.32; Enterprise \$90,811.83. Motion by Delaney, second by Hosch to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Council again reviewed **Resolution #06-21**, Resolution Approving a Final Plat of Survey of Oak Hill No. 16 in the City of Cascade, Iowa. Council received the storm water calculations for this area and information regarding the street, water and sewer that was approved back in 2016. There was still some concern over the storm water. Mike Beck was present to address any questions. Motion by Hosch, second by Knepper to consult with our engineer or attorney to see if the stormwater plan is legit. Motion failed 2-3, with Rausch, Kelchen and Delaney voting no. Following additional discussion, motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve **Resolution #06-21**. Motion carried 3-2 with Hosch and Knepper voting no.

The Mayor announced it was time for the Proposed Maximum Property Tax Levy public hearing. Motion by Rausch, second by Kelchen to open the public hearing at 6:18pm. Motion carried unanimously. Teri Wollenberg, Cascade, had some questions. She wanted to know why we are doing the maximum amount for taxes. It was explained to her that the title is Maximum Property Tax Levy, but that the City of Cascade is only doing the allowed 2% for the affected levies. If the City took the amount that the valuation allowed, the levy amount would be over 3%. The overall levy amount is slightly reduced from last year. Ms. Wollenberg commented that the County is raising the taxes and so are we. With nothing further, motion by Knepper, second by Rausch to close the public hearing at 6:27pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #08-21**, Resolution Approving the Total Maximum Property Tax Dollars for FY 2022. The maximum property tax dollars for the affected levies are equal to 2% from last fiscal years amounts. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to approve **Resolution #08-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #09-21**, Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Date for March 22, 2021 to Approve the FY 2022 Annual Budget. Shirley McDermott addressed the City Council. During a pandemic, we should consider making cuts. The City did not do things that were budgeted last year since we were watching our budget due to the pandemic. We plan on concentrating on infrastructure. Motion by Knepper, second by Delaney to approve **Resolution #09-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #10-21**, Resolution Approving Pay Application No. 13 for Final Retainage for the Cascade Municipal Swimming Pool Project with Ricchio, Inc. in the City of Cascade, Iowa. This final payment is for \$8,459. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to approve **Resolution #10-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #11-21**, Resolution Approving Pay Application No. 8 for Final Retainage for the Cascade Municipal Swimming Pool Project with Beck Construction in the City of Cascade, Iowa. This final

payment is for \$54,457.83. Motion by Delaney, second by Kelchen to approve **Resolution #11-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed a quote for a 2021 Ford Police Interceptor. It was discussed that we should get a competitive bid for a Dodge Charger and for a pickup. This will get relayed to the Police Chief. Motion by Knepper, second by Delaney to table and have the Police Chief get a quote for a truck also. Motion passes 4-1, with Kelchen voting no.

The City Administrator did the preapplication for the Community Catalyst Grant for 221 1st Ave W. The City has been asked to submit the final application. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to complete and submit the final application for the Community Catalyst grant for 221 1st Ave W. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed placing a canoe exit area north of the bridge. It will be in the area that will be getting repaired for the levee project. We just need to get cattle panels and identify the exact location prior to the levee project in this area and they will not lay rip rap there. Motion by Knepper, second by Delaney to approve the canoe exit and to work with Army Corps on this for the levee project. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the Downtown Façade Renovation Reimbursement for JPM Rentals, LLC. The reimbursement is to be for the façade or front of the building. There was some discussion whether a corner building should be able to include the side that abuts the other street. Motion by Kelchen, second by Knepper to table this and have the property owner identify the cost for the front of the building only. Motion passes unanimously.

Council reviewed the Downtown Façade Renovation Reimbursement for AHECO Holdings, LLC. The entire invoice and reimbursement request is for the front or façade of the building. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to approve the reimbursement for AHECO Holdings, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the Downtown Façade Renovation Reimbursement for Lyons Service Center Towing & Recovery. Again, the front of the building cost needs to be identified before a reimbursement will get approved. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to table until we receive what the cost is for the front only. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the Downtown Façade Renovation Reimbursement for J. Salon & Spa. The reimbursement grant is for façade repairs only and this is a one-time only reimbursement. Motion by Rausch, second by Kelchen to table until we know what amount is for the front of the building. Motion carried unanimously.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The City Administrator provided information to the Council on the levee project. Mobilization is set to start at the end of February with stockpiling rip rap to begin mid-March. There will be a council work session, Monday, February 15th beginning at 5pm. The ACH module has been set up in accounts payable. We were not awarded the DRA grant for the intersection stop light improvements.

Councilmember Knepper wanted to pass along that public works is doing an awesome job on snow removal and the condition of the streets. The rest of the Council and Mayor agreed that they are doing a great job with all the snow we have received.

With no other business, Kelchen moved and Delaney seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:19p.m. Motion carried.