

November 13, 2023
City Council Meeting Minutes

The November 13, 2023 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Steve Knepper. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Hosch, Kelchen, Oliphant and Rausch answered roll call. Delaney was excused.

Motion Rausch, second Kelchen to approve the agenda. Four Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Oliphant, second Hosch to approve the consent agenda items: City Council Minutes 10/23/23; Library Board 11/6/23, Planning and Zoning 10/19/23, Personnel Committee 10/13/23, Utility Board 11/8/23; and November 13, 2023 Claims, and October 2023 Financial Reports. Four Ayes. Motion carried.

S. McDermott spoke during Public Comment regarding IDOT Bridge Assessment Report and Hailey Rausch thanked the Public Works department for the very educational class tours.

Motion Oliphant, second Kelchen to Open the Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment to the Cascade Urban Renewal Area. Roll Call vote. Four Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the Cascade Urban Renewal Area.

Motion Rausch, second Oliphant to Close the Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment to the Cascade Urban Renewal Area. Roll Call vote. Four Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the consideration of Improvements at Thomas Street SE and DeLong Ave SE.

Motion Oliphant, second Kelchen to Approve Resolution #83-23 to Declare Necessity and Establish an Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.4 of the Code of Iowa and Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Cascade Urban Renewal Area. Roll Call vote. Four Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Rausch, second Kelchen to Approve Resolution #84-23 Setting a Date of Meeting at Which it is Proposed to Approve a Development Agreement with ROSO Properties, L.L.C., Including Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments. Roll Call vote. Four Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Oliphant, second Rausch to Approve Resolution #85-23 Authorizing Internal Advance for Funding Urban Renewal Administration and Professional Support Program for the Cascade Urban Renewal Area. Roll Call vote. Four Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Oliphant, second Hosch to Approve Resolution #86-23 to Approve Economic Development Grant to Iowa Main Street Investments, LLC and Authorizing Internal Advance to Fund the Grant. Roll Call vote. Four Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Rausch, second Kelchen to Suspend Three Meeting Reading Rule Since This is a Correction to a 2016 Ordinance. Roll Call vote. Four Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Kelchen, second Rausch to approve Ordinance #15-23 to Re-Approve 2016 Sewer Rates After Recodification Error. Roll Call vote. Four Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Oliphant, second Rausch to Resolution #82-23 Personnel Policy-Uniform Allowance. Roll Call vote. Three Ayes, Kelchen Nay. Motion carried.

Motion Kelchen, second Hosch to approve Resolution #87-23 Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 2024 Renewal 3.15% Increase. Four Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Rausch, second Oliphant to approve Ordinance #16-23 Change Library Board Meeting Time (First Reading). Roll Call vote. Four Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Oliphant, second Rausch to approve Resolution #88-23 to Cancel Second December City Council Meeting. Roll Call vote. Four Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion on Vacant Building Ordinance. Council instructed staff to move forward.

Reports were given by the Police Chief and the City Administrator.

Motion Oliphant, second Kelchen to adjourn at 7:49pm. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Kathy Goerdts, City Clerk

Steven J. Knepper, Mayor