

July 26, 2021
City Council Meeting Minutes

The July 26, 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 Delaney, second by Knepper to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

No speakers addressed the City Council.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 07/12/21, Park Board minutes 07/13/21, Cascade Municipal Utilities minutes 07/19/21, liquor licenses for Butch & Frankie's Home Goods LLC, Bent Rim, American Legion Post #528, Lyons Service Center and The Corner Tap Room. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Two Gingers is requesting to close 1st Ave W from Lincoln Street to Buchanan Street on 9/18/21 for Ride for Kids. The street may be closed sometime between 11:30am – 2:30pm. The street probably will only be closed for 1 hour. Motion by Rausch, second by Kelchen to approve closing 1st Ave W from Lincoln St. to Buchanan St. on 9/18/21 for the Ride for Kids. Motion carried unanimously.

Two Gingers is requesting to close 1st Ave W from Lincoln Street to Buchanan Street on 8/29/21 for a benefit ride for UI Children's Hospital. The street may be closed sometime between 3:30-5:30pm. Motion by Delaney, second by Kelchen to approve closing 1st Ave W from Lincoln St to Buchanan St on 8/29/21 for the UI Children's Hospital benefit. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the 1st draft of the gazebo at Riverview Park again and also looked at possible costs for adding a cantilevered deck or just a concrete deck on the east side of the gazebo. Jake Deaver from MSA was present. Jake provided a sample cantilevered deck from another city and it was very expensive. It was proposed to just do a 6' 8" thick concrete off the back of the gazebo but cantilever it. Jake said that engineering would need to get done including geo tech to look at the foundation. It was also discussed to simply add a deck on the back and anchor it to the gazebo, using the existing concrete. It was also discussed moving the gazebo further into the park by 5' and just adding a concrete area. This will need to be reviewed to see if we alter the view of the amphitheater from the bridge. The Army Corps will be contacted to discuss a review of the current gazebo and to discuss proposed project. Cascade Lumber will be contacted with the changes we would like to see so far with the project to get a 2nd draft. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to move ahead with the plans as discussed and reach out to the Army Corps on the idea of a cantilevered deck. Motion carried unanimously. Also, we have received 4 requests to donate to the gazebo project. The City Council is ok with opening this up to the public if anyone would like to give a donation in memory of someone or just want to donate.

Council reviewed the proposed stormwater ordinance. There is a lot of information contained in this that no one really understands. There are important elements of it that we would like to incorporate into our existing ordinance. Specifically changing that anything 1 acre or more needs to have a stormwater management plan, add erosion control information and review definitions that should be added. The inspection element might want to be included also so that we are reviewing what contractors have stated they were doing. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to add items to our existing stormwater ordinance including annual inspections, erosion control, 1 acre or more needs stormwater management plan and look at definitions and then bring it back to council. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed pricing for vacated streets/alleys. When streets and alleys get vacated the city has not paid taxes on them, didn't maintain them and didn't pay for them, but yet we want to charge the people buying them. It would be understandable to have the purchaser pay for legal and recording fees and surveying if needed. Many ideas were discussed. One idea was to review the assessed values of adjoining lots to determine the value

of the street or alley being vacated. Council would like to think about this more. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to table until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The river wall on the east side of the river just down from the bridge is showing signs of deterioration. Letters requesting ideas to repair were sent out to 5 contractors. One quote was received. Ned Herrig Masonry provided a quote for \$29,500 to tuck point wall, pour concrete behind the wall to stop water from eroding the wall and to mitigate and repair/stabilize the wall. He also provided a quote for \$6,500 to place a cap on the wall top to prevent further erosion and water from getting behind the wall and extend the life of the wall. Something definitely needs to be done. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to go ahead with the quote from Ned Herrig Masonry for both jobs. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed a Business Incentive application from Cascade Lumber. They are wanting to construct a large warehouse to house flooring and that is climate controlled. The project would be over \$200,000 and they would be eligible for a \$20,000 incentive payable over 5 years. Motion by Rausch, second by Kelchen to approve the business incentive for Cascade Lumber. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #40-21**, Resolution Approving Entering into Contract for Auditing Services with BerganKDV. This would cover auditing services for the next 3 years. This covers auditing for the City of Cascade and Cascade Municipal Utilities. We have been using BerganKDV since 2016. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to approve **Resolution #40-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed the *1st Reading* of Ordinance #05-21, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 165, Schedules of District Regulations of the Code of Zoning Ordinances for the City of Cascade, Iowa. This had been brought before council before but the exact setbacks were not included. This would provide smaller setbacks for lots 80' and smaller. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to approve the *1st Reading* of **Ordinance #05-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The Police Chief reminded everyone about Crime Night Out next Tuesday, August 3rd at 6pm at the Riverview Park. The City Administrator reminded the Mayor and Council that Crime Night Out is Tuesday, August 3rd and that they always pass out the free hot dogs. The 2nd Ave Water Main Project will be done mid-August and the pre-construction meeting will be held August 6th. Reminder to the public that anything that is placed in the ground needs to have Iowa One Call done prior to digging. The Blue Spruce tree in Riverview Park should be down and the new tree will be coming soon. Seal coating was done last week. The amount the City will be receiving from the American Rescue Plan increased to \$347,076.11 and our first installment should be here by mid-August in the amount of \$173,538. Tom Storey from the DOT is looking into what the district office thinks about moving the Business 151 signs. Maquoketa Valley electric lines can go in the ROW. The Chamber golf outing is next Thursday, August 5th starting at 5:30pm with a 4-person best shot. We get this free of charge with our membership.

With no other business, Kelchen moved and Rausch seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:45p.m. Motion carried.

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Greg Staner, Mayor