

March 22, 2021
City Council Meeting Minutes

The March 22, 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 Kelchen, second by Knepper 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 03/08/21, Park Board Minutes 03/08/21, Cascade Municipal Utilities minutes 03/10/21, Liquor License Renewal for American Legion Post 528, Liquor License Renewal for Cascade Columbus Club. Motion by Rausch, second by Hosch to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously. The parking area along Buchanan Street that is getting improved was discussed. The sidewalk should probably get done first and then we can alter the way the water runs so it doesn't flow to the sidewalk at the handicap spot along 1st Ave.

The Mayor announced it was time for the public hearing for the FY22 budget. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to open the budget public hearing at 6:05pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Shirley McDermott addressed the City Council with a couple of questions. She is wondering if we could purchase a projector so as we are discussing items at a meeting, maps or pictures can be projected onto a wall for the people in the audience or watching can see. This would not be very costly. She also wanted to know if there is money in the budget for flooding. If Cascade would have a flood, the costs would include funds from FEMA, but there are funds in reserves that could be used. The City Administrator also offered a couple comments. There has been over 3% growth since last year and the total tax levy slightly decreased from 8.95326 to 8.85087. With no more comments from the public, motion by Knepper, second by Kelchen to close the public hearing at 6:14pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #13-21**, Adopting the City of Cascade's FY22 Operating Budget Which Begins July 1, 2021 and Ends June 30, 2022. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to approve **Resolution #13-21**. Motion carries unanimously by roll call vote.

Council discussed the handicap parking and parking spots reserved for business carryout. We could place a 10-minute parking area in front of Happy Joes/Taproom on the south side of 1st Avenue and in front of the bank building on the north side of 1st Ave. We could also add another one on Lincoln Street on the East side, which can be used by the library and Two Gingers. Handicap parking was discussed and we would add another one in the parking area on Buchanan Street SW, but would be keeping the one on 1st Ave. There is one already by the library also on 1st Avenue. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to place another handicap spot on Buchanan Street SW parking area and put 3 10-minute parking areas in place; 1 on Lincoln Street SW and 2 on 1st Avenue W. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the gazebo at Riverview park. It is in bad condition and needs to be replaced. Shirley McDermott commented that it is historic and she remembers a band playing there. It is being considered to expand the gazebo to allow 4 picnic tables and maybe place a concrete slab on the south side for people to place chairs during an event. Maybe extend the gazebo and have concrete posts to walk under. This should have input from the public on what they might like to see. We have received a couple of designs to start with. The City Administrator recommended putting these on Facebook and our website. Daniel from the Pioneer also said they could do a story on this and help get the word out that City Council is looking for ideas. Motion by Knepper, second by Delaney to table and get public input on this. Motion carried unanimously.

Council then discussed improving the Coohy walk trail. This trail gets used greatly during the spring through fall and even on nice days in the winter. It needs to be leveled off and then possibly hard surfaced. The Bike Club has \$13,000 that they would put towards the trail improvements if it is hard surfaced. It was also discussed placing a turn around at the end near the last light pole. It was suggested that we talk with the Army Corps about just leaving the trail disrupted from the levee project as is since we will be repairing it and seeing what the reimbursement would be. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to table until meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously. Also, the trail will be shut down due to the levee project.

Council reviewed a TIF Loan application from Three B Properties, LLC. The owner of the building is planning a complete rehabilitation of the building, including making the upper floor a one 1-2 bedroom apartment instead of 2 small apartments. He will update the electric, plumbing, HVAC, tuckpoint the exterior and add new bigger windows. He basically wants to restore the building to its original charm. This loan is for \$50,000 and it gets paid to his bank where he has an operating loan for the building restoration. Motion by Delaney, second by Hosch to approve the TIF Loan for Three B Properties, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed a quote from Miracle Recreation for additional playground equipment for the park at the pool. A KABOOM/Dr. Pepper grant was applied for and awarded, which provided \$15,000 towards equipment if \$24,000 was spent. The quote is for \$11,394.20. We are also looking at adding rubber mulch to the playground area. Motion by Delaney, second by Kelchen to approve purchasing the additional playground equipment from Miracle Recreation for \$11,394.20. Motion carried unanimously.

Since Junior Achievement Day is April 1, 2021, the Mayor read a Proclamation declaring April 1st as Junior Achievement Day.

Council received a draft version of an updated Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Chapter to be added to our City Code. This is a much more in-depth code section related to stormwater and development. It requires a stormwater management plan for any development over 1 acre. It also includes information on inspecting and performing maintenance on retention ponds, waterways and that an erosion control plan during construction is required. Council will review and we will discuss at the next meeting. A copy of the proposed code will be sent to contractors and developers asking for questions they may have. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to table and send to contractors/developers and for council to review. Motion carries unanimously.

Council reviewed the 2nd 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 Delaney, second by Kelchen to approve the 2nd Reading of **Ordinance #01-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The City Administrator provided information to the Council about the updated levee project timeline. Rip rap will begin to get stockpiled the week of March 29th and then again on the week of April 12th. There will be a Summer Market held in Cascade at Riverview Park/Pierce Street on June 12, July 10, and August 14. The Chamber Wing Fest is May 15th. The City will be receiving an estimated \$320,000 from the American Rescue Plan Funds. The Community Park lot asphaltting will get done around mid-May. The City Engineer is finishing up some research on annexation and we should be able to discuss in April.

It was briefly discussed if the American Rescue Plan funds can be used for streets. It can be used for infrastructure like water and sewer. If we were to do a street project, it could pay for the water and sewer repairs, unsure about the street cost. Greg Otting contacted Council Member Hosch, he is again having water and sump pump usage. He is going to contact a hydrologist. It was mentioned replacing the culvert under 75th Ave before the asphalt overlay gets done.

With no other business, Hosch moved and Delaney seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:16p.m. Motion carried.

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Greg Staner, Mayor