

June 10, 2019
City Council Meeting Minutes

The June 10, 2019 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Staner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then Hosch, Kelchen, Rausch and Knepper answered roll call. Delaney was absent.

A motion was made by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve the agenda with moving Item 9 down between Item 14 and 15 since the engineer was coming late. Motion carried unanimously.

No speakers addressed the City Council.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 05/28/19, Street Committee minutes 06/06/19, Park Board minutes 06/03/19, Library Board minutes 06/04/19, Liquor License Renewal for Bent Rim, Cigarette and Tobacco License for Casey's, Dollar General, Lyons Service Center and McDermott Oil for the year ending June 30, 2020, June claims for payment and May financial reports and fund balances and revenue by fund as follows: General \$132,925.98, Special Revenues \$56,817.39, Debt Service \$1,987.71, Enterprise \$87,756.84 and MSA Project Update for June 2019. Motion by Rausch, second by Hosch to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan McDonald from Greater Dubuque was present to present their new campaign of Big Life, Small City. They want us to push this out on our social media as well. It is showing that people are wanting to move to smaller cities because they have a great quality of life. Cascade is doing great and we should keep doing what we are doing.

The Library Director addressed the City Council about the Library Board eliminating charging fines for overdue books. Other libraries are doing the same thing. This doesn't amount to much money. In 2016 \$501, 2017 \$363.10 and for part of 2018 \$104.95. They do make phone calls and send letters when books are not returned. Since eliminating the fines there really hasn't been an increase in the need to call or send letters to get items returned. This should be checked in the fall again to double check. Motion by Rausch, second by Knepper to go with the decision of the library board on eliminating fines. Motion carried unanimously.

We received a cost estimate on blacktopping the public parking lot. This would include adding some spots on Buchanan Street near 1st Ave. This cost would be between \$17,000 and \$25,000 depending on how much we did. It was mentioned that we could add some planters and dress up the parking lot. The alley behind the bakery needs some attention. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to table this discussion until the first meeting in September. Motion carried unanimously.

It was now time for the public hearing on the proposed development agreement with Cheryl and Joel Wood. Motion by Rausch, second by Kelchen to open the public hearing at 6:35pm. Motion carried unanimously. The Mayor asked for any comments from the public. The City Administrator gave a brief overview of the agreement. With no comments from the public, motion by Kelchen, second by Hosch to close the public hearing at 6:38pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #36-19**, Resolution Approving Development Agreement with Cheryl and Joel Wood, Authorizing Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments and Pledging Certain Tax Increment Revenues to the Payment of the Agreement. Motion by Hosch, second by Knepper to approve **Resolution #36-19**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council revisited the placement of a stop sign at the intersection of 4th Ave SE and Dillon Street SE. According to the Police Chief he would recommend that we keep the stop sign in place. The majority of people are in favor of the stop sign being at the intersection. Motion by Rausch, second by Kelchen to keep the stop sign in place. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #06-19, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade, Iowa by Amending the Charges. This would increase the garbage rates for residential \$1.00 per month, commercial totes \$1.00 per month and dumpsters to \$4.31 per yard. The rates for garbage have not increased since 2016. The increase is just to cover our increased costs. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #06-19. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Council reviewed the proposed design and conceptual opinion of cost regarding the alley drainage between Polk Street SE and Tyler Street SE. Jake Deaver from MSA was present to go over the design with the City Council. Water ponds in the alley especially following a rain or in the spring when the snow is melting. This has been an issue for quite a long time. Jake in his design is suggesting placing an intake in the alley and running 300' of pipe to 1st Avenue to get to the nearest storm drain. The construction estimate is \$30,600. Wayne & Karen Menster who is directly affected by the ponding of water in the alley were present. They are just concerned about whatever gets done doesn't put more water onto their property. During the discussion, it was suggested that we try doing a French drain. This essentially is drilling 4 deep holes in the area where the intake would be and filling the holes with clean rock. Motion by Knepper, second by Hosch to dig a French drain with digging 4 holes as deep as we can and backfilling with clean stone. Motion carried unanimously.

Council then discussed Tyler Street SE south of 5th Ave SE. Some options have been looked at and was discussed at the last street committee meeting. Included in the discussion was bringing the street grade up, putting in curb and gutter and then seal coating the street. Pat Finn who owns property on the East side of this street was present. He said the grade is fine, just seal coat it and be done. We have some cost estimates for curb and gutter on one side and an estimate on bringing the elevation up. After some discussion, motion by Knepper, second by Hosch to get the estimate for a double seal coat and fill to bring street up to grade. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the 1st Reading of Ordinance #07-19, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade, Iowa, by Amending the Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchant Code. This will add some specific requirements for food trucks. The question was raised if a food truck attending an event, like at the park would be excluded from getting a permit. The City Administrator thought so but will double check on this. Motion by Knepper, second by Rausch to table until we know about the exclusions. Motion passes unanimously.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. In the City Administrator's report there was information about CEDC getting awarded the DRA grant for wayfinding signs. The tennis court project will be delayed until next spring due to the paint contractor being scheduled out till fall. Advanced Traffic Control who will be doing the 1st Avenue striping project hopefully will be here before the 4th of July. The CAT review board meeting is Wednesday, June 12th in Des Moines. The ROW grading and seeding near Cascade Lumber will get done when it stops raining so much. The footings for the concrete sludge storage building have been poured. This project is delayed due to the rain. The columns in front of City Hall will be getting repaired this summer.

Flag visibility on UTVs was discussed. They need to be visible from the back and front while driving down the road.

With no other business, Hosch moved and Kelchen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:29p.m. Motion carried.