

January 28, 2019
City Council Meeting Minutes

The January 28, 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 01/14/19 and 01/21/19, Library Board minutes 01/8/19 and Personnel Committee minutes 01/23/19. Motion by Delaney, second by Hosch to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #04-19**, Resolution to Approve the City of Cascade Signing the Brownfields Coalition Memorandum of Agreement. This will provide funds to Cascade for cleaning up a Brownfield area if we should have one. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to approve **Resolution #04-19**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council again discussed going out for bids for the sludge storage building. Jake from MSA was present, Cost estimates were received for a hoop building, a wood/steel structure and steel/fabric type structure. Whatever type structure we go with needs to have an overhead door and vents in case there is an odor. The structure will sit on concrete. After some discussion, a motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to advertise for quotes for a wood/steel structure for our sludge storage building and concrete. Motion carried unanimously.

Jake from MSA discussed the idea of conducting a water treatment engineering report. This is the first step in getting to a water treatment facility. MSA would do the engineering report and then it gets reviewed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). We are having problems with ammonia in our water from the deep well. Our levels at this point are in the acceptable range, but from this we also have chlorine residual problems. This basically means on the west side of town in the area where there are dead end mains and old mains the chlorine level isn't as high as it should be at all times. A water treatment plant would help with this problem. The new water treatment facility would probably be constructed near well #6. Jake will get us an agreement with cost for this and how long this report is good for since we probably won't be doing this project until 2022 or later. An estimate of cost is \$10,000-\$15,000. Motion by Delaney, second by Kelchen to have MSA conduct a water treatment engineering report once we receive the concept and estimate of cost. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed a quote from Northway Well & Pump to have well #4 televised. We are seeing high nitrate levels in well #4 and we need to see if we have a crack in the casing of the well. If our well is fine, then we will be investigating where the nitrates are coming from and address this at our source water meetings in the future. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to have Northway televise well #4 for \$5,885. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the *1st 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. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to approve the *1st Reading* of **Ordinance #01-19**. Motion carried 3-1 by roll call vote, with Hosch voting No.

Council reviewed **Resolution #05-19**, Resolution Approving a Wage Increase for Police Officer Josh Lamey Upon Graduating from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. This resolution will provide Officer Lamey with a

\$.60 hourly increase. In the employee handbook it states that employees shall receive \$.60 hourly increase when receiving certifications. Motion by Rausch, second by Kelchen to approve **Resolution #05-19**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council discussed going out for updated quotes for the tennis court project. Last fall Council decided to get updated quotes in the spring for option 2 and option 5. This will include quotes for just repair, repainting and a new fence and another quote for asphaltting the court, repainting and a new fence. The scope of the project will be drafted and presented to Council at the next meeting before going out for new numbers. Motion by Delaney, second by Hosch to draft scope of project and have Council review and then send out for new quotes. Motion carried unanimously.

Council again discussed the property that the City mows. Council received a list of all the properties that the city maintains in the summer. It was suggested that we put some of the areas near the river into prairie grass or to just mow once or twice per season. It was discussed amending our mowing ordinances stating that the City can designate certain City property not to be mowed like grass weekly. It does pull public works away from other important duties when they have to mow 40 hours a week. Motion by Delaney, second by Hosch to advertise for a part-time seasonal mowing employee. Motion carried unanimously.

Council received a report from the City Administrator. The Police Chief thanked the community for following the snow emergencies when they are implemented since it makes his job and public works job much easier. To know when snow emergencies are issued please like Cascade Iowa Facebook page and get notifications, go to www.cityofcascade.org or go to Channel 2, 7, or 9 and see it there. If you have Cascade Communications cable, it is on Channel 18 also. But a rule of thumb, anytime we get more than 2 inches of snow please refrain from parking on the City streets until they have been plowed. Included in the City Administrator's report is the next budget workshop will be held Monday, February 4th at 6:00pm. The City Attorneys didn't feel that we needed to add anything regarding liability in the UTV/ATV ordinance. The check from Dubuque County for the grant for the traffic warning signals was received. A reminder to the public that pushing snow from private property onto the city streets or alleys is illegal.

Council thanked public works for doing such a good job of removing the snow and keeping the streets clean and cleared.

With no other business, Kelchen moved and Rausch seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:07p.m. Motion carried.