

September 24, 2018
City Council Meeting Minutes

The September 24, 2018 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, Knepper 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 09/10/18, Garfield Street SW and Dillon Street SE Weekly Updates from September 10th and Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Motion by Hosch, second by Delaney to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Eric & Susie Manternach requested to address the City Council regarding the tennis court project. The City Council received a recommendation of option 5 from the Manternach's. Susie Manternach, 508 Cork Drive NW said that Cascade is a thriving community and has a lot to offer. The tennis courts are 35 years old and are used 5 days a week. She recommends option 5 to improve the tennis courts. Eric Manternach, 508 Cork Drive NW also recommends option 5 to improve the tennis court. He would encourage the Council to decide tonight so that in the spring the project can get completed. Jessi Koob, 605 6th Ave SW, addressed the council and said that improving the tennis courts was recommended by the Park Board and that the City Council has been talking about this for a long time. Dick Aitchison, 606 1st Ave E, commented that River City Paving did Thunder Hills tennis courts and they have held up good. Kluesner did the courts in the City of Epworth. These are both close and could be visited to see the courts. There was a lot of discussion among the city council on this. They compared option 2 with option 5 and there is little difference in cost. Option 2 is just power washing, repairing the cracks, new fence, painting and restriping. Option 5 is doing an asphalt overlay, new fence, painting and restriping. The fence was discussed and it seemed to be the consensus that a black fence would look nicer than just a galvanized fence. It was suggested getting references from the paint companies and to ask on Grapevine what other cities have done for tennis court improvements. Motion by Delaney, second by Rausch to send the project out for bids in January for option 2 and option 5 with a black fence. Motion carried unanimously.

Council then discussed setting the price for selling the vacated Washington Street SE. A policy was passed earlier this summer that established a fair market value for streets or alleys that have been vacated. This includes looking at what other vacant lots are selling for. Seven lots were reviewed and the square foot price was anywhere from \$.47 to \$6.19. The most comparable lot was a lot in Oak Hill that was 12,000 sq. ft. and \$2.33 per sq. ft. Ken McDermott addressed the council and made sure they knew there was an easement on the East side of the vacated Washington Street. After some discussion, motion by Hosch, second by Knepper to make an offer of \$1.78 per sq. ft. with the option to offer a counter offer amount to the property owners. Motion died 2-3, with Rausch, Delaney and Kelchen voting No. More discussion ensued and a motion was made by Kelchen to offer \$1.25 per sq. ft with the option of a counter offer. No second, so motion dies. Since the Council was having trouble coming to an agreed upon number, motion by Hosch, second by Knepper to table this discussion until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed **Resolution #80-18**, Resolution to Direct Burbach Aquatics, Inc. to Initiate Phase II – On-Site Data Collection & Site Survey for the Cascade Pool Project in the City of Cascade, Iowa. Motion by Rausch, second by Kelchen to approve **Resolution #80-18**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council discussed date and time for Trick or Treating. Motion by Kelchen, second by Delaney to hold Trick or Treating on October 31st from 5:30-7:00pm. Motion carries unanimously.

The Council briefly discussed downtown. It would be beneficial to hold a workshop with the property owners to see what they need and how the City could potentially assist them. Dates were discussed. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to hold a meeting with downtown property owners at 6:00pm on Monday, October 29th. Motion carries unanimously.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. Fred informed the Council that coverage has been pretty good with Josh at the academy. Josh has been doing well and scoring in the 90's in the class. Included in the City Administrator's report included information concerning the trash receptacles downtown. Iowa Prison will come get 2 at a time and resand blast and paint them. Some LED lights are being tried out in City Hall. They use 50% less energy than the current light bulbs. The fall city wide cleanup is Saturday, October 6. The grading for the new sludge storage building is complete. The Fire Department was awarded a FEMA grant for personal protective equipment for \$75,943. This week the City Administrator will be presenting to two 6th grade classes and will also be attending the job fair at the Cascade High School in October. The roadway in the Industrial area will be getting done the 1st or 2nd week of October depending on the weather.

The people who rent out the gym need reminded to mop the floor and to pick up trash and turn lights off. The columns in front of City Hall are rotting. We will need to look at these and see what can be done. The gravel from the Garfield project could be used at the yard waste site.

With no other business, Kelchen moved and Delaney seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:38p.m. Motion carried.