

April 12, 2021  
City Council Meeting Minutes

The April 12, 2021 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 Delaney, second by Kelchen to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

No speakers addressed the City Council.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 03/22/21, Special Meeting Minutes 03/30/21, Park Board Minutes 04/05/21, CECD minutes 02/24/21, Library Board minutes 04/06/21, April claims for payment, March financial reports, fund balances and revenue by fund as follows: General \$80,278.30; Special Revenue \$87,919.15; Debt Service \$4,369.60; and Enterprise \$95,695.74. Motion by Rausch, second by Hosch to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Dagwood and Mary Jane Schlemme addressed the City Council regarding the reserved parking spots in the downtown. Council provided an explanation of why they made the decision and placed the 10-minute parking areas where they did. Dagwood commented that his tenant owns a business and they are often elderly so she could also benefit from a reserved parking area in front of our business. Dagwood feels that the reserved spots are not necessary and wondered about policing it. Mary Jane Schlemme also commented that she doesn't want another 10-minute parking area on Lincoln Street for Two Gingers since it takes away from other parking. She is also against main street reserved parking. There is currently a two-hour parking limit downtown. There could be better locations for the 10-minute parking spots.

Jim Conlin, mural committee member addressed the City Council to seek permission to paint murals on the storm drains and manholes from the bridge west to Grant Street. There are approximately 13 of these. The art students would do the painting. The murals would remind people not to throw litter in the storm drains. Also, someone has authorized a mural to be painted on their building. The mural committee received a Paint Iowa grant to fund this. There was discussion on the type of paint to use and future maintenance. The Council thought the murals were educational and a good reminder for people. Motion by Hosch, second by Rausch to approve murals to be painted on 3 storm drains, with the mural ideas being submitted to Council for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Greg and Gloria Otting provided Council with an update on their water/sump pump usage. They reviewed everything the City has done over the past year, including running dye, rerouting storm water to the north side of the street, adding a pipe to the field tile pipe running to the culvert, etc. Their sump pump quit running for 50 days. With rain events, the sump pump began running again. There is now green coming out of the sump pump outlet and in the gutter. They have been in contact with a person from Iowa State and says this most likely is caused from ground saturation, sewer leak or stormwater. It was suggested that a hole be placed in their backyard and an 8" 8-10' PVC pipe be placed to monitor the ground water level. Also, analyze the green in the sump pump outlet and gutter and to place the tube on the north side of the street for a month.

The parking lot and parking areas next to Buchanan Street SW will be getting resurfaced in mid-May and everyone needs to be on the same page prior to this. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to move the meeting to the parking area to review at 7:09pm. Motion carried unanimously. Council made their way to the parking area next to Buchanan Street SW and reviewed this area. After reviewing and discussing this, motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to move the meeting back to City Hall at 7:25pm. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to place a curb in the front of the parking spots along Buchanan Street SW and to have slight diagonal parking, with the drainage flowing to the street. Also, make the 1<sup>st</sup> spot in this parking area handicap and adjust the concrete next to the handicap spot for better accessibility. Additionally,

add a normal curb to the current handicap spot on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and raise the sidewalk and remove the handicap designation. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the gazebo at Riverview park again. They were seeking public input. Some proposed designs were received. It was discussed to make the new gazebo large enough to accommodate 4 picnic tables with room to move around them and just lengthen the gazebo. It was also discussed that the material costs are extremely high right now and that contractors have already secured their jobs for the season. It was discussed to start working on design now and go out for bids in the fall with construction to take place first thing in the spring of 2022. Motion by Delaney, second by Knepper to start design process now and do bid letting in the fall. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed a quote from Northway Well to reline Well #4. This well is an emergency standby only well. It would need to be used if one of the river crossings failed. The well testing is within normal standards and can be used at any time when needed. The quote was for \$40,103.75. Since this well is not used at this time, it doesn't seem like a good use of funds. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to not move forward with relining Well #4 at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #14-21**, Resolution Supporting an Application for the Rural Innovation Grant through the Iowa Economic Development Authority and Committing the Required Financial Match. The required matching funds is \$10,000. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to approve **Resolution #14-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Staner read the National Volunteer Week Proclamation. National Volunteer Week is April 18-24. After reading the proclamation, Mayor Staner thanked everyone for everything they do in Cascade.

Council reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of **Ordinance #01-21**, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 167 "Flood Plain Regulations" for the City of Cascade, Iowa. These amendments are required to maintain the City's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program and to comply with the State of Iowa's floodplain regulations. Motion by Hosch, second by Rausch to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of **Ordinance #01-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The Police Chief provided Council with an update on Police Officer Staner. This is his 5<sup>th</sup> week at the academy and he is doing very well. Also, 3 UTV riders were on Hwy 136, which is against State and City Code. Warnings were given. The City Administrator provided information to the Council about the updated levee project timeline. Stripping of the top layer is almost complete and bedding stone will be placed soon. There is still an issue with the gradation of the Class C rip rap. It has failed every test. Another gradation testing will be conducted on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. If the gradation still fails, the rip rap will be taken from the quarry across the highway. Stockpiling of rip rap will begin once the gradation has passed. It was mentioned about the black dirt to leave it on the west side of the levee and it can be used by the City. Also, the discussion of the repair to the trail was mentioned. Bringing the trail back to the preconstruction condition was in the plans & specs but not in the bid documents. Therefore, the contractor didn't bid on it. Discussion with the Army Corps will be continued on this. Public works cleaned up the yard waste site and hauled sludge. Spring hydrant flushing will be done the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>. Spring cleanup is Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Census data will be delivered to the district by September 30, 2021, which is delayed from the normal delivery date of March 31, 2021. Council discussed holding a meeting with the Library Board prior to their next board meeting, which is May 4. It was decided to hold this meeting immediately following our next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

With no other business, Delaney moved and Rausch seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10p.m. Motion carried.