

January 14, 2019
City Council Meeting Minutes

The January 14, 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, Rausch and Delaney answered roll call. Knepper was absent.

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 12/10/18 and 12/19/18, Library Board minutes 12/4/18, Liquor License renewal for Dollar General and McDermott Oil Co., January claims for payment and December financial reports, fund balances and revenues by fund as follows: General \$80,990.70; Special Revenues \$73,871.15; Debt Service \$2,714.37; Capital Projects \$46,190.74 and Enterprise \$94,270.73. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill Schmidt requested to address the City Council regarding allowing UTV/ATVs to drive on Main Street. There have been no real issues with the UTV/ATVs that it wouldn't hurt anything to allow them on Main Street. Currently they are allowed in the 35-mph zone where there is heavy truck traffic. It is all about safety. We will be restriping 1st Ave which should hopefully slow down traffic more. Parking of the UTV/ATVs in the downtown was discussed and this won't be allowed. A council member mentioned the potential of liability placed on the City by allowing these vehicles on the road since the manufacturer doesn't recommend these on hard surface roads. This will be looked into to see if language should be added to the ordinance. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to allow UTV/ATVs on Main street with no parking in the downtown. Motion passed 3-1, with Hosch voting no.

Wayne and Karen Menster requested to address the City Council regarding the water that sits in their yard and to ask for assistance with the cost of rock to keep their yard somewhat dry. Their house sits lower than the alley and street and therefore the water runs to that area. There is no good solution to the problem and it may cause more of an issue for the property owners. The city engineer has looked at this and there is not enough grade to get the water to drain to 1st Avenue and no close storm drains. After some discussion, motion by Hosch, second by Delaney to approving paying the invoice of \$168.21 for rock and to have MSA survey the alley and to discuss this situation with Weber Construction and Gravel Grading. Motion passes 3-1, with Kelchen voting No.

It was now time to hold the public hearing to convey the East half of the vacated Washington Street. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to open the public hearing at 6:50pm. Motion carried. The Mayor asked for comments or objections from the public. Jacquie Manternach, daughter of the property owner to the East was present. They are only interested in the East half and not the entire vacated street. The other property owners to the west of the vacated street were not interested in purchasing the property. With no more comments, motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to close the public hearing at 6:52pm. Motion carried.

Council then reviewed **Resolution #03-19**, Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Property. This will approve conveying the vacated Washington Street to Ida Trumm for \$6500 plus reimbursable costs such as legal fees, recording, etc. Following the approval of this resolution, a quit claim deed will be drawn up for both parties to sign. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to approve **Resolution #03-19**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council discussed going out for bids again for the 1st Avenue Restriping project. We had solicited bids late last summer and only received one. The project will need to be done once school is out, but completed either prior

to July 4th or the week following July 4th, but needs to be done before school starts. Motion by Delaney, second by Kelchen to go out for bids again for the 1st Avenue Restriping with the project to be completed before July 4th or to be done the week after the 4th of July. Motion carried unanimously.

Council again discussed going out for bids for the sludge storage building. We attempted to bid this out last year and received no quotes. We decided to break up the project and had the earthwork done last fall. The options are concrete floor and walls with a hoop structure or a wood/steel building. Depending on the type of structure will determine how big it will be and how much concrete is needed. The City Superintendent was hoping to have a cost estimate for the wood/steel building for the meeting. Since more information is needed, motion by Rausch, second by Kelchen to table until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed mowing for the 2019 season. It doesn't make sense to pay one to two fulltime public works employees to mow. We could consider hiring a couple of college kids or outsourcing it. It was also discussed purchasing a bigger mower for the areas that are larger, such as the soccer fields. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to table until more information is received. Motion carried.

Council reviewed **Resolution #01-19**, Resolution Approving Annual Appointments for the City of Cascade, Iowa, for the Calendar Year of 2019. Motion by Kelchen, second by Hosch to approve **Resolution #01-19**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council reviewed **Resolution #02-19**, Resolution Designating the Cascade Pioneer as the City's Official Newspaper. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve **Resolution #02-19**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council again discussed the warehouses controlled by the Cascade Municipal Utilities. The Mayor commented that if there is no definite need, we should not purchase another building. The Council concurred with this thought process. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to convey to the Cascade Municipal Utilities that we have no interest in purchasing either warehouse at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

There is a section of a vacated alley in town that the property owner became delinquent on the taxes and Dubuque County holds the tax certificate. Since the City owns the other half of the alley it makes sense for us to get the other half for placement of infrastructure in the future. Motion by Hosch, second by Delaney to talk with County about getting the alley. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor read a proclamation declaring the week of January 20, 2019 as School Choice Week in Cascade.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The Police Chief, along with the Mayor explained what vaping is and how it is becoming an epidemic in the high school and what they are trying to do to combat it. The public needs to understand what it is so they can also assist in educating people about it. Included in the City Administrator's report is information regarding that the 1st budget workshop will be held Monday, January 21st at 6pm. The money from the RCTP grant from Dubuque County for the traffic warning signals should be received before the end of January. A hotel investor meeting will hopefully be held in February. Additionally, a ribbon cutting and open house at the new Gasser's store will be held Tuesday, January 22nd from 5-7pm. The City has received the check from Beck Construction for the street for the RISE Project.

With no other business, Kelchen moved and Rausch seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:42p.m. Motion carried.