

January 11, 2010  
Cascade City Council Meeting Minutes

The January 11, 2010 meeting of the Cascade City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Staner in the City Hall Chambers. Council members Boffeli, Henry, Knepper, Moriarity and Soppe answered roll call.

Motion by Boffeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry to approve the agenda – all ayes. There were no speakers from the floor.

Motion by Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Knepper to file the meeting minutes of the Park Board – all ayes. Council member Henry asked that the Park Board be more detailed in their minutes.

Motion by Boffeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry to open the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. on a sewer revenue loan and disbursement agreement with the Iowa Finance Authority for the Polk Street Lift Station Improvement Project – all ayes. Administrator Lansing explained that the terms of the loan are \$145,000 for 7 years at 3% interest with an payment of approximately \$23,000 annually plus the City will receive a grant of \$36,000 with no repayment. Council member Moriarity asked if the grant is a percentage of the project. Lansing answered that it would be. Council member Knepper asked how often TeKippe Engineering would be on hand to inspect the project. Lansing answered TeKippe would conduct inspections of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the project. Knepper thought TeKippe should be on site every day inspecting for the \$30,000 they are being paid. Council member Moriarity asked if TeKippe is responsible for making sure all work is performed properly and for the final functionality of the lift station. Lansing replied that TeKippe would be responsible over all. Motion by Boffeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Knepper to return to regular session at 7:07 – all ayes.

Motion by Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Moriarity to approve Resolution 1-10 entering into a sewer revenue loan and disbursement agreement with the Iowa Finance Authority for the Polk Street Lift Station Improvement Project. Boffeli, Henry, Knepper, Moriarity and Soppe – all ayes.

Council member Henry indicated he was not in favor of closing the sidewalk on Tyler St NE owned by Tom Duffy because of its proximity to the elementary school and public swimming pool. Council member Boffeli admitted to making a mistake when granting a closing of a sidewalk last year so that the owner would not need to shovel. Boffeli said he would not make that same mistake this year. Motion by Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Soppe to deny the request by Tom Duffy, 313 1<sup>st</sup> Ave E to close the sidewalk abutting his property on Tyler St NE – all ayes.

Shirley Keyron-McDermott requested that the opened portion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE that begins on Tyler St NE and runs to the west be closed since there would be no reason for any one to build in the flood plain on the properties behind her house. McDermott stated that a home could be built on that portion of land that abuts Tyler St NE, but would be more attractive if centered in the space between her house and the next house to the south of hers. Administrator Lansing informed Council that the only way this property could be built on is if it were vacated and sold. Motion by Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Soppe to grant McDermott's request to begin the process to have the opened portion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE closed – all ayes.

Motion by Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Boffeli to approve Resolution 2-10 making annual appointments and designations for the City of Cascade for the 2010 calendar year. Boffeli, Henry, Knepper, Moriarity and Soppe – all ayes.

Council reviewed new Chapter 117 to the Cascade Code of Ordinances which would require the placement of electrical and telecommunication lines be placed underground. Council member Henry questioned having the requirement of utilities be placed into conduit when being placed underground. Henry feels this will create additional expense for each resident of Cascade in the

future if changes or additions to utilities are required. Mayor Staner questioned the need to have the Cascade Municipal Utility Board hear a request for an exception to the burial requirement. Motion by Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Boffeli to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 1-10 amending the Cascade Code of Ordinances by creating Chapter 117 entitled “Underground Utilities” requiring electrical and telecommunication lines be placed underground but striking from section 117.03 that reads “Conductors shall be installed in UL listed raceways or conduits” and striking from section 117.04, #8 that requires a hearing before the Cascade Municipal Utility Board for an exception to the requirement of having lines placed underground. Boffeli, Henry, Knepper, Moriarity and Soppe – all ayes.

Motion by Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Boffeli to approve the request by Administrator Lansing to reschedule the Monday, February 8, 2010 Council meeting to Tuesday, February 9, 2010 – all ayes.

Marty Kelzer, Jones County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director could not make the meeting tonight and will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Motion by Boffeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry to approve the City’s January bills, the 12/28/09 Council meeting minutes, the December 2009 Treasurer’s Report and Fund Balance Reports – all ayes.

Motion by Boffeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry to file correspondence – all ayes.

Police Chief Heim is gone to training for the week, so no police report was given.

Administrator Lansing reported that the salt bunker is finished and all of the material in the old shed will be moved this week. Lansing suggested that the old shed be furred out, steel be placed on the outside and new garage doors be installed to improve the appearance of the building. The old shed could then be used for cold storage. Lansing is working on the City’s FY11 budget. The 1<sup>st</sup> budget workshop will be held on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. City workers will be plowing the remaining snow off of the streets as well as plowing the snow back to the curbs when temperatures warm up this week.

Council member Boffeli wished to thank property owners that have cleared snow away from storm intakes and encourages others to do the same.

Mayor Staner encouraged residents to support local businesses. Purchasing locally will help to keep the City’s tax rate low. Council member Knepper added that spending tax dollars more wisely will also help.

Mayor Staner informed residents that the 2010 Census forms will be coming out. Staner stressed the importance of residents of Cascade to take the time to fill out and return the forms. Council member Moriarity reported the Census Bureau’s statistic is that a city will lose \$3,000 per person over a 10 year period for every form that is not returned.

Council member Henry thanked the DeVries brothers for a first-class store and all of the people that support the store by making purchases.

Motion by Boffeli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Knepper to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. – all ayes.

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Shelley Annis, Deputy Clerk