

August 23, 2021
City Council Meeting Minutes

The August 23, 2021 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Pro Tem Kelchen. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then Hosch, Kelchen and Knepper and Rausch answered roll call. Delaney and Mayor Staner were absent.

A motion was made by Rausch, second by Knepper to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Shirley McDermott inquired why Andy Kelchen is Mayor Pro Tem and not Hosch or Knepper who have been on the Council longer. She was told that every year the Mayor Pro Tem is appointed by the Mayor.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 08/09/21, Library Board minutes 08/3/21, and Dog Park minutes 08/05/21. Motion by Knepper, second by Rausch to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried.

S. Keyron McDermott addressed the Council regarding a proposed impervious surface mitigation for existing properties for the storm water ordinance. Shirley read what she is proposing, including only allowing 70% impervious surface and 30% green space. Property owners would be fined if they don't correct the violation. This will be reviewed when we continue the discussion on the proposed storm water ordinance.

The Council reviewed the stormwater ordinance with the changes that were recommended. One suggestion was to add that the inspection of stormwater practices would be reviewed by the City Administrator, City Superintendent or City Engineer, two of the three. This will be reviewed further at our next meeting. Motion by Knepper, second by Rausch to table until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the 10-minute parking signs that have been placed in the downtown. These parking spots are almost impossible to regulate and enforce. People will walk to pick up a pizza. With the new parking lot done, there are plenty of parking spots close to the restaurants. It would make more sense to have a 10-minute parking around the corner on Buchanan Street. Motion by Rausch, second by Knepper to remove the 10-minute parking spot on 1st Ave and talk with the owner of Happy Joes to see if placing 1 around the corner on Buchanan Street is better. Motion carried.

Council reviewed **Resolution #44-21** Resolution to Adopt the Codification of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Cascade, Iowa. This brings the Code of Ordinances up to the most recent version. This will be placed on the website. Motion by Hosch, second by Knepper to approve **Resolution #44-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Jesse Loewen withdrew his application for the TIF Refinancing Loan.

Council again discussed amending the policy on pricing for vacated streets/alleys. Shirley McDermott again addressed the Council and commented that people wanting to buy vacated streets/alleys shouldn't have to pay since those are the same people who have been maintaining the property. Council thinks the fairest way to determine a price is to review the assessed value of the land on adjoining and abutting parcels per sq. ft. and then use the average for the lot to be vacated. Motion by Rausch, second by Hosch to amend the pricing policy to include that the lots to determine price should be of similar zoning, the lots to be reviewed should be around the perimeter of the lot being vacated and also add a clause that the City Council has the final determination and can offer a negotiated price depending on the area. Motion carried unanimously. The policy will be updated and brought back to Council for formal approval.

Council reviewed **Resolution #42-21**, Agreement Between DMASWA and City of Cascade for a Residential Compost Distribution Bunker. This would include a compost bunker getting placed in Cascade so people don't have to travel to Dubuque to get compost. The City would only be required to haul the compost from Dubuque to Cascade. DMASWA would provide the compost and concrete bunkers. The compost would be available to Cascade residents and since it is not monitored, other Dubuque County residents may access it. Motion by Knepper, second by Hosch to approve **Resolution #42-21**. Motion passes unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed the *3rd Reading* of **Ordinance #05-21**, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 165, Schedules of District Regulations of the Code of Zoning Ordinances for the City of Cascade, Iowa. This would provide smaller setbacks for lots 80' and smaller. Motion by Rausch, second by Knepper to approve the *3rd Reading* of **Ordinance #05-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The Police Chief had nothing to report. The City Administrator informed the Council that the 2020 Census numbers have been released. Cascade is now at 2,386, which is a 10.5% increase from 2010. Also, the 2nd Ave SE Water Main project will begin Monday, August 30th.

The Council thanked the Hometown Days Committee for another great event and also thanked the Police Department for the coverage of the event. Council member Hosch thanked Chris Felton, Phil Gehl and Marty Hoffmann for their assistance over the weekend and yesterday with his water service line issue.

With no other business, Hosch moved and Rausch seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:57p.m. Motion carried.

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Greg Staner, Mayor