

September 13, 2021
City Council Meeting Minutes

The September 13, 2021 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Staner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then Hosch, Kelchen, Knepper, Delaney and Rausch answered roll call.

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

No speakers addressed the City Council.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 08/23/21, Personnel Committee minutes 08/31/21, Park Board minutes 09/07/21, Planning & Zoning minutes 09/09/21, Cascade Economic Development Corporation minutes 06/23/21, liquor license renewal for Kalmes Club 528, September claims for payment and August financial reports, fund balances and revenue by fund as follows: General \$233,110.18; Special Revenue \$47,943.49; Enterprise \$115,676.62. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Council reviewed a quote for storm intakes on Garfield St SW. One quote was received from Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete for \$8,441.83 for the one at Garfield St SW & 4th Ave and \$8,441.83 for the one at Garfield St SW & 1st Ave W. Jake Deaver from MSA was present. The engineer's estimate was \$8,013 per intake. After some discussion, motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to approve doing both storm intakes on Garfield St SW. Motion carried unanimously.

The 2nd Ave Water Main Project has started. The water main on Madison Street will be replaced with an 8" pipe and the water main along 1st Ave E is also an 8" pipe. There is a 4" stub under 1st Ave that should be upgraded to an 8" pipe. Since construction will be done to the 4" now is the time to replace this. The cost to upgrade the 4" pipe to an 8" pipe is \$20,268.90 for trenchless construction. This will be change order #1 for the 2nd Ave Water Main Project. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve Change Order #1 for replacing the 4" pipe with an 8" pipe. Motion carried unanimously.

It was time for the public hearing concerning the proposed vacation of 290' of Nixon Street SE. Motion by Knepper, second by Kelchen to enter into public hearing at 6:20pm. Motion carried unanimously. Nixon Street dead ends at Eastern Iowa Excavating's property. They have been taking care of this property for many years. The only requirement is that Railway wants an easement to their driveway and the City will need an easement for utilities. Chad Demmer was present to answer questions. No comments were heard from the public. Motion by Rausch, second by Kelchen to go out of public hearing back into regular session at 6:22pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the *1st Reading of Ordinance #6-21*, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade, Iowa, by Vacating a 290' of Nixon Street SE in the City of Cascade, Iowa. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to approve the *1st Reading of Ordinance #6-21*. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

Council reviewed information on a phone company called First Net. First Net is a communications platform specifically designed with and for public safety needs. It provides first priority to phone and internet service to emergency responders such as police, EMS, fire and other high priority emergency responders like public works during an emergency situation. We have researched coverage with a First Net device and it is stronger than US Cellular and the overall bill from them would be less. It would also provide a better antenna device for the ambulances and police cars. Monticello Police Department and Jones County Sheriff's office has recently switched to First Net also. After hearing the positives of switching, motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to switch from US Cellular to First Net. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed an updated drawing of the proposed gazebo at Riverview Park. Prior to the next Council meeting public works will stake out the size of the proposed gazebo for Council to review. Then we will review and hopefully move it to bidding preparation. It was suggested that we also have a rendering done of a larger structure like it is now with just the post construction.

The Council reviewed the stormwater ordinance with the changes that were recommended. This is ready to bring to Council as an actual ordinance. A copy of this will get sent to contractors/developers for their feedback. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to send out to contractors/developers and to have the 1st Reading of the Ordinance ready for the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed a quote for new Christmas decorations. This would include wreaths on the downtown poles and other lighted decorations on the roadway poles out Hwy 136 and on 1st Avenue from the bridge to the Fire Station. The cost would be split between the City and CMU. The total cost is \$14,876. Motion by Delaney, second by Knepper to approve ordering Christmas decorations. Motion carried unanimously.

Council again reviewed the pricing policy for vacated streets/alleys with the changes suggested at last meeting. The proposed policy seems to be the best way of developing a price and the price can be known right away. Council then reviewed **Resolution #43-21**, Approve Vacated Property Purchase Policy. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to approve **Resolution #43-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Rick Kerper and Steve Moran has terms on the Planning & Zoning that are set to expire this month. Both have agreed to take another 3-year term. Motion by Knepper, second by Delaney to approve the reappointment of Rick Kerper and Steve Moran to the Planning & Zoning board. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #45-21**, Resolution Approving an Additional Wage Increase for the City Clerk for FY22. After review of the wages, the City Clerk's wage increase wasn't as much as other employees so an additional increase was needed. This will increase her wage by \$.75 per hour to \$27.91. Motion by Delaney, second by Hosch to approve **Resolution #45-21**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The Police Chief had his normal monthly report included. The City Administrator informed the Council that to change the location of the Business Route along Hwy 151 requires a request from the City. They will meet October 4. The 2nd Ave Water Main project has started and is expected to be complete by mid-October. There were some issues with manholes on Hwy 136 not fitting properly. We had a company come in and place poly fill around them to make them fit tighter. September 15-17 is the Iowa League of Cities annual conference so the City Administrator will be out of the office beginning Wednesday afternoon through Friday.

It was suggested by a Council Member that all the Council members should review the Code of Ethics that was passed in 2016 and make sure all the members are treating each other with respect and acting professional.

With no other business, Hosch moved and Delaney seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:16p.m. Motion carried.

Deanna McCusker, City Administrator

Greg Staner, Mayor