

March 23, 2020
City Council Meeting Minutes

The March 23, 2020 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Staner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then Kelchen, Delaney, Rausch, Hosch and Knepper answered roll call.

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

No speakers addressed the Council.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 03/9/2020, Personnel Committee minutes 3/19/20, Cascade Municipal Utilities Board minutes 03/11/20, Liquor License Renewal and Outdoor Service Area for the American Legion Post 528. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

It was time to hold the public hearing for the FY21 Budget. Motion by Knepper, second by Kelchen to open the public hearing at 6:02pm. Motion carried unanimously. The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments. With there being none, motion by Knepper, second by Kelchen to close the public hearing at 6:03pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #11-20**, Adopting the City of Cascade's FY21 Operating Budget Which Begins July 1, 2020 and Ends June 30, 2021. Motion by Delaney, second by Knepper to approve **Resolution #11-20**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #21-20**, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Enter into an Agreement for Easements for Work Related to the City of Cascade Levee Project Between the Following Property Owners and the City of Cascade, Iowa. The easements are with Western Dubuque Schools and Loras and Constance Staner. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to approve **Resolution #21-20**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #22-20**, Resolution Approving Entering into a Professional Services Agreement with MSA Professional Services for the 2nd Ave SE Water Main Improvement Project. This project consists of replacing the water main from Monroe Street SE to Dillon Street SE and will hopefully get done with the least amount of disruption to the street, property and trees. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to approve **Resolution #22-20**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council again reviewed the roof repair to the chicken coop building. The Boy Scouts will do the work if the City purchases the material. Additionally, a local contractor will be assisting the Boy Scouts with the project. Estimates were received for galvanized roofing material. Midwest Metal & Supply \$1,831.84; Cascade Lumber \$1,953.96 and the cost to just fix the loose screws and place a fiber coating over the roof was \$2,160. Motion by Hosch, second by Delaney to approve purchasing the roof materials from Midwest Metal & Supply. Motion carried unanimously.

Council then discussed the payloader again. The City Superintendent received 3 quotes on the smaller payloader since the Council requested this. The smaller unit is smaller than what we currently have. There was some concern about the weight of the 524 compared to our current unit. The old unit will get sold on Gov Deals. The new unit would be here in 60 days. If we need a unit before that, we can rent one if there is one available for \$30 per use hour. After discussion, motion by Delaney, second by Hosch to approve purchasing the Deere 524 for \$153,000 and the reversing fan will be deducted and a blank will need to be welded to the current pusher for an estimated addition of \$2500-3000. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed insurance renewal information. As was discussed in the budget workshops, the City Administrator received quotes from another company that insures cities, as well as the current company, EMC. The insurance with ICAP would cost the City \$91,687 this year and there were other concerns with this company upon switching. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to approve the renewal with EMC for \$91,075. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held concerning funding the 2nd Ave SE Water Main project. The City could do a small short-term bank loan with interest at 4.15% for 5 years or it was suggested doing an interfund loan. An interfund loan needs to be set up to be paid back just like a loan or bond payment. We would need an estimated \$150,000. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to move forward with the concept of an interfund loan. Motion carried unanimously.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. Chief Heim notified the Council that Officer Josh Lamey has resigned and accepted a position with the Anamosa Police Department. The personnel committee will meet again on Wednesday, March 25th to discuss moving forward with hiring another officer. The City Administrator's report included information on the tennis court project. Premium Plant Services will be here the week of April 6th to power wash the court to remove the old paint. Following that Iowa Wall Sawing will be here to fix the areas with bigger cracks. Then after that the fence will get installed and the new court will be painted. Also, the Spring Cleanup is set for April 25th unless this changes to due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

With no other business, Kelchen moved and Hosch seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:44p.m. Motion carried.