

November 9, 2020
City Council Meeting Minutes

The November 9, 2020 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 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 10/26/20, and Council Workshop minutes 11/02/20, Library Board minutes 11/03/20, Cascade Economic Development minutes 5/27/20, 7/23/20 and 8/26/20, approve Liquor License renewal for La Unica Grocery Store, November claims for payment and October financial reports, fund balances and revenue by fund as follows: General \$354,657.45, Special Revenue \$169,287.71, Debt Service \$26,682.19, Enterprise \$726,075.91. Motion by Hosch, second by Delaney to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Marty Gadiant submitted an agenda request to the City Council to request permission to leave his fence on City property to keep the animals in around the waterway so it can be maintained. Due to the waterway ending where it does, the fence in its current location makes the most sense. Motion by Delaney, second by Knepper to approve the fence to remain in its current location. Motion passes unanimously.

It was now time for the public hearing on the plans and specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2nd Avenue SE Water Main Improvement project. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to open the public hearing at 6:04pm. Motion carried unanimously. Jake Deaver from MSA Professional Services was present. The estimate of cost has not changed from the initial review, which is \$299,200. There were no comments from the public regarding the project. Motion by Delaney, second by Kelchen to close the public hearing at 6:04pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #68-20**, Resolution Approving and Confirming Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for the 2nd Avenue SE Water Main Improvement Project. Motion by Delaney, second by Knepper to approve **Resolution #68-20**. Motion passes unanimously by roll call vote.

The City received 8 bids for the 2nd Avenue SE Water Main Improvement Project. 20 contractors had pulled plans. Bids for the project ranged from \$226,436.95 to \$397,392.50. Council reviewed **Resolution #69-20**, Resolution Awarding Contract for the 2nd Avenue SE Water Main Improvement Project. The low bidder for the project was Eastern Iowa Excavating, Cascade, Iowa with a bid of \$226,436.95. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to approve **Resolution #69-20**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. During this discussion it was discussed allowing the City Superintendent and City Administrator to approve change orders at the time up to 5% of the project or \$10,000 and then the change order will come before city council at the next meeting. A resolution will be drafted for the next council meeting. Also, during the discussion, it was brought up about charging the property owners for the curb stop and corporations since technically they are their responsibility. The approximate cost to each property owner would be \$438. A notice will get mailed out to each property owner.

Council reviewed the Downtown Façade Renovation Reimbursement Program application form again. Eligible projects from calendar year 2019 will be eligible to apply until June 30, 2021. If budgeted funds for the fiscal year are exhausted, the application will be held over until the following fiscal year. The reimbursement is only for the façade or the front of downtown buildings. Motion by Hosch, second by Delaney to approve the amended application with façade only being the front of a building. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed a quote from Big River Specialty Company for the bricks and engraving for the Legacy walkway at the pool. To purchase enough bricks to do a walkway from the main sidewalk on the east side of the pool to the pavilion and the engraving is \$2,808.20. Motion by Rausch, second by Knepper to approve the invoice to Big River Specialty Company. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed a cost proposal from Kluesner Construction for asphaltting the alley behind City Hall and part of Lincoln Street where the storm sewer was replaced. The cost proposal is \$9,762.15. This probably won't get completed until spring. Motion by Knepper, second by Delaney to approve the cost proposal for the alley and Lincoln Street and to get on Kluesner's schedule for spring. Motion carried unanimously.

Council also reviewed a cost proposal for the Community Park Lot. It would be beneficial to get this parking lot done with lines and landscaping with 2 new businesses coming to the downtown. We could place decorative rock between the sidewalk along Buchanan Street and the parking starts and then place shrubs or small trees. Also, putting a rock swale on the east side of the parking lot for the water to drain off the lot. We will discuss 1st thing in the spring to get on the schedule. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to table until early spring. Motion passes unanimously.

Council also reviewed a cost proposal for asphaltting the parking spots along Buchanan Street SW near 1st Avenue. Also landscaping this area and maybe a small pocket park. This will be discussed in the spring. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to table until early spring. Motion passes unanimously.

Council reviewed the 2nd Reading of **Ordinance #09-20**, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade by Amending Chapter 82, Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles and Off-Road Utility Vehicles. This amendment would allow UTVs to park on 1st Ave in the downtown district. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve the 2nd Reading of **Ordinance #09-20**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Council reviewed the 3rd Reading of **Ordinance #05-20**, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade, Iowa, by Vacating Lot 1A Block 2 of Oak Hill in the City of Cascade, Iowa. This ordinance is requesting permission to vacate a dead-end street and to replace it with a Cul-de-sac. The City is not losing any access to the ground gifted for a future park. The Cul-de-sac will be built much larger and according to SUDAS requirements compared to the one on Langworthy Court. The lots will be larger and there will be more open area between the structures and the street will be longer. There were 8 lots on the original plat and there will still be 8 lots on the plat with the Cul-de-sac. A Cul-de-sac is safer for snow removal than backing down a dead-end street. Motion by Delaney, second by Kelchen to approve the 3rd Reading of **Ordinance #05-20**. Motion passes 3-2, with Hosch and Knepper voting no.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The City Administrator provided a report containing information that the City will be receiving additional funding through the Iowa Local COVID Relief Fund of \$34,377.02. The DRA grant will be giving their funds this year to COVID relief and recovery. Public works has started processes to reduce the phosphorus levels. We have achieved 80-85% reduction for the past 3 weeks. We must maintain 75% or higher reduction for 52 weeks. November 30th the first budget workshop will be held with department heads.

The Mayor also addressed COVID again. He is encouraging the public to wear masks, social distance and continue washing your hands often since cases are rising in Cascade and Dubuque and Jones Counties.

With no other business, Delaney moved and Hosch seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:46p.m. Motion carried.