

August 9, 2021  
City Council Meeting Minutes

The August 9, 2021 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Staner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then Delaney, Hosch, Kelchen and Knepper answered roll call. Rausch was absent.

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

No speakers addressed the City Council.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 07/26/21, Street & Alley Committee minutes 07/28/21, Dog Park Committee minutes 07/29/21, Park Board minutes 08/02/21, liquor licenses for Casey's, August claims for payment and July financial reports, fund balances and revenue by fund as follows: General \$77,106.01; Special Revenue \$65,057.24; Debt Service \$252.42; Enterprise \$100,273.52. Motion by Delaney, second by Hosch to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Council again discussed amending the policy on pricing for vacated streets/alleys. Shirley McDermott 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. She feels that the City should refund the money paid by Ida Trumm and herself minus legal fees. 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 Kelchen, second by Hosch to amend the pricing policy for vacated streets/alleys to calculate the selling price based on the assessed land value of adjoining and abutting parcels per sq. ft. Motion carried unanimously. The policy will be updated and brought back to Council for formal approval.

Council reviewed information on storm intakes on Garfield Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave W. Much of the storm sewer pipes are running at capacity. The best area to possibly place another intake to take care of storm water prior to it running down Garfield was discussed. Placing a trough type intake at 4<sup>th</sup> might capture more and this could be taken to the park instead of down Garfield. This may alleviate storm water getting to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. It was also discussed to proceed with the milling and widening the storm inlets on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave W near Grant St and on Grant St. Motion by Knepper, second by Hosch to get trough drain prices. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed our stormwater ordinance with the suggested additions from the County ordinance. The additions included the requirement of a stormwater management plan for anything over 1 acre, erosion control, and more definitions. After discussing, Council would like to see a few more additions to the ordinance. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to add additional items to our existing stormwater ordinance including a section on the requirement of an updated stormwater management plan if a subdivision or development plat gets changed, add "compacted gravel parking lot" to impervious surface and annual inspections of development to make sure the maintain the stormwater ordinance and then bring it back to council. Motion carried unanimously.

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. A question came up if the compost would be open to all Dubuque County residents. Motion by Knepper, second by Hosch to approve **Resolution #42-21**, motion fails 2-2, with Kelchen and Delaney voting No. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to table and get answer to our question. Motion passes unanimously.

Council reviewed a TIF Refinancing Loan from Jesse Loewen. City has already given \$157,000 to this project and also applied for a \$100,000 grant. Questions came up about what his existing loan was all for concerning the project. Jesse was unable to attend this meeting. Motion by Hosch, second by Delaney to table this until Jesse can be at the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed quotes for the 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and Hwy 136 intersection lights. This would update the traffic lights to a traffic camera detection system, new controller and LED traffic heads and new pedestrian heads and lights. Quotes were received from Van Maanen Electric, Inc. for \$40,705 and General Traffic Controls for \$24,690. General Traffic Controls works with REM Electric out of Monticello so response time would be timely. Van Maanen schedules response until there are others in this area since they are from Newton. Motion by Hosch, second by Delaney to approve going with General Traffic Control for the intersection lights. Motion carried. It was also mentioned to apply for a DOT grant that is due August 15<sup>th</sup>.

It was time for the public hearing for Centro Business Incentive. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to open the public hearing at 7:22pm. Motion carried. The amount on the resolution that had previously been passed was incorrect so this is just fixing this. Shirley McDermott commented that the City shouldn't be giving money to businesses since it is taxpayer money. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to close the public hearing at 7:25pm. Motion carried. Council reviewed **Resolution #41-21**, Resolution Approving Development Agreement with Centro, Inc. Authorizing Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments and Pledging Certain Tax Increment Revenues to the Payment of the Agreement. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to approve **Resolution #41-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Delaney, second by Hosch to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 provided his normal monthly report to the Council. The City Administrator informed the Council that the City has received our first payment from the American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$173,538.06, the preconstruction meeting was held on August 6<sup>th</sup> for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Water Main project and the project will begin August 30, the State of Iowa has opened up CARES funding for technology. The City can purchase laptop bundles, separate laptops and accessories up to \$9,500.

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

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Greg Staner, Mayor