

February 25, 2019
City Council Meeting Minutes

The February 25, 2019 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, Rausch and Delaney answered roll call.

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

No speakers addressed the City Council.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 02/11/19 and 02/18/19, P&Z minutes. Motion by Knepper, second by Kelchen to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Jake Deaver from MSA was present to provide a follow up on the method of removing the present street striping on 1st Ave. Advanced Traffic Control will be using a vacuum dry grind system to remove the current striping. There is no good method to remove without leaving a mark. Advanced provides a 1-year warranty on product or application failure. Jake also talked with Premium Plant Services and they agreed that water blasting would damage the road. Advanced Traffic Control will be contacted to go forward with their removal method.

Dan Fox from ECIA was present to provide an overview of the findings from the Housing Needs Assessment that was done. The findings from the assessment include a population growth trend for the City of Cascade since 1990 and this is shown to be continuing. Housing in Cascade is pretty affordable for people. There is also a low vacancy rate, which means there is a great demand for housing and that houses sell quick. From the information received and reviewed, there will need to be approximately 180 new homes built in the next 20 years to keep up with demand. Additionally, the construction of more multi-family units will need to be added. The assessment also looked at commuting and housing. This looks at the number of people who work in Cascade, but don't reside here and vice versa, the number of people who live here but work elsewhere. Cascade has a large number of people who commute to Cascade. It should be a priority to work on getting the people who commute to work here, to also live here. Dan also stated that it is necessary to have a good variety of housing available and to have housing available for all stages of life. Since new home construction and a high demand is what Cascade faces, it may be necessary to start reviewing incentives for contractors to build homes ready to move in.

Council discussed implementing restrictions and regulations on the storage of vehicles and recreational vehicles on private property. There are a handful of properties that store a large number of these type vehicles on their property. Other communities have regulations in place regarding this. Properties should be maintained in a neat and orderly fashion, but without an ordinance there is no means to encourage property owners to do so. There was discussion on this and the council agrees that we may need to do something, but we don't want it to be burdensome on property owners. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to review ordinances from other cities and then we can draft one for us. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #7-19**, Resolution Deleting Property from the Cascade Urban Renewal Area. It was reviewed with our bonding attorneys whether or not it would be a good idea to withdraw all the undeveloped parcels now or do it parcel by parcel. The bonding attorneys suggest that we do it parcel by parcel as they develop. Council thinks since there is an expense each time we do this, that we should delete all the undeveloped parcels and add back in now. Motion by Hosch, second by Delaney to table and include all the undeveloped parcels in district 43. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the *1st Reading* of **Ordinance #02-19**, An Ordinance Deleting Property from the Tax Increment Financing District for the Cascade Urban Renewal Area of the City of Cascade, Iowa. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to table and include all the undeveloped parcels in district 43. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #8-19**, Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on Designation of the Expanded Cascade Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to table until all the undeveloped parcels from district 43 are included. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the *3rd Reading* of **Ordinance #01-19**, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cascade by Enacting Chapter 82, Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles and Off-Road Vehicles. This allows for the operation of these vehicles on all of 1st Avenue, but no parking in the downtown business district. Council member Hosch is still against this since the manufacturers recommend that they not be driven on hard surfaces. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve the *3rd Reading* of **Ordinance #01-19**. Motion carried 3-2 by roll call vote, with Hosch and Knepper voting No.

The City Superintendent got quotes on a tractor with wide tires and a larger mower to be able to mow the large areas in town quicker. Quotes were received from Roeder Implement: Kubota M5660 SUHD 2019 tractor with turf tires for \$24,409.66 and a Kubota MX5800 HST 2019 tractor for \$24,932.42 and a Land Pride 14' 2019 mower for \$13,750. The tractors come with a 2-year full warranty and the mower comes with a 5-year limited gear box warranty. Another quote was received from Kromminga Motors: Boomer 55 NH tractor \$27,100 and a Land Pride 14' mower \$13,734. The final quote was from J.P. Schermman: Kubota MX 5800 HST tractor \$24,277.50 and a Kubota M5660 SUHD tractor for \$23,782.98 and Land Pride mower \$15,547.00. The City Superintendent would like to go with the HST tractor and he thinks it would be best to purchase both the tractor and mower from the same company but he would like to go look at the HST and the SUHD tractor before making a decision. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to have the City Superintendent check out the tractors at Roeder's and to purchase a Land Pride mower. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #14-19**, Resolution on Acquisition or Development for Outdoor Recreation. This resolution is required to apply for the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for the pool. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to approve **Resolution #14-19**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council discussed providing a match to CEDC for the DRA grant for purchasing wayfinding signs. Wayfinding signs connect people with places and let visitors know where amenities are in Cascade. The total grant will be for approximately \$7000 and Maquoketa Valley REC is providing a \$2500 match for the grant. The match can be in the form of cash or in-kind. Public works can provide in-kind by installing the smaller signs. During the discussion it was also mentioned that we should relocate the Business 151 sign out on Highway 151. After discussion, a motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to provide a cash match and also in-kind for installation of the smaller signs not to exceed \$1,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed a list of EMS, Fire and City staff years of service. It was mentioned at a budget workshop that we should recognize years of service and purchase plaques for the volunteers and employees. It was discussed when we should start recognizing each so for EMS and Fire recognize every 5 years for the volunteers and for City staff recognize every 10 years. Motion by Knepper, second by Delaney to have the City Administrator gets costs for plaques for this type of recognition. Motion carried unanimously.

Council received a report from the City Administrator. The City Administrator's report included information on the Chamber's Annual Dinner being held March 27th with the speaker being Amanda Goodman. Council members who want to attend should let the City Administrator know. Also, an explanation for the difference in utility costs for the pool from FY16/17 and FY17/18. The difference was due to a gas meter not reading correctly and the summer of 2017 being cooler so it took more gas to keep the pool warm.

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