

May 10, 2021
City Council Meeting Minutes

The May 10, 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 Rausch, second by Kelchen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Shirley McDermott addressed the City Council and wanted to Thank the City workers and the Cascade Municipal Utilities workers for responding so quickly for her job. Mayor Staner also thanked everyone for following the mask requirements, but going forward mask wearing at meetings will be optional.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 04/26/21, City Council workshop minutes 04/26/21, Cascade Economic Development minutes 03/24/21, EMS Department Committee minutes 05/06/21, May claims for payment and April financial reports, fund balances and revenue by fund as follows: General \$313,501.45; Special Revenue \$141,522.20; Debt \$24,160; and Enterprise \$93,007.02. Council member Hosch commented on the minutes from the City Council workshop that the third paragraph should be stricken from the minutes. Motion by Delaney, second by Kelchen to approve the items in the consent agenda and strike the 3rd paragraph from the workshop minutes. Motion carried.

Pat Kearney addressed the City Council regarding watering a lawn when constructing a new home. The water used does not enter the sanitary sewer so there should be some forgiveness. He said he would pay the water charges, but should only have to pay 25% for the sewer. It was discussed about getting a 2nd water meter, but he said there is a \$200 meter charge and then a monthly charge. He thinks that we could all come up with a plan on this. The Mayor commented that we do have a water and sewer committee and we could review. Pat also brought up an idea of putting slanted curbs in subdivisions so new home owners don't have to pay for the saw cuts to the curbs. Instead of a 6" regular curb, place a 6" slanted curb so it doesn't matter where driveways go.

Council reviewed an updated plan for the community parking lot by Craig Kluesner, the owner of Kluesner Construction. He suggested doing face-to-face parking in the middle and then placing a curb along the East side and parking cars there too. There would be a drive through from the alley to 2nd Ave SW on the East side and West side to allow for good traffic flow. He also mentioned eliminating the parking on the West side of Buchanan Street and putting angled parking along the East side of Buchanan Street. This would help stop people from wanting to drive down Buchanan Street the wrong way. This design will maximize the parking spots and provide better traffic flow. Council was concerned with no grass area on the East side. Kluesner said the water running off the alley will run down the curb to the alley and down the alley to an intake at the end of the alley. There was concern with the storm water creating ruts along the sides of the alley. It was suggested we could place a storm intake in the alley next to the parking lot. An estimated cost of \$12,750 was discussed for the intake. There is also a lot of infrastructure already in the alley so it could be tricky installing storm pipe. Kluesner also had a new layout for the north parking area. He said to have angled parking in the street and then place parking on the west and east side of the lot. The driveway to the parking lot would be off 1st Ave. The Council suggested leaving green space so the parking on the west side would be eliminated but there would be parking along the end of that area. After a lengthy discussion, motion by Kelchen, second by Hosch to have 2 parking rows with a center driving lane and to leave the grass strip on the East side for the big parking lot and angled parking along Buchanan Street. Motion carried. More discussion was held concerning the north parking area. There was a recommendation to leave green space on the north area and to make sure that water is not pooling on the sidewalk creating an icy situation in the winter. Motion by Rausch, second by Knepper to approve the parking area with angled parking along Buchanan Street SW and parking in the triangle area. Motion carried.

Council discussed the Coohy trail and the recommendation by a contractor. Craig Kluesner from Kluesner Construction offered his suggestion. The trail should be dragged and leveled and then 3" of asphalt added. The

trail is currently 9' wide. Black dirt could be then placed along the edges. It was suggested running the trail to the parking lot.

Council again discussed the possibility of doing south Hwy 136 from near the intersection to the city limits. This would again be a joint City/DOT project. This project will include replacing sewer mains and making sure that water mains don't run under the highway. The City will have to pay for the infrastructure only, with the DOT paying for the road, curb and gutter, etc. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to move forward with the south Highway 136 project. Motion carried.

Council reviewed Resolution #20-21, Resolution Establishing a Public Hearing on Proposed Conveyance of Residual Portions of Right-of-Way. This is necessary since the vacation of Beechnut Drive and the new plat left a small piece of land that needs to get deeded back to Mike Beck. Motion by Rausch, second by Kelchen to approve Resolution #20-21. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The Police Chief let Council know that Brad is entering his 9th week at the Academy, with graduation May 21st. The City Administrator provided an update on the levee project. The final inspection is to be held this week or next. The Chamber is having an Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, May 26th at 5pm in the Riverview Park. We need to RSVP by May 20th. Also, Council workshop to discuss annexation and the American Rescue Funds on May 17th. This works for the majority of the Council, Andy may need to call in.

The Mayor commented that we will be reviewing the stormwater management ordinance at the next meeting so bring questions, comments to the meeting.

With no other business, Kelchen moved and Knepper seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:33p.m. Motion carried.

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Greg Staner, Mayor