

September 27, 2021
City Council Meeting Minutes

The September 27, 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 Hosch to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

No speakers addressed the City Council.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 09/13/21, Library Board minutes 09/8/21, Cascade Economic Development Corporation minutes 08/25/21, Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2020-2021, Annual Urban Renewal Report for FY21 and Annual City Street Finance Report for FY21. Motion by Delaney, second by Kelchen to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried.

The Cascade Cycling Club was present to present a check to the City for upgrading the Coohy Trail to an asphalt trail. Terry Frasher addressed the City Council and thanked the city for doing this and asked that we consider extending our other existing trails. The check presented was in the amount of \$13,823.80. The Cycling Club's only request is that we place 2 benches along the trail with plaques from the Cycling Club. Present from the Cascade Cycling Club included John and Linda Kremer, Terry and Jan Frasher, Jessica Koob, and Nancy Strang. Randy Lyons was also involved with this club. A photo was done of the City Council and Cycling Club. The City would like to extend a gracious thank you to the cycling club for this donation towards the trail project.

Nick Leytem from the Fire Department was present to discuss trick or treating and to let council know they are wanting to do the fire truck parade again and that they will be holding their annual costume dance on Saturday, October 30th. After some discussion, it was suggested to hold trick or treat from 4:00-5:30pm on Saturday, October 30th and the truck parade would follow starting at 6:30pm and the dance to follow at the American Legion at 8pm. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to set trick or treat for October 30th from 4:00-5:30pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Members of the Cascade Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) and ECIA were present to provide City Council with a brief annual update. Brad Ludwig addressed the City Council and introduced Holly McPherson and Matt Specht, who handles a lot of duties for the CEDC. Holly McPherson then addressed the City Council and provided them with a handout that provided an overview. Holly and Matt visit smaller non-manufacturing companies to get feedback on needs and what is going well. Greater Dubuque visits the manufacturing companies. CEDC and ECIA also assists businesses with workforce issues and trying to attract leads to Cascade. They also find funding opportunities and writes grants. They also perform administrative duties for CEDC. CEDC and ECIA are now more focused on improving the community as a whole that includes partnering with the City. A very good informative update.

Council reviewed the *2nd Reading, with the consideration of Waiving the 3rd Reading* of **Ordinance #6-21**, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade, Iowa, by Vacating a 290' of Nixon Street SE in the City of Cascade, Iowa. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve the *2nd Reading and Waived the 3rd Reading* of **Ordinance #6-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

Council then began discussing the price to charge for the vacated 290' of Nixon Street. The Council just passed an updated policy on how to determine pricing for vacated streets/alleys at the last meeting. With using this calculation, the price per square foot would be \$.51. This section of Nixon Street was not finished by the City. The owner of Eastern Iowa Excavating has put in infrastructure and is putting the street in to abut the existing street at his own cost. The street would have cost the city over \$60,000. During the discussion, it was suggested that we not charge a fee, but to charge for the legal fees. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to not charge a

fee, but have Eastern Iowa pay any legal fees. Motion fails 2-3, with Delaney, Hosch and Knepper voting no. Council asked Chad Demmer who was present what he felt was fair. Shirley Keyron McDermott was also present and she had to pay \$.15 per sq. ft. for the vacated area she recently purchased. Due to this, Chad Demmer felt that \$.15 was fair. He doesn't want any special treatment. Following more discussion, motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to charge \$.15 per sq. ft. for the 290' of the vacated Nixon Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Council then 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. Council has been reviewing and amending for many months. There are still some questions related to the 20% green space. Council would like 20% green space required for lots when buildings or impervious surfaces are added. There was a question regarding what is covered in a stormwater management plan report and what do the reports look like. The City Attorneys and MSA will be consulted on these particular questions. Due to this, motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to table and have our attorneys review and gets answers on the things discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

Council then discussed the gazebo layout at Riverview Park. The proposed layout was staked at the park to be reviewed by Council. The current size does stick out into the park quite a bit and blocks the view of the Amphitheater from the bridge. It was suggested moving the gazebo to the north of the steps to the river. It was also discussed moving the gazebo to the north of the steps and placing a cement pad at the location of the current gazebo and placing 2 picnic tables and railing around the step and rear sides only. The Park Board will be reviewing at their meeting on Monday, October 4th and then Council will review again at their October 11th meeting. Motion by Knepper, second by Rausch to table until Park Board reviews. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #47-21**, Obligating and Appropriating Urban Renewal Tax Revenue Funds for the Reimbursement of Incremental Property Taxes and Business Incentives, Which Shall Come Due in the 2023 Fiscal Year. This sets what is certified for TIF payments to businesses for Tax Rebates and Business Incentives. Cascade Lumber needs to be removed since their updated valuation won't happen until January 2022. There was a question on the TIF revenue being received. This will be researched more and answer provided to council. Motion by Delaney, second by Hosch to approve **Resolution #47-21** with Cascade Lumber being removed. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #46-21**, Resolution Requesting American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials to Relocate the Business US 151 Route from its Current Location in the City of Cascade, Iowa. This would move the 151 Business route to Johnson Street/Highway 136 instead of coming in on 248th Avenue and then down 1st Ave W. This request has to get approved by the AASHTO. Motion by Hosch, second by Knepper to approve **Resolution #46-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clay Gavin submitted a letter of interest to serve on the Board of Adjustment since there is a vacant seat. Motion by Hosch, second by Knepper to approve the appointment of Clay Gavin to the Board of Adjustment for a 5-year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The Police Chief had nothing to report. The City Administrator let the Council know that the seeding has been done by the SILO, high phosphorus in the wastewater plant is due to soaps and detergents and that beginning in September, the RUT calculations will be based on the updated census numbers. Also, Cheryl's bakery will be holding an event Saturday, October 2nd from 3:00-8:30pm with a performer and BBQ.

With no other business, Kelchen moved and Hosch seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:39p.m. Motion carried.

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Greg Staner, Mayor