

October 25, 2021
City Council Meeting Minutes

The October 25, 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 Kelchen, second by Delaney to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

No speakers addressed the City Council.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 10/11/21, Library Board minutes 10/5/21, Planning & Zoning minutes 10/21/21, Cascade Municipal Utilities Board minutes 10/13/21, Cascade Economic Development Corporation minutes 09/22/21. Motion by Rausch, second by Hosch to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried.

S. Keyron McDermott wanted to address the Council on a proposed ordinance. She is proposing Council consider adopting an ordinance that would not allow a business, group or organization from receiving any TIF dollars, façade reimbursement or any present or future program or action offered by the City of Cascade as long as there is any kind of dispute or unresolved issue with the City. Once the organization is in compliance then the request could move forward. Terri Wollenberg also addressed the City Council and is in agreement with Ms. McDermott on this proposal. John Noonan had some questions on how TIF funding works so this was explained. This will be reviewed in January when a new Mayor takes over.

It was now time to hold the public hearing on the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance: C-1, Highway Commercial District to M-1, Light Industrial District for Lots 309 & 310 or 900 1st Ave E. Motion by Knepper, second by Delaney to open the public hearing at 6:18pm. Motion carried unanimously. The City Administrator gave a brief overview of the reason for the zoning change request. The lots have been for sale and a prospective new owner wants the zoning to be the same as the lots abutting these lots. Planning & Zoning approved the zoning change at their meeting held on October 21. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to close the public hearing at 6:20pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the *1st Reading of Ordinance #08-21*, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade, Iowa, by Rezoning Lots 309 & 310 Union Add to East Cascade from Current Zoning District Classification C-1, Highway Commercial to M-1, Light Industrial District in the City of Cascade, Iowa. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to approve the *1st Reading of Ordinance #08-21*. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed the *1st Reading of Ordinance #07-21*, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade, Iowa by Amending Chapter 168, Storm Water Management. The changes that had been discussed at the last meeting were written into this copy of the ordinance. Terri Wollenberg, 500 Polk Street SE, addressed the City Council on this ordinance. She commented that 20% green space may not be adequate for Cascade. Decorah currently has 40% greenspace. It should state in the ordinance that the storm water management plan must be done by a certified engineering firm. A better definition of development, which may include size requirements should also be included. Also, she questioned who calculates the 20% greenspace and is it being done accurately. Why is some development not catching stormwater in their green space? Since it seems like their needs to be additional review on definitions and some recommendations by concerned citizens, motion by Kelchen, second by Knepper to table this to review definitions and citizen's recommendations until the 1st meeting in January when a new Mayor can address. Motion carried unanimously.

City Council reviewed the renewal quote for the City employee's health insurance. The current renewal is decreasing 21.6%. The current single premium is \$646.75 and will be decreasing to \$506.98. The current family premium is \$1456.38 and will be decreasing to \$1141.62. The city pays 90% of each premium and the

employees pay 10% of the premium. This was welcome information. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to approve the renewal of the current health insurance plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The Police Chief let Council know the new squad is in our possession and the graphics have been done, but still waiting on the cage and lights to be installed, hopefully in November. The City Administrator let the Council know that our annual audit is being conducted this week, there is an IAMU safety renewal meeting in Altoona on Thursday, October 28th and so she will be out of town. The areas on Industrial Street SE and 1st Ave that need addressed will get taken care of following winter. The dirt on the trail will be getting done next week. Also, the TIF revenue is reconciled and the difference in the amount requested to received comes from the reconciliation done and the valuation of the increment. It was suggested to bid the project out for Industrial and 1st Ave this winter.

With no other business, Hosch moved and Delaney seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:08p.m. Motion carried.

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Greg Staner, Mayor