

October 11, 2021
City Council Meeting Minutes

The October 11, 2021 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Staner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then Hosch, Kelchen, Knepper, Delaney and Rausch answered roll call.

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

Shirley Keyron McDermott addressed the City Council regarding if property owners abutting the river wall that was repaired were asked to help pay for this. The City owns the wall so of course they weren't asked to contribute. She mentioned something about a private citizen who was asked by the City to help pay for a sidewalk. She made a comment about the sidewalk ordinance passing the maintenance responsibility to the property owners was illegal.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 09/27/21, Park Board minutes 10/4/21, Cascade Municipal Utilities Board minutes 08/11/21 & 09/08/21, October claims for payment and September financial reports, fund balances and revenue by fund as follows: General \$156,670.33; Special Revenues \$92,340.08; Debt Service \$7,513.67; and Enterprise \$105,100.44. Motion by Hosch, second by Delaney to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Matt Pivit and Raymond Prevatt from Republic Services were present to discuss the possibility of moving the garbage and recycling off the alleys since it is ruining our alleys. If there are property owners who currently set their garbage in the alley that can't take their totes to the street side of their property, the garbage haulers will walk down the alley instead of driving the truck down the alley. They would, as well as the City prefer the garbage trucks off the alley. It will be on a case-by-case basis for those who can't take it out front. Republic will handle notification and talking with affected property owners. Matt also wanted to thank the citizens of Cascade for their patience since 2020 with the challenge of keeping employees and moving to the automated trucks. With the automated trucks it is preferred to place them in the driveways and one on each side on recycling weeks. Motion by Hosch, second by Rausch to start the process to move garbage and recycling pickup to the front of houses and handle any special circumstances on a case-by-case basis. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #52-21**, Resolution Approving Pay Application No. 1 for the 2nd Ave SE Water Main System Improvement Project in the amount of \$112,482.90 in the City of Cascade, Iowa. Jake Deaver from MSA was present to provide a quick overview of the project to date. The fire hydrant at Madison and 2nd Ave SE will be relocated to the north side of 2nd Ave at no cost to the city. The project should be wrapping up in the next couple of weeks. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to approve **Resolution #52-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Jake Deaver from MSA was present to provide an estimated cost to put together a conceptual engineering for the parking lot area next to the river. This would include concept to improve the parking lot, trail extension from the existing Coohey trail to 1st Ave, picnic area along the river with a shade structure and landscaping. The estimated cost is \$2,500. The City has applied for a Community Connection grant and the organization would be more willing to provide funding for an actual project so once we have our project designed, we will take it back to them. There are also additional grant opportunities for recreational projects. MSA will start the concept then Council will hold a work session and gather feedback from the public. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to have Jake put the 1st concept and cost together then have a work session. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #48-21**, Annual Disbursement of Incremental Property Tax Revenue Rebate for Callahan Construction for River Bend Retirement Comm for 2022 Fiscal Year. This rebate is for \$19,345.60. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve **Resolution #48-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #49-21**, Annual Disbursement of Incremental Property Tax Revenue Rebate for Premium Plant Services for 2022 Fiscal Year. The rebate amount is \$7,239.25. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to approve **Resolution #49-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #50-21**, Annual Disbursement of Incremental Property Tax Revenue Rebate for McDermott Oil for 2022 Fiscal Year. The rebate amount is \$7,049.53. Motion by Delaney, second by Kelchen to approve **Resolution #50-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #51-21**, Resolution Proposing Conveyance of Real Property. This will set the date of the public hearing to convey property to Eastern Iowa Excavating on Nixon Street to November 8th at 6:00pm. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to approve **Resolution #51-21**. Motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmember Hosch thinks we set a bad precedent at the last meeting when we agreed on a price for this vacated land. We had just passed a policy on pricing for vacated land and then we deviated from that. The deviation was to be based on any irregularities with the area being vacated. Pricing for these lots need to be fair.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The Police Chief had his regular monthly report for Council. The City Administrator let the Council know that the fire hydrant for the 2nd Ave SE water main project will be moved to the north side of 2nd Ave since it is a better location, dirt along the Coohy Trail will get done this week, there will also be a Heart & Soul event on Wednesday, October 20th from 6-8pm. If more than 3 council people plan on attending, I will need to post as a meeting.

We need to address rock in the alley behind the bakery following the rain event. We need to review blowouts in the street on Industrial Street and 1st Ave E. Also, we need to develop procedures when a street or alley gets excavated. Also, Councilmember Kelchen asked that a Council member who made a comment to a private citizen apologize since Kelchen and Rausch were wrongly accused.

With no other business, Hosch moved and Rausch seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:47p.m. Motion carried.

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Greg Staner, Mayor