

March 8, 2021
City Council Meeting Minutes

The March 8, 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. Delaney attended via phone.

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

Shirley McDermott addressed the Council regarding an article in the Pioneer that included comments from the City Administrator, including 20% green space and gravel absorbing water. Terri Wollenberg addressed Council on the same article stating that packed gravel is 90% impervious per Eric Schmechel from Dubuque County.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 02/22/21, Planning & Zoning Minutes 02/18/21, Library Board minutes 03/02/21, March claims for payment, and February financial reports, fund balances and revenue by fund as follows: General \$46,847.85; Special Revenue \$20,190.31; Debt Service \$355.02; Enterprise \$98,832.13. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

John Lehmann, owner of Happy Joes Pizza addressed the City Council on having a handicap parking spot and 2 carry out reserve spots. It was discussed placing the handicap spot at the 1st spot on Buchanan Street SW. It would allow more room and not have handicapped people getting out of their vehicles into traffic like on 1st Avenue. Having a couple of 10-minute parking spots was also discussed since other businesses could utilize it. Council will address at the next meeting.

Pete McAllister from the American Legion discussed the 100th anniversary of the Legion with the Council. They would like to do banners to hang on the street light poles downtown and along the main roads. It would include a picture of the Vets memorial. They are planning on celebrating their anniversary at the 4th of July celebration. The parade will be at 2pm. They will have a history of the American Legion. Pete will be getting costs for the banners and may come back to Council.

The Department of Transportation is planning on doing a mill and overlay project on south Highway 136 from the Cascade city limits to the Maquoketa River next summer. The City reached out to the DOT to see if they would be interested in doing from the city limits north to near the intersection of 1st Ave west. The DOT commented that there would be some leftover funds in FY23 for this, but they would need an estimated concept and cost. Jake Deaver from MSA Professional Services was present and discussed a briefly done concept of plans with an opinion of cost. The DOT would pay for the street, sidewalk, curb & gutter, with the City paying for all of the infrastructure. The layout of the street was briefly discussed if it should be 2 or 3 lanes following construction or 2 lanes with a turning lane. This discussion was more for information, City Council will review further and make a decision.

The Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) has a Rural Innovation Grant Program open and accepting applications until April 16th. The City Administrator discussed with our engineer, Jake Deaver and another MSA engineer, Jim Holz about our plan to extend the Coohy trail, repair the parking lot behind Cheryl's Flour Garden and Bakery and maybe place a pavilion and a sidewalk to the downtown. She thought we could do at least an application for the planning & design of this area. The grant is for \$25,000. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to move forward with applying for the grant to develop a conceptual plan for the area near the trail and river. Motion carried unanimously.

Brad Staner, our new police officer leaves to attend the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy on March 14th and will be in the Academy until May 21st. Meals and lodging at this shortened academy are not provided so the

candidates must get both on their own. We got him reservations at a hotel with reduced rates. For his meals, it was suggested to offer him a meal stipend. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to do a stipend of \$750 to start out and have Brad keep all receipts. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed Resolution #12-21, Resolution Approving a Training and Reimbursement Agreement Between the City of Cascade and Brad Staner. This agreement covers the expenses that he would need to reimburse the City if he doesn't retain employment as a full-time officer for four years following graduation from the Police Academy since the City pays for him to attend. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve Resolution #12-21. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed quotes for asphaltting the Community parking lot and parking areas next to Buchanan Street SW and the abutting alley. Quotes were received from Kluesner Construction, Inc. for \$22,540 and River City Paving for \$18,818. The quotes were identical except the per ton cost for base stone was much higher from River City Paving. Kluesner Construction, Inc. also included a bid for the concrete curb & gutter next to the parking area on Buchanan Street for \$4,312, which River City Paving didn't include. There was a comment made that there was supposed to be an exit to 2nd Ave, which had been discussed, but then Council did not want it included in the bid. It would be beneficial to have one contractor do the entire job so motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to approve Kluesner Construction, Inc. to do the entire job since it was a combined package. Motion passed 4-1, with Hosch voting No.

Council discussed an asphalt overlay of 75th Avenue or south McKinley Street that was initiated by Jones County. This street is half City and half County. Jones County is doing an asphalt overlay from 7th Ave SW out of town and they asked the City if we wanted to do from 1st Ave W to 7th Ave SW. The cost for our portion would be \$13,672, including administration fee. It was discussed digging out 4' and adding backfill and compacting it at the intersection of 7th Ave SW and 75th Ave. This will get relayed to Jones County. Motion by Delaney, second by Knepper to approve asphaltting 75th Ave. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed bids for City Hall South Entry project. The front of City Hall next to 1st Ave W needs some attention. Bid proposals were sent out to 4 contractors and 1 was received from Smith Construction for \$8,408.27. This will make the structure more maintenance free and greatly improve the aesthetics. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to approve the bid from Smith Construction for the front of City Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the *1st Reading* of **Ordinance #01-21**, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 167 "Flood Plain Regulations" for the City of Cascade, Iowa. These amendments are required to maintain the City's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program and to comply with the State of Iowa's floodplain regulations. Motion by Hosch, second by Knepper to approve the *1st Reading* of **Ordinance #01-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The City Administrator provided information to the Council about the updated levee project timeline. Rip rap will begin to get stockpiled the week of March 22nd and then again on the week of April 5th. Rip rap is lined up and trucks to haul from the quarry to the job site. Also, the council was informed about a water main break on Adams St.

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

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Greg Staner, Mayor