

January 10, 2022  
City Council Meeting Minutes

The January 10, 2022 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Knepper. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then Delaney, Kelchen, Oliphant and Rausch answered roll call.

A motion was made by Kelchen, second by Delaney to approve the agenda with the removal of Item #9. Motion carried.

Brad Ludwig, President of the Cascade Economic Development Corporation was present to address the City Council. He wanted to tell them about the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Hiring Crawl that will take place Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 3-6pm. To date 20 businesses will be participating. People will be able to visit these businesses since they are hiring.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 12/13/21, 12/20/21 and Special City Council minutes 12/30/21 and Council Budget Workshop minutes 1/06/22, Personnel Committee minutes 12/30/21 and 1/5/22, Cascade Municipal Utilities minutes 12/8/21, Liquor License Renewal for Dollar General Store #17628 and Brothers Market, Inc. and January claims for payment and December financial reports and fund balances and revenue by fund as follows: General \$78,642.07; Special Revenues \$79,632.05; Debt Service \$3,206.79; and Enterprise \$91,548.20. Motion by Kelchen, second by Oliphant to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried.

S. Keyron McDermott requested to address the City Council regarding the sidewalk ordinance regarding maintenance. There was a sidewalk committee and the city would do the sidewalk repairs. The Council should revisit forming a sidewalk committee and budgeting money for sidewalk repairs. Council member Delaney said he researched this and Cascade is doing the sidewalk maintenance like almost every other city.

Council reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of **Ordinance #9-21**, Ordinance Adopting the City Code of Ordinances. This ordinance is simply adopting the updated codified Code of Ordinances. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of **Ordinance #9-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #01-22**, Resolution of the City Council of the City of Cascade, Iowa Designating the Cascade Pioneer as the City's Official Newspaper, with the Telegraph Herald as the Official Alternate Newspaper for the Term January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve **Resolution #01-22**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #02-22**, Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Date for February 14, 2022 for a Resolution Relating to the Total Maximum Property Tax Dollars for FY 2023. Motion by Delaney, second by Oliphant to approve **Resolution #02-22**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council discussed process to fill the vacant seat with Council member Knepper getting elected as Mayor and resigning his council seat. Mayor Knepper commented that it has been common practice to fill a vacant seat with the person who received the next highest number of votes which would be Bill Hosch. Council member Kelchen commented that another person also received a high number of votes for another position and might be interested as well. Due to this, it would be good to open the appointment up to anyone interested. Motion by Kelchen, second by Oliphant to appoint someone on February 14<sup>th</sup> and anyone interested can submit a letter of interest or attend the meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unanimously. A notice will run in the paper.

Council reviewed **Resolution #03-22**, Resolution Appointing Chris Ball Interim City Administrator and Approving an Interim Employment Agreement Between the City of Cascade and Chris Ball. The agreement provides a 3-month interim position for Chris and a gross weekly salary of \$1,620, housing accommodations at Cobblestone Hotel in Monticello Monday thru Wednesday nights and a \$50 per week vehicle allowance and

\$20 per month cell phone stipend. Motion by Delaney, second by Kelchen to approve **Resolution #03-22**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed the *2<sup>nd</sup> Reading* of **Ordinance #10-21**, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade, Iowa, by Amending the Provisions for Sewer Charges in the City of Cascade, Iowa. This will eliminate the charge of \$72.73/1,000 gallons for occasional sales, such as dumping septic tanks since the DNR will not allow us to do this and we removed the manhole that had been used for this in the past. Motion by Rausch, second by Oliphant to approve the *2<sup>nd</sup> Reading* of **Ordinance #10-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The Police Chief let the Council know that the new police car is back from Racom and that both cars are hooked up to First Net WIFI. Also, he wanted to remind people not to blow snow onto the road after the roads have been cleaned. The City Administrator informed Council that more infrastructure money is coming down for roads/bridges from the DOT. Also, Park Ridge No. 2 subdivision will be moving forward this year.

Mayor Knepper presented the City Administrator with a plaque for her service for the past 7 years and thanked her for her dedication and moving the City in a good direction and for the good things she did while here.

Mayor Knepper also wanted to encourage people to get involved in the City and know what's going on and that the elected officials work for the people.

With no other business, Kelchen moved and Oliphant seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:23p.m. Motion carried.

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Steve Knepper, Mayor