

March 9, 2020  
City Council Meeting Minutes

The March 9, 2020 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Staner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then Kelchen, Delaney, Rausch, Hosch and Knepper answered roll call.

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

No speakers addressed the Council.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 02/24/2020, Park Board minutes 3/2/20, Downtown Committee minutes 03/2/20, Library Board minutes 2/25/20, liquor license renewal for Cascade Columbus Club, March claims for payment and February financial reports, fund balances and revenue by fund: General \$46,688.34, Special Revenues \$46,518.28, Debt Service \$124.32, Enterprise \$134,102.83. Motion by Rausch, second by Knepper to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor read two letters that were received for the open board position for the Cascade Municipal Utilities Board. Both applicants were very good candidates. The Mayor decided to appoint Greg VanderLugt to the board. Motion Kelchen, second by Delaney to appoint Greg VanderLugt to the Cascade Municipal Utilities Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Council needed to discuss financing for upcoming projects including 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE Water Main project, Buchanan Street NW Alley and to purchase a payload. The projects need to be discussed before a decision can be made. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to table this discussion until the end of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE Water Main project. This needs to be a priority project. The project needs to be done with as little disruption to the street as possible. We also need to save as many trees as possible. The project estimate is \$318,875. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to move forward with engineering for the project. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed Buchanan Street NW Alley project. Due to the levee project being done this summer and the staging area just off from the alley this project needs to wait until next year. Motion by Rausch, second by Knepper to hold off on this project, but have public works place hot mix on the bad areas to transition better. Motion carried unanimously.

There is a grant that is due that could provide \$25,000 to the Buchanan Street NW Alley project. Part of the process is to identify street priorities. One such priority was the Buchanan Street NW Alley project. Since the project is now on hold until next year, the grant can be applied for next year. Motion by Knepper, second by Delaney to not approve **Resolution #18-20** to establish project priorities. Motion carried unanimously.

Since the Buchanan Street NW Alley project is on hold until next year, the Council didn't think we needed to apply for the RCTP grant at this time. Motion by Knepper, second by Kelchen to not approve Resolution #17-20 to apply for the funding. Motion carried unanimously.

The Council again discussed the roof of the chicken coop building. The Boy Scouts are willing to do the project if the City purchases the materials. The Council thinks we should make sure that there is someone involved who has contractor experience before it gets authorized. Motion by Knepper, second by Kelchen to table until Pete Seitz provides more information. Motion carried unanimously.

Council then discussed the payloader again. The City Superintendent had demoed 3 payloaders over the past week and received quotes from each company. There was a lot of discussion on the size of machine that is needed, the attachments that are necessary to have and the financing option. It was also discussed purchasing a new payloader and then establishing a 3-5 year trade schedule. After a long discussion, motion by Knepper, second by Hosch to purchase the Deere 524 and have the City Superintendent decide on the coupler and remove the reversing fan. Motion died 2-3. After some additional discussion, Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to have the City Superintendent reach out to all the companies and see if financing directly with them is an option and to get prices on smaller machines for comparison and all the prices for the attachments. Motion carried unanimously.

Financing the projects was again discussed. With the payloader financing unsure at this time, motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to table this until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. Her report included information on the upcoming Chamber's Annual Dinner that will be held Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion beginning at 5pm. The City has a table so whoever would like to attend can let the City Administrator know. She provided an update on the levee project. From the review of the project, it was found that 2 types of rip rap will be needed and the City will provide a specific quantity for these to receive work-in-kind towards the project. Also, a meeting was held with Republic Services regarding the service issues in town. The issues will be getting rectified.

With no other business, Delaney moved and Kelchen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:31p.m. Motion carried.